



Instructions for Obtaining Expedited DHS Adjudications Under the UNNJ Settlement

This informational sheet explains how class members can obtain expedited adjudication of certain immigration benefits under the Settlement Agreement in *Dong, et al. v. Johnson, et al.*, No. 17-cv-2092-ES-JSA (D.N.J.). **Please follow the instructions on this sheet carefully to ensure that your application for immigration benefits is correctly processed in accordance with the Settlement.**

Background

Under the UNNJ Settlement, class members who file applications for immigration benefits with the Department of Homeland Security (including United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, or “USCIS”) are eligible for expedited adjudication according to the table below:

If ...	Then ...
You are not currently in removal (deportation) proceedings and were never issued a final order of removal on account of your enrollment in UNNJ.	To receive expedited adjudication, your application for immigration benefits must be filed by October 30, 2022 .
You are currently in removal (deportation) proceedings on account of your enrollment in UNNJ.	To receive expedited adjudication, your application for immigration benefits must be filed before 180 days from the date your removal proceedings are dismissed pursuant to DHS’s motion .
You were issued a removal order by an immigration judge.	To receive expedited adjudication, your application for immigration benefits must be filed before 180 days from the date your removal proceedings are reopened and dismissed pursuant to DHS’s motion .

If . . .	Then . . .
You were issued an expedited removal order by DHS.	To receive expedited adjudication, your application for immigration benefits must be filed before 180 days from the date DHS rescinds your expedited removal order.

Applications for immigration benefits that were pending as of May 3, 2022 are also eligible for expedited adjudication.

How to Request Expedited Adjudication

First, when you file your application for immigration benefits, you should clearly and prominently identify yourself as a class member in *Dong, et al. v. Johnson, et al.*, No. 17-cv-2092-ES-JSA (D.N.J.). You should include all alien registration numbers (if any) that have been assigned to you. We also suggest you use the attached sample cover sheet.

Second, *after* you receive a receipt notice for your benefit application, you should send an email to DongSettlementFiling@uscis.dhs.gov. (If your application for immigration benefits is already pending, you should begin with this step). In the email, you should include:

- Your full name;
- The receipt number of your application; and
- If you have one, your alien registration number (also known as an “A number”). (If you have more than one A number, make sure to list them all).

You can use this template:

To:	DongSettlementFiling@uscis.dhs.gov
Subject:	Request for Expedited Adjudication
Dear Officer:	
I am a class member in <i>Dong, et al. v. Johnson, et al.</i> , No. 17-cv-2092-ES-JSA (D.N.J.). I am sending this email to ensure that my application for immigration benefits is adjudicated on an expedited basis consistent with the Settlement.	
My name is: [insert your full name]	
The receipt number associated with my application is: [insert receipt number]	
My alien registration number (“A number”) is: [insert A number(s)]	
Thank you.	

SAMPLE COVER SHEET

ATTENTION:

This petition or application is filed by a class member in *Dong v. Johnson*, No. 17-cv-2092-ES-JSA (University of Northern New Jersey Settlement).

Please be advised that pursuant to the Settlement, this application or petition is to be adjudicated on an expedited basis.

Please also be advised that pursuant to Section II.F. of the Settlement Agreement, members of the class are not to be considered to have accrued unlawful presence or to be out of status for the period defined in the Settlement.