Shirk, Georgette L

From: Sohn, Elizabeth J

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 7:05 AM

To: Hartman, Tamar P; Whelan, Scott P; Hanehan, Brendan J; Benedict, Deborah L; Tellawi, Heba K; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande); Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E; Peck, Denis R

Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide)

Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Good Morning,

The FO sent the updated SOP and rejection notices to OP&S and OCC on Tuesday for review. OP&S cleared with a few minor edits and sent them back this morning. Scott, I’m guessing you will probably hear from the FO soon regarding those. I think the FO will likely be able to set an implementation date soon.

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Hartman, Tamar P <__________gov>  
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 8:59 PM

To: Whelan, Scott P <__________gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <__________gov>; Benedict, Deborah L <__________gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <__________gov>; Tellawi, Heba K <__________gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <__________gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <__________gov>; Peck, Denis R <__________gov>

Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <__________gov>

Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Hi Scott,

Thanks for the update. I haven’t heard about the SOP or rejection notice. The FO cleared comms materials (PAG and alert box), which no longer include an implementation date.

Thanks,
Tamar

From: Whelan, Scott P <__________gov>

Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 4:32 PM

To: Hartman, Tamar P <__________gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <__________gov>; Benedict, Deborah L <__________gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <__________gov>; Tellawi, Heba K <__________gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <__________gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <__________gov>; Peck, Denis R <__________gov>

Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <__________gov>

Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Good Afternoon Tamar,

Did the FO clear the SOP and updated rejection notice language? VSC Records will need those cleared before training can begin. I haven’t received any cleared documents from the FO as of today.
From: Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.p.hartman@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2019 3:03 PM
To: Whelan, Scott P <scott.p.whelan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan.j.hanehan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.l.benedict@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.j.sohn@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Tellawi, Heba K <heba.k.tellawi@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <andrea.l.freiberger@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan.e.fitzpatrick@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Peck, Denis R <denis.r.peck@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <imoleayo.a.adedokun@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Hello,
The FO cleared on the comms materials. Does this group know the desired timeline for rollout?

Thanks!
Tamar

From: Whelan, Scott P <scott.p.whelan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 10:45 AM
To: Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan.j.hanehan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.p.hartman@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.l.benedict@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.j.sohn@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Tellawi, Heba K <heba.k.tellawi@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Policy-Clearance <policyclearance@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; OCC-Clearance <occclearance@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <andrea.l.freiberger@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan.e.fitzpatrick@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Parascandola, Ciro A <ciro.a.parascandola@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Peck, Denis R <denis.r.peck@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Rogers, Jennifer V <jennifer.v.rogers@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Ooi, Maura M <maura.m.ooi@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Buchan, Lesley L <lesley.l.buchan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <imoleayo.a.adedokun@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

No problem at all!

Scott Whelan
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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

From: Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan.j.hanehan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 10:33 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P <scott.p.whelan@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.p.hartman@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.l.benedict@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.j.sohn@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Cc: Tellawi, Heba K <heba.k.tellawi@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Policy-Clearance <policyclearance@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; OCC-Clearance <occclearance@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <andrea.l.freiberger@ USCIS.DHS.GOV>
Hey Scott,

Thanks!

-Brendan

Brendan J. Hanehan
Associate Counsel

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Good Morning,

We are currently working with the Front Office to close this out. VSC Records is preparing updated rejection notices and the SOP drafts to be reviewed by SCOPS and then sent to the FO by COB today. FO stated they will help issue the clearance of these documents through the proper offices. I assume that once cleared, the FO will provide the implementation date for the LG and PAG, taking the training period into account.

Thank you.

Scott Whelan
From: Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.hartman@uscis.gov>
Sent: Monday, December 09, 2019 9:44 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P <scott.whelan@uscis.gov>; Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.benedict@uscis.gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.sohn@uscis.gov>; Tellawi, Heba K <heba.tellawi@uscis.gov>; Policy-Clearance <policy-clearance@uscis.gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <freiberger.andrea@uscis.gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan.fitzpatrick@uscis.gov>; Peck, Denis R <denis.peck@uscis.gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan.hanehan@uscis.gov>; Rogers, Jennifer V <jennifer.rogers@uscis.gov>; Ooi, Maura M <maura.ooi@uscis.gov>; Buchanan, Lesley L <lesley.buchanan@uscis.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <imoleayo.adedokun@uscis.gov>

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Good morning,
Just a friendly reminder to please share the date when you have it for the comms materials.

