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## H-1B Work Visas Still Available for Oct 1, 2010 Start-Date!

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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 company-sponsored temporary work visas. Normally, these petitions are available for an eligible H-1B beneficiary for a maximum of 6 years (3 years each time).

As of April 15, 2010, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has received 13,600 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 15, 2010, the USCIS has received 5,800 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 H-1B 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 company-sponsor.

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