

## Update on Stateside Visa Renewal Pilot Program - Obtain Visa Stamps in the U.S.



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On October 17, 2023, DOS sent for review a Federal Register notice entitled "Pilot Program to Resume Renewal of H-1B Nonimmigrant Visas in the United States for Certain Qualified Noncitizens" to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

<https://lnkd.in/e4wy6g4C>

This document will outline the eligibility criteria for participation in the new stateside visa renewal pilot program.

AILA has reported that the program will:

- Begin in early 2024;
- Be limited to H-1B principals only;
- Be limited to nationals of countries that are not subject to reciprocity fees;

- India will be one of the eligible countries to participate in the pilot program;
- Have similar requirements like as the interview waiver program;
- Be available for 20,000 applicants; and
- Be voluntary participation.

The initial launch of the program will be limited so that the DOS can work through any operational issues and plan for further expansion of the program into the future.

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