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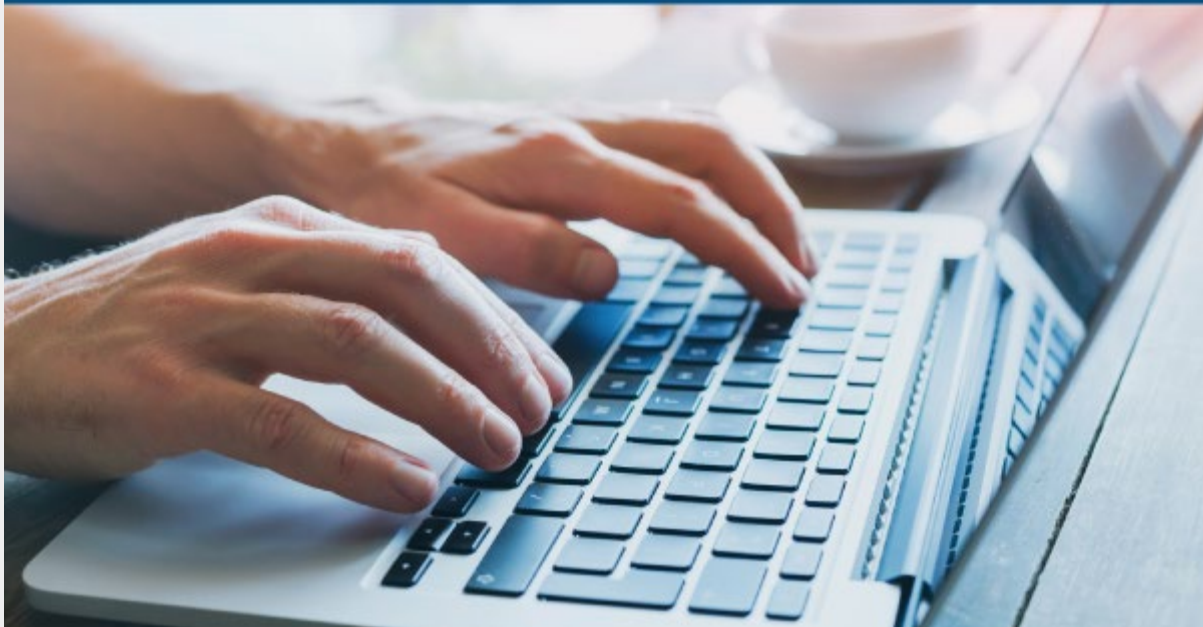
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On April 1, 2024, USCIS service centers will no longer accept Form I-129 petitions requesting H-1B Specialty Occupation Worker or H-1B1 (HSC) Free Trade Agreement Worker in a specialty occupation from Chile and Singapore classification.

Beginning April 1, 2024, all paper-filed [Form I-129](#) petitions requesting H-1B1 (HSC) or H-1B classification, including those with a concurrent Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service, and those with concurrently filed Form I-539 and/or Form I-765, must be filed at a USCIS lockbox facility.

If you are filing Form I-129 alone or with Form I-907, you may also file online. In March, USCIS will launch online filing of Form I-129 and associated Form I-907 for non-cap H-1B petitions. On April 1, USCIS will begin accepting online filing for H-1B cap petitions and associated Forms I-907 for petitioners whose registrations have been selected.

We will reject paper filed H-1B or H-1B1 (HSC) petitions received at a USCIS service center on or after April 1, 2024. There will be **no grace period** provided. Due to systems limitations, USCIS service centers will not be able to intake the new versions of the Form I-129 for H-1B and H-1B1 classification from the previously announced [H-1B Final Rule](#) published on Feb. 2, 2024, or the [Fee Final Rule](#) that takes effect on April 1st. Due to the planned lockbox transition, USCIS service centers also do not have sufficient temporary staffing to accommodate the increased filing for the H-1B cap season.

We will provide the lockbox filing addresses for paper filed forms in late March via web alert and on our [Form I-129 Direct Filing Addresses](#) page.

Join Our Public Engagements to Learn More

Attend our [Tech Talks](#) where you can ask questions about the new USCIS organizational accounts in preparation for the fiscal year 2025 H-1B electronic registration season and online filing of Form I-129 and Form I-907 for H-1B petitions.

We are committed to providing opportunities for public engagement and will continue to host additional outreach sessions on the FY 2025 H-1B registration and petition filing process. If you have not done so, we encourage you to [sign up](#) for our updates, to receive alerts about future engagement opportunities.

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