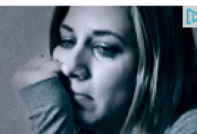




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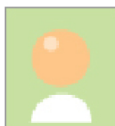
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Member Profile: **geekesque** (70 posts)



Hello, I'm geekesque ([report this user](#))

I am from India

I last logged in on 17 Jan 2013

I have been a member since 09 Nov 2010

I have added 70 posts in **trackitt** forums

I added my last post on 11 Jan 2013

geekesque's Immigration Cases

I-485 case: Approved in 64 days (564 days **less** than average) ([0 comments](#))

User:	geekesque	Nationality:	India
Country of Chargeability:	India	Applicant Type:	primary
Service Center:	Texas	Category:	EB1A
Priority Date:	27 Apr 2012	Application Filed:	13 Jun 2012
USCIS Received Date:	15 Jun 2012	USCIS Notice Date:	20 Jun 2012
USCIS Receipt Number:		I-140/485 Filing:	non-concurrent
I-140 Processing Type:	premium	I-140 Approval Date:	24 May 2012
First Fingerprint Date:	25 Jul 2012	Second Fingerprint Date:	
RFE Received?:		RFE Received Date:	
Reason for RFE:		RFE Replied Date:	
Case Transferred to:		Transfer Date:	
Name Check Status:		Name Check Approval Date:	
I-485 Status:	approved	I-485 Approval/Denial Date:	16 Aug 2012
Card Production Ordered:	16 Aug 2012	Card Received Date:	
EAD Applied?:	yes	AP Applied?:	yes
EAD Approval Date:	12 Jul 2012	AP Approval Date:	12 Jul 2012
EAD Received:		AP Received:	
Time to Get EAD Approval:	29 days	Time to Get AP Approval:	29 days
Time to Get Fingerprinting Done:	42 days	Total Time to Get GC:	64 days
Most Recent LUD:	16 Aug 2012	Days Elapsed:	
Experience:	No LUD after fingerprinting. Went straight to card production from acceptance.		
Case Added to Tracker:	25 Jun 2012	Last Updated:	16 Aug 2012
Notes:	No LUD after fingerprinting. Went straight to card production from acceptance.		

I-140 case: ([0 comments](#))

User:	geekesque	Nationality:	India
Applicant Type:	primary	Service Center:	Texas
Category:	EB1A	Priority Date:	
Application Filed:	07 Mar 2011	USCIS Received Date:	09 Mar 2011
USCIS Notice Date:	09 Mar 2011	USCIS Receipt Number:	
I-140/485 Filing:	non-concurrent	Processing Type:	premium
RFE Received?:	yes	RFE Received Date:	31 Mar 2011
Reason for RFE:		RFE Replied Date:	
Application Status:	denied	Approval/Denial Date:	20 Apr 2011
Total Processing Time:	44 days	Most Recent LUD:	21 Mar 2010
Days Elapsed:			
Case Added to Tracker:	23 Mar 2011	Last Updated:	07 Feb 2012
Notes:	Updated to premium processing on 03/17/2011.		

I-140 case: Approved in 27 days (167 days **less** than average) ([3 comments](#))

User:	geekesque	Nationality:	India
Applicant Type:	primary	Service Center:	Texas
Category:	EB1A	Priority Date:	27 Apr 2012
Application Filed:	27 Apr 2012	USCIS Received Date:	27 Apr 2012
USCIS Notice Date:		USCIS Receipt Number:	
I-140/485 Filing:	non-concurrent	Processing Type:	premium
RFE Received?:	no	RFE Received Date:	
Reason for RFE:		RFE Replied Date:	
Application Status:	approved	Approval/Denial Date:	24 May 2012
Total Processing Time:	27 days	Most Recent LUD:	
Days Elapsed:			
Case Added to Tracker:	24 May 2012	Last Updated:	25 May 2012
Notes:	Moved to premium processing on May 18, 2012.		

H-1B case: Approved in 146 days (57 days **more** than average) ([0 comments](#))

User:	geekesque	Nationality:	India
Application Type:	extension	Service Center:	California
Processing Type:	regular	Application Filed:	24 Jun 2010
USCIS Received Date:	25 Jun 2010	Receipt Number:	WAC1*****
RFE Received?:	no	RFE Received Date:	
Reason for RFE:		RFE Replied Date:	
Application Status:	approved	Approval/Denial Date:	17 Nov 2010
TN Status:		Most Recent LUD:	15 Nov 2010
Total Processing Time:	146 days	Days Elapsed:	
Case Added to Tracker:	09 Nov 2010	Last Updated:	23 Nov 2010
Notes:	Still showing "Initial Review" on USCIS website, however we got the document on 11/22/2010.		

