

H-1B Electronic Registration Period Closed

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The initial registration period for employers to register their intention to apply for H-1B status for their qualifying foreign national employees has closed. If USCIS received enough registrations to meet the annual cap on new H-1B petitions of 85,000 (20,000 for professionals with a U.S. master's degree or higher, and 65,000 for all other professionals), USCIS will then conduct a lottery to determine which registrants are permitted to submit an H-1B cap-subject petition.

USCIS has stated that it will notify registrants with selected registrations no later than March 31, 2020, with information on which (if any) registrations are eligible for H-1B petition filing. Notices will also provide registrants with information on the permitted filing period for the petition. The period for filing will be no less than 90 days.

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