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Announcements

June 3

June 3, 2020. OFLC Releases Round 4 of COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Further Extensions.

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification released Round 4 of frequently asked questions (FAQs) regarding COVID-19. COVID-19 Round 4 rescinds and replaces Question 3 of the COVID-19 Round 1 FAQs, published on March 20, 2020. All other COVID-19 FAQs remain in full effect, with an extension of the accommodations set forth in Questions 7 and 8 of the COVID-19 Round 2 FAQs from May 12, 2020, until stay-at-home orders are lifted for the City of Chicago and Cook County, Illinois, and the processing center can resume daily mail processing operations.

- [View the Round 4 FAQs regarding COVID-19](#)

June 3

June 3, 2020. OFLC Announces Migration of Website to New Domain.

Please be advised that the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) is in the process of migrating our website from <https://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/> to <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/foreign-labor-certification>.

We expect the new website to go live in mid-July, following the July H-2B peak filing period.

The changes will offer a new design and layout as part of the U.S. Department of Labor's OneWeb@DOL initiative. The design changes include enhancements for users on mobile devices and accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Once the new website is launched, the old URLs for webpages and files on <https://www.foreignlaborcert.doleta.gov/> will be redirected to the corresponding links at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/foreign-labor-certification>. Users with bookmarked webpages or who use a search engine will be seamlessly redirected to the new website location. We encourage users to update their bookmarks and documentation with the new URLs to ensure that they can continue to access information on OFLC's website.

Important Note: The migration to the new OFLC website domain will not impact the Foreign Labor Application Gateway (<https://flag.dol.gov/>), Permanent Online Filing (<https://www.plc.doleta.gov/>), and SeasonalJobs.dol.gov (<https://seasonaljobs.dol.gov>) websites. Users of these websites should encounter no service disruptions.

May 22

May 22, 2020. Final Rule: Rules Concerning Discretionary Review by the Secretary

On May 20, 2020, the Office of the Secretary issued a final rule, [Rules Concerning Discretionary Review by the Secretary](#) to establish a system of discretionary secretarial review over cases pending before or decided by the Board of Alien Labor Certification Appeals (BALCA) and to make technical changes to regulations governing the timing and finality of decisions of the Administrative Review Board and BALCA. The effective date of the rule is June 19, 2020. The rule also provides that the Secretary will not exercise his new review authority until at least 30 days after the rule goes into effect.