

DIRECTORY · KENTUCKY

Official Offices in Kentucky: Immigration, Court and Hearings 2026

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SHORT ANSWER

This guide leaves some addresses out deliberately: we publish **no street address for any immigration agency, immigration enforcement unit, border agency or Social Security Administration office**. What governs is **the address on the appointment or interview notice sent to you**. **The court side is different and addresses can be written:** Kentucky has **no immigration court with administrative control of its own**; the state holds only **one hearing location**, and it sits **under the administrative control of a court in another state**. **In-person filings are accepted in Louisville**, and filings by mail also go to **the hearing location's own mailing address**. **And a trap appears here for the first time in this series:** the hearing location runs on **Eastern time** while the court it reports to runs on **Central time**.

Why there are no addresses, and what stands in their place

Not publishing an address is not the same as saying no office exists. Appointments, case status and notices run through these agencies' **own online channels**, and the right door is always the agency's own site. **The address is on your appointment notice.**

TASK	WHICH DOOR
Case status and appointments	The immigration agency's own online account and case status lookup
Address report	The same agency's own channel; the deadline is 10 days and it applies to moves inside the state too . Enter the receipt number of every pending case
Hearings and the court file	A separate system and a separate agency ; see the court section below
Where a person is being held	There is an official search tool and we name it: Online Detainee Locator System
Office counts and wait times	Could not be measured this round. The relevant agencies' sites did not open from this network. We do not say there is none or that it is a certain way; we say it could not be measured

One limit on the detainee search tool as well: its name and address were confirmed, **but the page's own content could not be read this round** (the page requires a browser). **So we make no claim about which information the search requires;** the page itself says.

Where the state agency verifies your status

This is the item specific to Kentucky in this section. The verification step is written into the license and ID card application. The agency's own step list: Visit a Driver Licensing Regional office: Bring all required documents. **Complete the SAVE Verification process at the office.** The statute says the same thing twice: the transportation cabinet verifies application information through the federal Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements program and confirms the applicant's immigration status and personal identity through federal government systems and databases.

- **The information on your documents and the federal records must match exactly.** A difference in a name spelling, a recently expired document or a status change not yet entered in the system can stop the transaction at the counter.
 - **If your status changed, do not go to the counter until you are confident the change is in the system,** and take the most current document you hold.
 - **None of this is a surprise, but going without knowing it costs a day.** If there is a discrepancy, fix that first.
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The 100 air mile band: a regulatory parameter

The federal regulation defines certain border enforcement powers within **100 air miles of an external boundary**. We take both definitions verbatim:

- **External boundary:** The term external boundary ... means the land boundaries and the territorial sea of the United States ...
 - **Reasonable distance:** The term reasonable distance ... means within 100 air miles from any external boundary of the United States or any shorter distance which may be fixed by the chief patrol agent ... or the special agent in charge ...
 - **Read three things together.** The measure is in **air miles**, not road miles. **One hundred air miles is a ceiling, not a floor:** the regulation gives the sector chief authority to set a **shorter** distance. And in setting it, factors such as **terrain, transportation arteries, population density and vehicle types** are weighed.
 - **We draw no distance from a map.** We do not write how much of the state falls into that band; what we write is **the regulation's own parameter**. If you have a question about your own area, that is not a geography question but **a legal one**.
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Immigration court: no court in the state, one hearing location

The agency's own sentence gives the date: Effective July 30, 2021, EOIR closed the Louisville Immigration Court and established it as a hearing location under the administrative control of the Memphis Immigration Court.

