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In 2020, we implemented an electronic registration process for the H-1B cap. Prospective petitioners seeking to file H-1B cap-subject petitions, including for beneficiaries eligible for the advanced degree exemption, must first electronically register and pay the associated \$10 H-1B registration fee for each prospective beneficiary.

The electronic registration process has streamlined processing by reducing paperwork and data exchange, and has provided overall cost savings to employers seeking to file H-1B cap-subject petitions.

Under this process, prospective petitioners (also known as registrants), and their authorized representatives, who are seeking to employ H-1B workers subject to the cap, complete a registration process that requires only basic information about the prospective petitioner and each requested worker. We will open an initial registration period for a minimum of 14 calendar days each fiscal year. The H-1B selection process will then be run on properly submitted electronic registrations. Only those with selected registrations will be eligible to file H-1B cap-subject petitions.

Selections will take place after the initial registration period closes, so there is no requirement to register on the day the initial registration period opens. Creating an online account is easy; please see the videos below.

FY 2023 H-1B Cap Registration Process Update

The H-1B cap electronic registration process was again well-received by users, who provided a high satisfaction score with the system for FY 2023 (4.84 out of 5). Registrations were submitted by more than 48,000 prospective petitioners, and roughly 31% of all eligible registrations requested consideration under the advanced degree exemption.

Per regulation, USCIS takes into account historical data related to approvals, denials, revocations, and other relevant factors to calculate the number of petitions needed to meet the H-1B cap for a given fiscal year.

In making this calculation, we also consider the number of registrations that need to be selected in order to receive the projected number of petitions required to meet the numerical limitations. This calculation incorporates historical rates of non-filing for prospective petitioners whose registrations are selected but who do not file a petition based on those selected registrations.

For FY 2022, we received 308,613 H-1B registrations and initially selected 87,500 registrations projected as needed to reach the FY 2022 numerical allocations. We conducted [a second selection](#) in July 2021 of an additional 27,717 registrations due to low filing volume from the initial selection. We also conducted [a third selection](#) in November 2021 of an additional 16,753 registrations. This resulted in a total of 131,970 selected registrations for FY22.

For FY 2023, we received 483,927 H-1B registrations and initially selected 127,600 registrations projected as needed to reach the FY 2023 numerical allocations. Those with selected registrations will have their myUSCIS accounts updated to include a selection notice, which includes details about when and where to file.

For more information about the H-1B program, visit our [H-1B Specialty Occupations](#) webpage.