



Steps to Follow if Released from Detention

Congratulations! We are thrilled that you have been released from detention. It is important to remember that your immigration case does not stop once you are released from detention and you will continue to have hearings in immigration court. **You must continue to show up to all immigration court hearings even after you have been released from detention.** If you do not attend even one of your hearings, you will likely be ordered removed. You should monitor your upcoming immigration hearings by calling the EOIR hotline at 1-800-898-7180.

Once you have been released from detention, you will be able to move to a different location within the United States to continue fighting your immigration case. This does not happen automatically, however, and there are steps you need to take to ensure that you continue to receive notice of court hearings at your current address and to request that your case be moved to a different court. Whether you stay in the Denver area or move elsewhere, you will need to file a **Change of Address** so that the government knows where you are living and how to reach you. If you move outside of Denver, you may also have to file a **Motion to Change Venue** so that your immigration case can continue in the court that is closest to where you live.



Change of Address

Within five days of being released from detention, you must file a **Change of Address** to the immigration court on **Form EOIR-33/IC** with your new address and contact information. You can find this form below. You must submit the original of this signed form to the immigration court either in person or by **certified mail**. If mailing, you should follow the instructions provided on the form. Take the completed and signed document to the post office and send the original documents to the following address by certified mail:

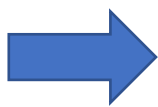
U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration Court
3130 N. Oakland Street

Aurora, CO 80010

You should make two copies of the signed form. You must either hand deliver or send by **certified mail** one copy of the signed form to the government prosecutor on your immigration case. The address for the government prosecutor for people released from immigration custody in Aurora, Colorado, is:

Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Denver
12445 East Caley Avenue
Centennial, CO, 80111-6432

You should keep the other copy for your personal records. Make sure to save all receipts from the post office proving that you sent all required documents.



Motion to Change Venue

If you move outside of the Denver area and would like to have your immigration case moved to a court closer to your new address, you will also have to file a **Motion to Change Venue** with the immigration court. In this Motion to Change Venue, you should include your name, A number, and current address, and you should explain to the court that you wish to have your case transferred to the immigration court closest to where you live. A sample Motion to Change Venue is attached to this handout.

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Once you have filed your Motion to Change Venue with the Aurora Immigration Court, you need to check to make sure that the government processed it and actually sent your case to the new court closest to your new address. Call the Immigration Court Hotline at 1-800-898-7180 to check whether your case is still scheduled for a hearing in Aurora, Colorado. If it is, that means that the Court hasn't processed your Motion to Change Venue yet. If the hotline says that there is no future hearing date on your case, it is likely that the Aurora Court is in the process of sending your case file to the new court, and the new court is in the process of scheduling your case. If you have any hearing dates at the Aurora Court, you **MUST** attend them, or else risk being ordered deported. If there is a hearing date scheduled and you have already filed your Motion to Change Venue, you can call the Aurora Court to explain to them that you are no longer located in Colorado, and you have filed a Motion to Change Venue, and you would like the judge to decide the motion quickly so that you do not have to travel to Colorado for your hearing.

Once your Motion to Change Venue is granted and your case is transferred, you will receive a new hearing notice in the mail with the date and time of your new hearing near your new address. It is important that you are proactive and call the Immigration Court Hotline at 1-800-898-7180 regularly to double check whether you are scheduled for a hearing just in case there is a problem with the mail and you do not receive the hearing notice. If you move again, you must update your address with the Immigration Court again to make sure that you receive your mail at your new address. You can call the Aurora Court before you send in the form to make sure that you are sending the form to the correct court – either the old court in Aurora, or the new court closest to where you are living now.