H-1B case: Approved in 124 days (35 days **more** than average) ([0 comments](#))

User:	geekesque	Nationality:	India
Application Type:	transfer	Service Center:	California
Processing Type:	regular	Application Filed:	30 Oct 2011
USCIS Received Date:	01 Nov 2011	Receipt Number:	WAC*****
RFE Received?:	no	RFE Received Date:	
Reason for RFE:		RFE Replied Date:	
Application Status:	approved	Approval/Denial Date:	02 Mar 2012
TN Status:		Most Recent LUD:	
Total Processing Time:	124 days	Days Elapsed:	
Case Added to Tracker:	07 Feb 2012	Last Updated:	07 Mar 2012
Notes:			

Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 11 Jan 2013

Topic: [I140 review completed.](#)

Thanks for your reply. What could be this kind of text on a Approved I140??

If a case is approved, the status shows "Decision" followed by a message stating that on so and so date we have approved the I-140 petition.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 27 Dec 2012

Topic: [EB1 EA Approved](#)

I wanted to know what are my chances in EB1 category. I did not apply yet because I am not sure that my profile is as strong as needed.

- 1) PhD from Top Tier University (Top 6) in USA in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Also completed Masters in both ECE and Mathematics from same school. Undergraduate from top school in India.
 - 2) 6 journal publications (3 first author, 1 third author) and 45 citations (7 self-citations).
 - 3) 3 conference publications including one in which selected for oral presentation (8% acceptance rate).
 - 4) Reviewed papers for one journal.
 - 5) Currently leading a computer vision group for a startup in USA.
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1. You need more citation. You need around 110 citations total for EB-1A (the number comes from one of AAO decision), unless you can show that historically your field's publications do not get high citations. AFAIK, low citation is a valid excuse for some fields like maths (and may be physics too). My understanding is that conference publication is given much value by USCIS. So, I am not sure how much that can influence your EB-1A.

2. You need to **review** more articles. A good, safe count is at least 10, preferably from different journals.

3. You can claim that you are very important member of your company. That is one criteria of EB-1A, but I was told that unless the company is a big/well-known/MNC type, it is better not to claim that criteria.

So, as others suggested, you are not there yet for EB-1A. You are probably OK for EB-1B, but other than academic types, I have not seen many non-academic types using EB-1B. You may need to research EB-1B a bit. There have been chatter here and there that USCIS is pretty rigorous about EB-1B these days (EB-1B used to be pretty easy in the past)!! If EB-2 backlog is not an issue for you then I say you are pretty well set for EB-2 NIW.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 27 Dec 2012

Topic: [EB1 EA Approved](#)

1. Your citations, publication record are good enough for EB-1A. I don't think duration of postdoc matters that much. So you are OK on that front too.
2. Forget about claiming any criteria because of membership of Sigma xi etc. USCIS these days don't count that as an achievement.
3. You may want to **review** a few more papers or get into the editorial board of a publication, just to be on the safe side.

Overall, I would say, you have a pretty good chance for EB-1A. I have seen people getting EB-1A with weaker credentials. At the end, it totally comes down to how well you can argue your case, especially when you are self-petitioning.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 18 Dec 2012

Topic: [Curious](#)

not necessarily...in my experience dealing with USCIS over the last 8 or 10 years, the notifications can come at any time. I received OPT I-765 notification on a Saturday afternoon. One of my H1B approval came in at 2.30 AM. Got my I-140 approval at 8.30 PM.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 29 Oct 2012

Topic: [Eb1a victoria chen or self petition](#)

I am sort of late in chiming in. I went through my EB-1A with **Victoria Chen**. Before her, I also did self-petition and went nowhere. The whole process was lot less stressful with **Victoria Chen**. So, I would strongly recommend her.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 22 Oct 2012

Topic: [Support HR 3012 Bill](#)

I am surprised you guys are still flogging that long dead equine. HR 3012 is dead, only a miracle can get it through and United States Senate has outlawed miracles long ago.

Forget about Lame-duck. It starts after the election, probably just before Thanksgiving. They have bigger things to do. Tax cuts, budgets, defense cuts and a whole slate of other bills. The house and senate needs to work their ass off to get half of those bills. Anyone who tells you, that during lame duck all the pending bills are passed, is simply lying.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 17 Oct 2012

Topic: [EB1A filed in June 2012](#)

Can you please let me know , what was your country of chargeability?

India.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 17 Oct 2012

Topic: [EB1A filed in June 2012](#)

Anybody in EB1A who filed I-485 in June, 2012 got approved in last few days ?

Filed my I-485 around June 15th, approved in late August. Not really in the last few days though.



Posted in [I-140 Forum](#) on 12 Oct 2012

Topic: [Looking for HONEST help: Suggest attorney for NIW](#)

Victoria Chen was my attorney for my EB-1A I-140. In my experience, she is really good. Plus, she is pretty honest about whether she thinks you have a good chance for EB-1. Once she takes your case, she puts in a lot of effort and expects you to put in some effort too.

Even though I did not use her for I-485 (did it myself), she provided me all the information that I need for I-485 filing. In fact, she suggested that I do it myself as it is a pretty straight forward case for me. Considering that in doing so, she is forgoing almost 2-3k in fees, that's quite admirable.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 08 Oct 2012

Topic: [all previous passports for AOS](#)

Yes, I think USCIS wants the copies of your old passport(s), especially if you have used them to enter the country. They want to see the visa stamps and the entry stamps by the CBP at the port of entry.

