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Announcements

July
6**July 6, 2020. OFLC Conducts Randomization Process on H-2B Applications Requesting an October 1, 2020, Work Start Date**

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification has completed the [procedures](#) to randomly assign all H-2B applications submitted during the initial three-day filing window, July 3-5, 2020, requesting an October 1, 2020, work start date for the first half of the Fiscal Year 2021 H-2B statutory visa cap.

OFLC received a total of 685 H-2B applications in the Foreign Labor Application Gateway System requesting 16,609 worker positions during this filing period.

Since the number of the H-2B applications received during the initial three-day period collectively requested fewer worker positions for certification than the statutory numerical limitation, all H-2B applications filed within that time period and requesting workers for the earliest possible start date of work were randomly given a unique number and placed into the same group for assignment.

July
2**July 2, 2020. OFLC Issues Technical Release Notes for the Occupational Employment Statistics Wage Data Update for Wage Year July 2020**

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) has published the latest prevailing wage data from the Occupational Employment Survey as generated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) for July 2020 through June 2021. These updates include:

Geographic Changes: The Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program added the Twins Fall, Idaho, metropolitan statistical area. OFLC also has wage data available for New Shoreham, Rhode Island.

- [View BLS information about the May 2019 Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Area definitions](#)

American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act (ACWIA) - Education Industry Database: Updates with wages for additional ACWIA occupations are now available.

- [View the OES ACWIA wage data for additional occupations](#)

Explanation of OES 2019 Hybrid Structure: On June 23, 2020, OFLC published Round 2 of frequently asked questions explaining that OFLC will continue using the 2010 SOC occupations for the July 2020 wage year. OFLC will apply the OES 2019 Hybrid Structure wage estimates generated by BLS for these 2010 SOC occupations.

- [View the OES table for the July 2020 wage year](#)
- [View the technical release notes for OES 2019 Hybrid Structure](#)

June
26**June 26, 2020. H-2B Application Filing Timelines for Employers Seeking H-2B Workers for an October 1, 2020 Start Date****AILA Doc. No. 20062609. (Posted 7/8/20)**