These standardized intake procedures will go into effect on Dec. XX 2019.

Thanks,
Tamar

From: Hartman, Tamar P
Sent: Thursday, December 05, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P <scott.whelan@uscis.gov>; Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.benedict@uscis.gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.sohn@uscis.gov>; Tellawi, Heba K <heba.tellawi@uscis.gov>; Policy-Clearance <policy-clearance@uscis.gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <freiberger.andrea@uscis.gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan.fitzpatrick@uscis.gov>; Peck, Denis R <denis.peck@uscis.gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan.hanehan@uscis.gov>; Rogers, Jennifer V <jennifer.rogers@uscis.gov>; Ooi, Maura M <maura.ooi@uscis.gov>; Buchanan, Lesley L <lesley.buchanan@uscis.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <imoleayo.adedokun@uscis.gov>
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Thank you, all. I’ll stand by for the implementation date.

Please keep me posted.

Thanks,
Tamar

From: Whelan, Scott P <scott.whelan@uscis.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 4:02 PM
To: Benedict, Deborah L <deborah.benedict@uscis.gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.sohn@uscis.gov>; Tellawi, Heba K <heba.tellawi@uscis.gov>; Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.hartman@uscis.gov>
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After offline discussions, SCOPS, OP&S and VSC Records will work to get a draft together. Knowing this is a priority, we will report back ASAP.

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

From: Benedict, Deborah L <deb_polk@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 1:17 PM
To: Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth_sohn@cnsco.gov>
Cc: Tellawi, Heba K <heba_tellawi@state.gov>; Whelan, Scott P <scott_whelan@state.gov>; Hartman, Tamar P <tamar_hartman@state.gov>; Policy-Clearance <policy-clearance@state.gov>; OCC-Clearance <occ-clearance@state.gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <andrea_freiberger@state.gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan_fitzpatrick@state.gov>; Parascandola, Ciro A <ciro_parascandola@state.gov>; Peck, Denis R <denis_peck@state.gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <brendan_hanehan@state.gov>; Rogers, Jennifer V <jennifer_rogers@state.gov>; Ooi, Maura M <maura_oom+@state.gov>; Buchan, Lesley L <lesley_buchan@state.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <ademide_adedokun@state.gov>
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Is there anyone from OIDP on this chain or that we could reach out to?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2019, at 1:07 PM, Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth_sohn@cnsco.gov> wrote:

Hello,

I just checked as well, and OP&S doesn’t typically draft rejection notices either. We would be happy to review a draft, though. Are these typically drafted by the intake team? Does anyone have a draft of the current rejection template?

Thanks,
Elizabeth

From: Tellawi, Heba K <heba_tellawi@state.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2019 9:30 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P <scott_whelan@state.gov>; Hartman, Tamar P <tamar_hartman@state.gov>; Policy-Clearance <policy-clearance@state.gov>; OCC-Clearance <occ-clearance@state.gov>
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Regulatory and Verification Law Division
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From: Tellawi, Heba K
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 8:50 AM
To: Whelan, Scott P <gov>; Hartman, Tamar P <gov>; Policy-Clearance <gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <gov>; Parascandola, Ciro A <gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <gov>; Peck, Denis R <gov>; Hanehan, Brendan J <gov>; Rogers, Jennifer V <gov>; Ooi, Maura M <gov>; Benedict, Deborah L <gov>
Cc: Buchan, Lesley L <gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <gov>

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Adding RALD.

Heba K. Tellawi

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Cell: <gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 8:37 AM
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Cc: Buchan, Lesley L <whelan.scott@oc.usdoj.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <whelan.scott@oc.usdoj.gov>
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That will be with whoever is drafting and clearing the rejection notice. I haven’t seen a copy yet and don’t know who has the lead on that. OCC or OP&S I would assume?