If you have lost an old passport, as the comment above suggested, you should have a paper trail documenting the loss. If I am not mistaken, you should preserve all of your old passports and if lost report them.

About the spelling change, my understanding is that the spelling in the first passport is carried over during the renewal. If you want to change the name, the passport authority, changes it noting it on your passport that this was changed to correct a spelling mistake. Do you have something like that? Otherwise, it will be a red flag for USCIS and you don't want USCIS to start suspecting that there may be issues with your ID.

So, as previous comments suggested, get all your paperworks in order. Let your attorney know what issues you have and proceed accordingly.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 05 Oct 2012

Topic: [November 2012 Visa Bulletin predictions](#)

Strange thing going on with NoodleIT02 - he/she deleted his/her old post..

Can you delete your own post after a certain time? I think Noodle must have annoyed the forum deities (i.e. admins).



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 02 Oct 2012

Topic: [Any EB1A approvals in the past 30 days?](#)

looks like its for entire Employment-based adjustment applications. The following detail are for only EB1A-Regular process

I 485 Approvals from Feb 2012 to till date- with Priority date: 01/07/2007(oldest) and 04/01/2012 (newest)

31 Eb1 A applications approved in total between the above mentioned period.

Approvals on the following dates-

September Month---9/10/2012

August month--8/10/2012, 8/9/2012

July Month--7/12/2012, 7/7/2012

June month-- 6/29/2012, 6/28/2012, 6/21/2012, 6/19/2012, 6/13/2012, 6/9/2012, 6/4/2012

May month--5/29/2012, 5/19/2012, 5/12/2012, 5/9/2012

April Month--4/27/2012, 4/27/2012, 4/26/2012, 4/26/2012, 4/24/2012, 4/7/2012

March Month--3/10/2012, 3/9/2012, 3/7/2012, 3/2/2012

February Month--2/16/2012, 2/16/2012, 2/15/2012, 2/9/2012, 2/9/2012

Based on the above can you explain the information given by USCIS. See below.

As per USCIS website the Field Office Processing Date for Texas Service Center (as of July 31, 2012) under EB1A category is February 11, 2012. What does this mean in relation to (a) I 485 application submission date to USCIS (b) Priority date

I am not sure where you are getting this info from. But whatever that source is, this info is not correct. It does not have the date my I-485 was approved. I also don't think it has my friend's I-485 approval date, which was exactly two weeks before mine.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 02 Oct 2012

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I am not sure where are you getting that info from. **Trackitt** I-485 tracker?

Anyway I have no idea whether all the application before 4/1/2012 have been approved or not. Depends on whether people have filed them on time or whether there is any RFE or other issues.



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Field office processing date is the last case USCIS office processed on the date they updated their processing time on their website. That date is only the I-485 submission date (i.e. application received date). It has no relation to the priority date.



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Topic: [Any EB1A approvals in the past 30 days?](#)

Can you give me the link where you are looking at the application approval dates? Are you looking at the I-485 tracker on **Trackitt**?



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 02 Oct 2012

Topic: [Any EB1A approvals in the past 30 days?](#)

USCIS exhausted visa numbers for EB-1 by the end of August? Really.
When visa numbers will be available again for Eb1A.

No one knows definitively as USCIS did not say anything but there was some chatter on the internet that some lawyers have this info from USCIS or DoS. Few people also noticed that USCIS did not approve any I-485 EB-1 case after August (based on I-485 tracker).

Necessary caveat applies and that's why I said "rumor has it". ...Internet chatter (take with a pinch of salt) and USCIS's apparent random case processing so who knows what is going on. However, if visa numbers were indeed exhausted, they will be available from October, 2012 again as a new year starts from Oct.



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Are you sure that date is for EB-1A? USCIS does not breakdown I-485 based on classification. That Feb 11, 2012 is the last I-485 case they processed. For EB-1 that date is not really important as it is always current and they process it based on their own method of madness.

Feb 11, 2012 has no relation to the priority date.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 02 Oct 2012

Topic: [Any EB1A approvals in the past 30 days?](#)

I had filed i-485 on june 6- FP on 9 july. No update since then. Texas service center. EB1A. Should I be concerned.

Well I filed on June 19th and got approved on August 23. So. yours is strange indeed. However.

...ing, and even if it was government approved, you'd be waiting...
USCIS processes cases with no rhyme or reason.

I don't think you need to be concerned. The rumor has it that the USCIS exhausted visa numbers for EB-1 by the end of August. That might explain why they are sitting on your case.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 02 Oct 2012

Topic: [Any EB1A approvals in the past 30 days?](#)

Not exactly in the last month (30 days), but mine got approved around August 23. IIRC, I-485 took just over 6 weeks. There was no LUD after fingerprinting. It went straight to card production from acceptance.



Posted in [I-485 Forum](#) on 28 Sep 2012

Topic: [Indian Government](#)

Really!!! You think another government meddling in USA's own legislative process will make things better? Simple answer: It never works. The effect will be simply the opposite.



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