Confusion Over Correct USCIS Fee Amount

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) planned on implementing new application fees and immigration forms affective October 2, 2020. The new forms and fees would include H-1B applications, F-1 OPT applications, J-2 work permission applications and many other visa types. However a law suit has now put the new fees and forms on hold. This has created a lot of confusion, and if an application is mailed with the wrong fee amount (even if it is more than required) that application will be rejected or returned. Please contact your adviser in OISS if you are unclear which fee to use for applications being mailed out now (in October or November.) Please note that changes or extensions to the J-1 DS-2019 or F-1 I-20 forms do not require fees, and so are not affected.

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