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Apply for H-1B Cap Work Visas Before Visa Numbers Run Out!

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H-1B petitions are extremely useful for many skilled foreign nationals to live and work in the U.S. for a temporary period of time. H-1B petitions are temporary work visas. Normally, H-1B petitions/work visas are approved for a maximum of 6 years (3 years each time). Many H-1B foreign nationals have successfully progressed toward applying for and obtaining green card status.

As of April 27, 2010, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has received 16,500 H-1B petitions that are subject to the annual 65,000 visa cap. These H-1B petitions will count towards the Fiscal Year 2011 visa cap (FY2011). As of April 27, 2010, the USCIS has received 6,900 of the 20,000 H-1B petitions for FY2011 that are exempt from the 65,000 visa cap, under the advanced degree exemption which applies to an H-1B beneficiary who has successfully obtained a U.S. Master's degree or higher.

These FY2011 H-1B work visas or petitions will have an employment start-date of October 1, 2010 or later.

Furthermore, not all H-1B petitions are subject to the annual visa cap, depending on the types of H-1B petition being filed, and the types of entity-sponsor.

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