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## Tips on Filing H-1B Petitions

U.S. businesses use the H-1B program to employ foreign workers in occupations that require highly specialized knowledge in fields such as science, engineering and computer programming.

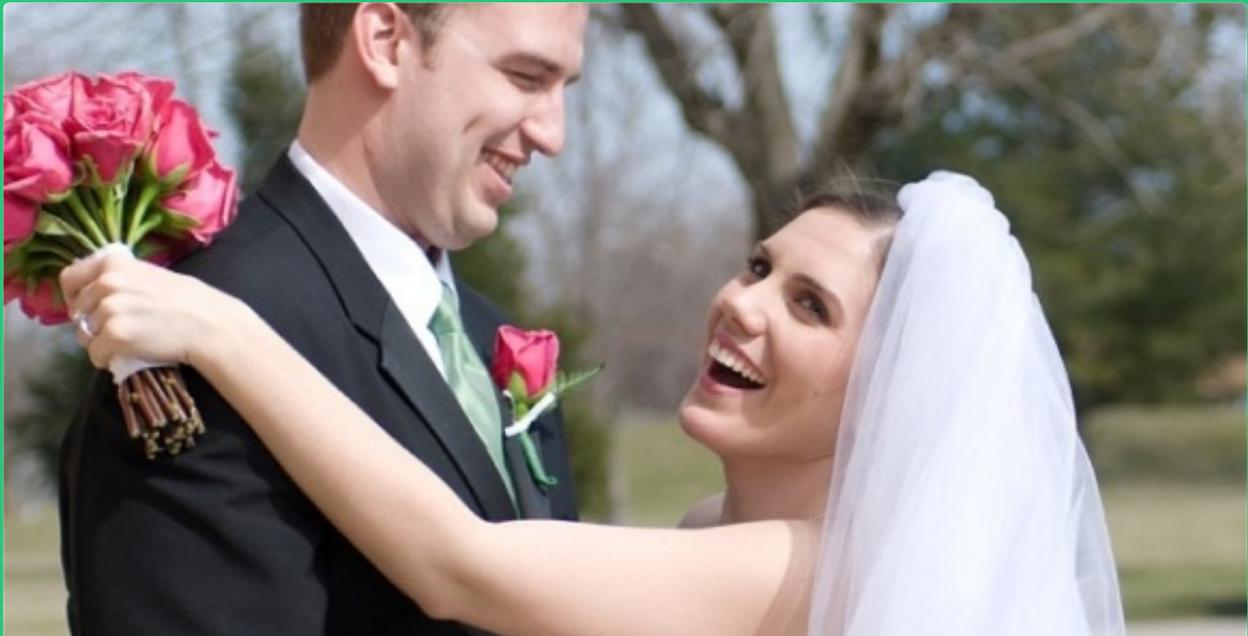
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will begin accepting H-1B petitions subject to the fiscal year (FY) 2017 cap on April 01, 2016.

The cap on new H-1B visas for FY 2017 is 65,000. The first 20,000 H-1B petitions filed for individuals with a U.S. master's degree or higher are exempt from the 65,000 cap.

USCIS expects to receive more petitions than the H-1B cap during the first five business days of this year's program. The agency monitored the number of petitions received and notified the public when the H-1B cap has been met. If USCIS receives an excess of petitions during the first five business days, the agency uses a lottery system to randomly select the number of petitions required to meet the cap. USCIS then rejects all unselected petitions that are subject to the cap as well as any petitions received after the cap has closed.

Click below for an Optional Checklist for H-1B Filings

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## Marriage Fraud disbars future Immigration Benefits

Marriage Fraud is a serious federal offense. According to USCIS and the BIA Petitioner had engaged in marriage fraud in a

previous marriage under INA §204(c). Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals holds in *Sehgal v. Lynch*, 2/22/16 (AILA Doc No. 16022402) holds that even though the Petitioner's present marriage is legitimate a previous fraudulent marriage makes petitioner ineligible to adjust status (get a green card) due to a previous determination of marriage fraud under INA §204(c).

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## Undocumented Immigrants pay Billions in State and Local Taxes

Contrary to political rhetoric and popular misconceptions undocumented workers or "illegal immigrants" sustain U.S. businesses through their purchase of goods and services and through payment of federal, state and local taxes.

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Congress funds and extends certain Immigration Programs. Congress extends EB5 Investor Visa Program, Conrad 30 Program and Special Immigrant Non-Minister Religious Worker Program.

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USCIS redistributes workload of I-140 and I-485 cases between Texas and Nebraska Service Centers

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2 Tier System of Filing Adjustment of Status applications

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