ITEM	DETAIL
Court in the state	None. The agency's nationwide court list contains no court with a Kentucky address

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Hearing location	Louisville Hearing Location , 601 W. Broadway, Basement Room 3, Louisville, KY 40202
Administrative control	Memphis Immigration Court , Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Ave, Lower Level Suite G-10, Memphis, TN 38103
Area covered	The court's own definition spans four states : Kentucky along with Tennessee, Arkansas and the northern part of Mississippi
Which time zone the hearing runs on	Hearing times for the Louisville Docket are in Eastern Time unless otherwise indicated on the hearing notice.
In-person filings	In-person filings are accepted in Louisville.
Filings by mail	To the hearing location's own mailing address. Administrative control may sit in another city, but the filing address is here ; do not confuse the two
Window hours	8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the hearing location; the administrative control court is open to the public 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with filings accepted until 4:00 p.m.

THE TIME ZONE TRAP: THE HEARING LOCATION AND THE COURT SIT IN DIFFERENT ZONES

- **Kentucky is split across two time zones** and the city with the hearing location is on **Eastern time**. The court it reports to is on **Central time**.
- **The agency's own rule governs**: hearing times run on **Eastern time unless the hearing notice says otherwise**.
- **But if you call the court**, the office on the other end may be **an hour behind**; calculate window hours accordingly.
- **There is a difference inside the state as well**: a reader in the Central zone **loses an hour** traveling to the hearing location in the Eastern zone. Plan your departure accordingly.
- **The practical rule**: read **which zone** the time on your hearing notice refers to, and make sure your phone's time zone setting is correct.

Attending a hearing

- **Hearings are open to the public**: the court's own sentence is Immigration court hearings are open to the public, with limited exceptions, as specified in law.
- **The format of the hearing is on the hearing notice**. The court's page **does not say** whether a hearing is in person, by video or by phone; it links separately to information on internet-based hearings. **Read the format from your notice**.
- **The agency's policy text in force on whether the respondent must appear in person could not be read this round. We write no general statement.**
- **For filing procedure the agency points to its own practice manual**, and in-person filings are accepted at the hearing location. **If you are filing on the last day, use the morning window.**

TWO OFFICIAL LISTS CONFLICT ON DETENTION FACILITY COUNTS

- **One federal agency's own detention facility list counts eight facilities for Kentucky.**
- **The court administration's administrative control list counts seven.**
- **The difference is concrete:** one facility does not appear on the second list at all. **And the same facility appears under different names at the two agencies;** one writes jail, the other detention center. **One agency also misspells a city name.**
- **We print both and take no side.** Both lists come from the agencies' own pages.
- *All the listed facilities are county jails or county detention centers; no stand-alone facility operated solely for immigration detention was found in the state. That is an inference.*

A structural finding: two chains, two cities

In this state the administrative chain on the detention side runs to one city while the court chain runs to another. Kentucky's facilities report to one federal agency field office, while the court side connects to a court in another state. **The practical meaning is direct:** "the agency I ask" and "the court I ask" are **not in the same city**, and the two chains work in **different time zones**. If a relative is taken into custody, **you may need to follow two channels at once.**

Federal appeals

Kentucky sits within the **Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals**. The court's own sentence gives its reach: has jurisdiction over federal appeals arising from the states of Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Tennessee. The court sits in a city in a neighboring state. *That a petition for review from the immigration appeals board would go to that circuit is an inference; the court's own page says "federal appeals" rather than "immigration."*

- 1 **Take your information from the agency's own channel.** Most of what circulates online is old, wrong or about another state.
- 2 **Do not let the address report slip;** if a notice does not reach you, a deadline can pass. The period is **10 days** and it applies to moves inside the state too.
- 3 **Read which zone the time on your hearing notice refers to.** The hearing location and the court it reports to sit in different zones.
- 4 **File at the right door:** in-person filings are accepted at the hearing location, and mail goes to the hearing location's own address.
- 5 **Before the licensing counter, compare your name spelling with the federal records.**
- 6 **If a relative is taken into custody, open both channels:** the agency's search tool and the court side sit in different cities and different zones.
- 7 **If you received a notice to appear, reach an attorney the same day.**
- 8 **For local offices and counters, see our [Louisville](#), [Lexington](#), [Jeffersontown](#), [Bowling Green](#) and [Elizabethtown](#) guides.**



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