

USCIS Completes H-1B Electronic Registration Selection Process

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced today that it has received enough H-1B electronic registrations during the initial period to reach the FY2021 H-1B numerical allocation (H-1B cap) of 85,000 available visas. The agency randomly selected from among the registrations that were properly submitted by intending employers, and has assured the public that it "intend[s] to notify petitioners with selected registrations no later than March 31, 2020, that they are eligible to file an H-1B cap-subject petition for the beneficiary named in the applicable selected registration.

Registrants' (employers') online accounts will now show one of the following statuses for each beneficiary (worker whom they have registered an intention to employ in H-1B status) registered:

- **Submitted:** "Submitted" registrations will remain in consideration for selection until the end of the fiscal year, at which point all registration statuses will be Selected, Not Selected, or Denied.
- **Selected:** Selected to file an FY 2021 H-1B cap-subject petition.
- **Denied:** A duplicate registration was submitted by the same registrant for the same beneficiary, or a payment method was declined and not reconciled. If denied as a duplicate registration, all registrations you submitted for this beneficiary for the fiscal year are invalid.

Only petitioners with selected registrations may file H-1B cap-subject petitions for FY 2021, and only for the beneficiary in the applicable selected registration notice.

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