

- a health crisis necessitating immediate action by the Immigration Judge

A motion to advance should completely articulate the reasons for the request and the adverse consequences if the hearing date is not advanced. The motion should be filed with a cover page labeled “**MOTION TO ADVANCE**” and comply with the deadlines and requirements for filing. See Chapter 5.2 (Filing a Motion), Appendix F (Sample Cover Page).

**(c) Motion to change venue.** — A request to change venue should be made by written motion. The motion should be supported by documentary evidence. See Chapter 5.2(e) (Evidence). The motion should contain the following information:

- the date and time of the next scheduled hearing
- an admission or denial of the factual allegations and charge(s) in the Notice to Appear (Form I-862)
- a designation or refusal to designate a country of removal
- if the alien will be requesting relief from removal, a description of the basis for eligibility
- the address and telephone number of the location at which respondent will be residing if the motion is granted
- if the address at which the alien is receiving mail has changed, a properly completed Alien’s Change of Address Form (Form EOIR-33/IC)
- a detailed explanation of the reasons for the request

See generally *Matter of Rahman*, 20 I&N Dec. 480 (BIA 1992), 8 C.F.R. § 1003.20.

The motion should be filed with a cover page labeled “MOTION TO CHANGE VENUE” and comply with the deadlines and requirements for filing. See Chapter 5.2 (Filing a Motion), Appendix F (Sample Cover Page).

The filing of a motion to change venue does not excuse the appearance of an alien or representative at any scheduled hearing. Therefore, until the motion is granted, parties must appear at all hearings as originally scheduled.

