

Change of Venue: How to move your court from one city to another



How do I find out when and where my next court date is?

Call the immigration court system: 1 800 898-7180.

If the telephonic system says your court date is in a different city you can ask for a "change of venue" if you want your court to be closer to you.



How do I ask for my court hearings to be moved to a city closer to where I live?

1) Fill out two forms: the "change of venue" and the "change of address" (blue).

You can see an example of a change of venue form here:

http://www.uacresources.org/library/item.551919-Example_Change_of_Venue

If you don't have a blue form in your paperwork, you can download it here:

<http://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoirforms/eoir33/ICadr33.htm>

- Be careful to pick the state and city where the court is currently
- Note: if a child's court is currently in Harlingen, Texas, the forms are a little different. Use the blue and purple forms in your packet.

Change of
Venue
Form

The "change of venue" form asks for the judge to move your court from the city where you were detained to a city closer to where you currently live.

Change of
Address
Form

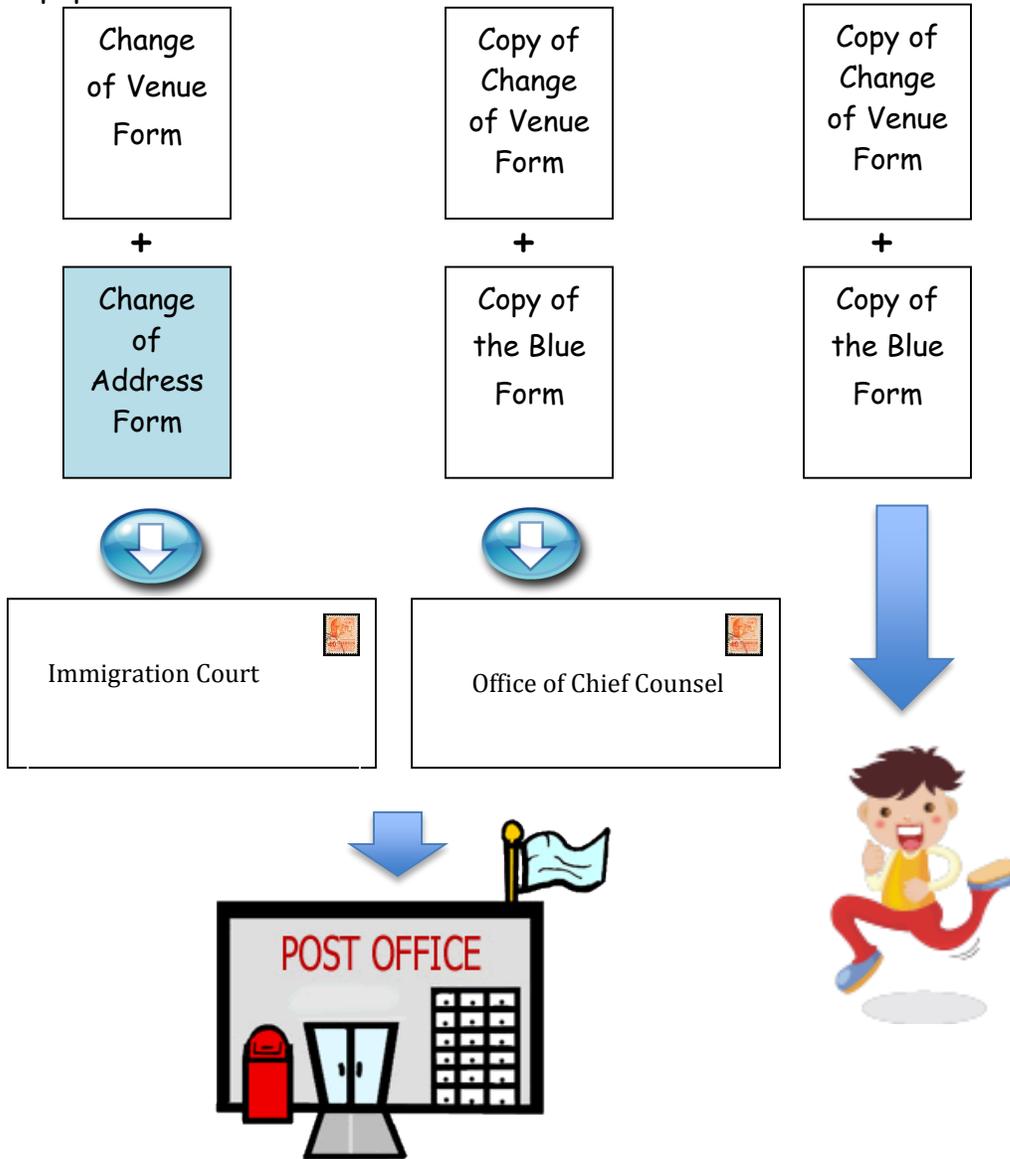
The blue form tells the judge and immigration your new address so they can send you important documents like notice of your court date.

2) Make 2 copies of both pages

3) Put the original forms in an envelope with a stamp, take it to the post office, and send it "certified mail" to the judge of the court where your hearing is currently scheduled. You can find the address at <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/sibpages/ICadr.htm>

4) Put one copy of each page in an envelope with a stamp, take it to the post office, and send it "certified mail" to the government attorney. You can find the address at <http://www.ice.gov/contact/legal>

5) Keep the other copies and the "certified mail" receipt with your other important immigration paperwork.



Remember: you have to go to your court on your court date wherever it is assigned or the judge may order you deported. It is your responsibility to call the court before your court date and ask if they got your forms in the mail.

- You can find the court phone number here <http://www.justice.gov/eoir/sibpages/ICadr.htm>
- Whenever you talk to the court or to immigration, they will ask you your 'A' Number. This is the number written on all of your immigration papers and on the yellow envelope, and it starts with #A