



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

# Premium Processing Now Available for All Petitioners Seeking H-1B Visas

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**WASHINGTON** — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) resumed premium processing today for all H-1B visa extension of stay petitions. Premium processing is now available for all types of H-1B petitions.

H-1B visas provide skilled workers for a wide range of [specialty occupations](#), including information technology, engineering, and mathematics. When a petitioner requests the agency's premium processing service, USCIS guarantees a 15-calendar day processing time. If that time is not met, the agency will refund the petitioner's premium processing service fee and continue with [expedited processing of the application](#).

In addition to today's resumption of premium processing for H-1B visa extension of stay petitions, USCIS had previously resumed premium processing for H-1B petitions [subject to the annual cap](#), petitions [filed on behalf of physicians](#) under the Conrad 30 waiver program, as well as interested government agency waivers and [certain H-1B petitions](#) that are not subject to the cap.

For more information on how the H-1B visa program is being used, visit the [Buy American, Hire American: Putting American Workers First](#) page. This page provides data and information about the hiring practices of employers who use H-1B visas to hire foreign workers.

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