**Update: Presidential Proclamation on H-1B Fees and Restrictions of Entry from Abroad**

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Dear Colleagues,

As a follow-up to our communication on Saturday September 20th regarding the Presidential [Proclamation](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fpresidential-actions%2F2025%2F09%2Frestriction-on-entry-of-certain-nonimmigrant-workers%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchristene.cooper%40uconn.edu%7C476cfcff19a940a6842f08ddfb9d0ede%7C17f1a87e2a254eaab9df9d439034b080%7C0%7C0%7C638943374471188492%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ncS6eF%2F9RSPxuAbKB4%2FIbs7WYdNwT1Ci2pzkdatOKxQ%3D&reserved=0) introducing a $100,000 fee for H-1B petitions, we would like to share important updates and clarifications from the Trump Administration including the links to the [memorandum from USCIS](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uscis.gov%2Fsites%2Fdefault%2Ffiles%2Fdocument%2Fmemos%2FH1B_Proc_Memo_FINAL.pdf&data=05%7C02%7Cchristene.cooper%40uconn.edu%7C476cfcff19a940a6842f08ddfb9d0ede%7C17f1a87e2a254eaab9df9d439034b080%7C0%7C0%7C638943374471204773%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=9fMmHTeg1QNMx3jzPgSyStAJG3czzgCSExPBFm2ZF80%3D&reserved=0) and the [US Department of State website](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.state.gov%2Fh-1b-faq%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cchristene.cooper%40uconn.edu%7C476cfcff19a940a6842f08ddfb9d0ede%7C17f1a87e2a254eaab9df9d439034b080%7C0%7C0%7C638943374471220881%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JskipRuJ6CXUJPEF6a3NPXz2i5SLN4MNGD1DVKqQSP4%3D&reserved=0).

**1.      Travel Is Not Restricted for Current H-1B Visa Holders**

* Individuals who currently hold an H-1B visa, including those currently abroad, may continue to travel to and from the U.S. without being subject to the new fee.
* However, due to the lack of advance notice and limited training for CBP, DOS, and USCIS officers, travelers may encounter inconsistencies at ports of entry.
* If you have upcoming travel plans and do not have a valid visa stamp in your passport, contact the consulate to confirm any issues with issuing a visa for your H-1B status and complete the DS-160 immediately to schedule your consular appointment. **Please note**: all new visa stamp requests must now be processed in your home country.
* We are awaiting additional federal guidance and will share updates as soon as they are available, so please monitor your email for further information.

**2.      $100,000 Fee Applies Only to New Petitions**

* The fee is a one-time charge and applies only to new H-1B petitions filed on or after September 21, 2025.
* Current H-1B holders and previously approved petitions are not affected.
* Does not change any payments or fees required to be submitted in connection with any H-1B renewals.
* At this time, it is not clear whether new cap-exempt petitions (such as for colleges, universities, nonprofit academic medical centers, and research organizations) will have to pay the $100,000 fee.

Please be assured that we are closely monitoring developments and will continue to share updates as formal guidance and relevant court rulings become available.

If you have any questions or concerns about your travel plans or petition status, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

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