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From: Hartman, Tamar P <whelan.scott@oc.usdoj.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2019 8:36 AM
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Cc: Buchan, Lesley L <whelan.scott@oc.usdoj.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <whelan.scott@oc.usdoj.gov>
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Additionally, the updated rejection notice with the new criteria that will be issued to petitioners must be completed and cleared before training can take place. Once the rejection notice has been cleared, training can begin, which can be completed in 2 weeks.
Thanks,
Tamar

From: Tellawi, Heba K <heba.k.tellawi@ga.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Hartman, Tamar P <tamar.hartman@ga.gov>; Policy-Clearance <policyclearance@ga.gov>; Freiberger, Andrea L (Ande) <andrea.freiberger@ga.gov>; Parascandola, Ciro A <ciro.parascandola@ga.gov>; Whelan, Scott P <scott.whelan@ga.gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.j.sohn@ga.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 4:18 PM
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Cc: Tellawi, Heba K <heba.k.tellawi@ga.gov>; Fitzpatrick, Meaghan E <meaghan.fitzpatrick@ga.gov>; Sohn, Elizabeth J <elizabeth.j.sohn@ga.gov>
Cc: Buchan, Lesley L <lesley.buchan@ga.gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <imoleayo.adedokun@ga.gov>
Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918
Importance: High

Good afternoon,
Apologies for the follow-up! We need to complete this statement to move these comms materials forward:

These standardized intake procedures will go into effect on Dec. XX 2019.

Thank you again for your previous clearance, quick review and all your help!
From: Howard, Rothley L <rhoward@gov> On Behalf Of Policy-Clearance
Sent: Tuesday, December 03, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Hartman, Tamar P <tahartman@gov>; OCC-Clearance <occ-clearance@gov>; OPS-FrontOffice <ops-frontoffice@gov>
Cc: Buchan, Lesley L <lbuchan@gov>; Munoz-Acevedo, Carlos <cmunoz-acededo@gov>; Syfert, Kate M <ksyfert@gov>; Arditti, Avi <aarditti@gov>; Hetlage, Daniel D (Dan) <dhetlage@gov>; Stiefel, Nathaniel I <nstiefel@gov>; Collins, Jessica B <jcollins@gov>; Adedokun, Imoleayo A (Ademide) <iadedokun@gov>; #USCIS OLIA Clearance <#USCIS OLIA Clearance@gov>; #USCISCAISClearance <#USCISCAISClearance@gov>; RALD <rald@gov>; Herrmann, Mary K <miherrmann@gov>; Colbert, Sheena G <scolbert@gov>; Sheets, Mary W <mwsheets@gov>; Sowers, Joseph R (Joe) <jsowers@gov>; Revoir, Tamara D <tarevoir@gov>; McCarthy, Stephanie V <stmcCarthy@gov>; Sowers, Joseph R (Joe) <jsowers@gov>; Turner, Ebony N <enturner@gov>
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Subject: RE: For agency clearance: Communications materials related to revised intake criteria for Form I-918

Tamar,

OP&S concurs with edits. Please see the links for the edits.

Thanks,

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Sent: Monday, December 02, 2019 1:22 PM
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Hi all,

Linked for expedited review and clearance are communications materials related to intake criteria changes for Form I-918 and Form I-918 Supplement A. The planned rollout for this announcement is still TBD

Due Date:
Requesting expedited clearance by 10:00am tomorrow, Dec. 3. Please remember to provide the name of the most senior person who reviewed and cleared this for your office.

Linked Materials:

1) LG
2) PAG
3) Alert box

Background:
USCIS is updating rejection criteria in its intake SOP for Forms I-918 and Forms I-918 SuppA. (SuppB intake criteria are not being changed.) Currently, USCIS accepts forms unless a signature or page is missing. USCIS will now be requiring certain fields to be completed. If a required field is left empty, USCIS will reject it. Form instructions, which already request that all fields are answered, will not be changed.

For your visibility, the tactical rollout is provided below.

Tactical Rollout - pending leadership review/subject to change
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