



SZE Immigration Newsletter

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On April 1, 2010, businesses will be able to file H-1B petitions under the FY 2011 H-1B cap. The FY 2010 H-1B cap was not met until December 21, 2009, but businesses should not count on H-1Bs being available so long this year. As the economy continues to recover, more businesses will continue to hire, and the H-1B cap will be met closer the April 1st filing date. Accordingly, if you are a business planning to file H-1B petitions under the 2011 H-1B cap, it would be wise to file the petitions as close to April 1, 2010, as possible. Below are a few recent developments to keep in mind when planning to file an H-1B petition.

USCIS No Longer Accepting H-1B Petitions with Pending LCAs

On March 10, 2010, USCIS announced that it would not extend the period in which it temporarily accepted H-1B petitions filed with uncertified LCAs. [Read more...](#)

Potential Changes to the Nonimmigrant Worker Petition

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services ("USCIS") recently published a Federal Register notice announcement proposing an update to the Form I-129, which is filed in connection with various nonimmigrant visa petitions (i.e. H-1B, L-1, O-1A). [Read more...](#)

H-1B Employment in Guam or CNMI

On November 28, 2009, the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (CNRA) took effect and includes a provision affecting the H-1B and H-2B visa classifications. Until December 31, 2014, H-1B and H-2B nonimmigrants admitted to perform labor and services in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) are exempt from the statutory numerical limitation for H-1B and H-2B classification. [Read more...](#)

If you have any questions, please send me an email or give me a call. I would be glad to discuss any questions that you might have.

Best Regards,

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