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## Seeking to work in U.S. Tropical Islands? Immigration Reaches FY2016 Visa Cap for CW-1 Workers

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#### CW-1 Cap

On May 20, 2016, U.S. Immigration and Citizenship Services (USCIS) has received sufficient petitions to meet the government-mandated Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 quota (visa cap or numerical limit) of 12,999 workers for CW-1 visas.

May 5, 2016 was the final date USCIS would receive **CW-1 worker petitions for an employment start date prior to October 1, 2016 start-date.**

**USCIS is still accepting CW-1 worker petitions for FY 2017 for an employment start date of or after October 1, 2016.**

A given fiscal year starts from October 1 and ends on September 30 the following year.

**All CW-1 workers** (new employment and extension petitions) are **subject to cap unless the worker has already been counted towards the cap for the same fiscal year.**

## What is a CW-1 Worker?

CW is for Transitional Worker nonimmigrant visa classification **for foreign workers only in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and who are ineligible for other types of employment nonimmigrant classifications** in the Immigration & Nationality Act (INA). **CW program is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2019.**

## Relationship between U.S. and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

**CNMI is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean, located between Hawaii and the Philippines.** CNMI has chosen to be under the U.S. administration.

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