



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Announces H-1B Registration Account Creation

On Dec. 6, 2019, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced that we would implement the electronic registration process for the fiscal year (FY) 2021 H-1B cap. Prospective petitioners seeking to file H-1B cap-subject petitions, including those filing for beneficiaries eligible for the advanced degree exemption, must first electronically register with USCIS.

Submitting an H-1B registration requires a USCIS online account. The appropriate type depends on the submitter's role:

- Representatives will use the same type of representative account that is already available and may use an existing account.
- Prospective petitioners submitting their own registrations (U.S. employers and U.S. agents, collectively known as "registrants") will use a new "registrant" account that will be available beginning Feb. 24.

Representatives may add clients to their accounts at any time, but both representatives and registrants must wait until March 1 at noon Eastern to enter beneficiary information, submit registrations and pay the \$10 non-refundable registration fee for each beneficiary.

The initial registration period will run from noon Eastern March 1 through noon Eastern March 20, 2020. Account creation and registration will remain available throughout this period; selections will take place after the initial registration period closes, so there is no requirement to register on March 1.

If USCIS receives enough registrations by March 20, we will randomly select registrations and send selection notifications via users' USCIS online accounts. We intend to notify account holders by March 31, 2020.

An H-1B cap-subject petition may only be filed by a petitioner whose registration for that beneficiary was selected in the H-1B registration process.

For more information, visit the [H-1B Electronic Registration Process](#) page.

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