



U.S. and Canadian Immigration and Nationality Law (Bimonthly) Newsletter and Updates.

Dear Reader:

Six months into his second term, President Trump's immigration crackdown has shifted from targeting criminals to sweeping up law-abiding immigrants, according to a new report from the American Immigration Council. Once billed as a fight against "bad hombres," the policy now strips protections from families, workers, and Dreamers who have long lived in the United States. Critics warn these actions are destabilizing industries, tearing apart families, and even intimidating naturalized citizens—all at a time when public support for immigration is at historic highs.

Meanwhile, on August 20, 2025, USCIS issued updated guidance in the Policy Manual concerning inadmissibility for false claims to U.S. citizenship. Under this policy, any false claim made on or after September 30, 1996, can result in a permanent bar to adjustment of status, with only narrow exceptions for those who lived in the U.S. before age 16. The update clarifies that, following the *Matter of Zhang* decision, intent is not required for a finding of inadmissibility. The revised guidance outlines officer procedures, exemptions, and statutory exceptions, and applies immediately to all pending and future cases.

In addition, on August 19, 2025, USCIS introduced new guidelines instructing adjudicators to treat "anti-Americanism" as a heavily negative discretionary factor when reviewing immigration benefit applications. This includes perceived support for anti-American ideologies, terrorist affiliations, or antisemitic rhetoric. While the administration frames this as protecting national interests, many advocates caution that the vague scope of "anti-Americanism" risks inconsistent enforcement and may suppress free speech or political expression.

We encourage you to stay informed as immigration policies continue to evolve. If you have any questions about how these developments may affect your status, travel, or future in the U.S., please contact NPZ Law Group at info@visaserve.com or call 201-670-0006 (ext. 104). Our experienced team of U.S. and Canadian immigration attorneys is here to provide strategic, knowledgeable, and compassionate assistance.

Know Your Rights: What to Do If ICE Comes to Your Home, Workplace, or Stops You in Public (English & Spanish Versions). [Please click here](#) to download and feel free to share it with your friends and family.

Here are this month's top stories to keep you informed:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE MOVES BUSINESS VISA INQUIRIES TO VISA NAVIGATOR.

The U.S. Department of State has announced an important change for Business Visa applicants. As of March 2025, all inquiries must be submitted through the Visa Navigator – Business Visa Center rather than by email. This transition is designed to streamline processing and improve efficiency for businesses and applicants worldwide.

[To read more, please click here . . .](#)

USCIS POLICY UPDATE: “ANTI-AMERICAN” ACTIVITY MAY IMPACT IMMIGRATION BENEFIT REQUESTS.

On August 19, 2025, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced an update to its Policy Manual that could have serious consequences for foreign nationals applying for certain immigration benefits.

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USCIS MOVES CLOSER TO WAGE-BASED H-1B LOTTERY: WHAT EMPLOYERS AND APPLICANTS SHOULD KNOW.

The H-1B visa program is again at the center of proposed regulatory changes. On July 17, 2025, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sent a draft rule titled “*Weighted Selection Process for Registrants and Petitioners Seeking To File Cap-Subject H-1B Petitions*” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

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FILING AN I-130 PETITION AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN INDIA: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW.

When a U.S. citizen wants to sponsor a close family member for a green card, the Form I-130 (Petition for Alien Relative) is usually filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) in the United States.

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H-1B LAYOFFS AND NTAS: WHY THE 60-DAY GRACE PERIOD MAY NO LONGER BE RELIABLE.

A troubling trend is emerging for H-1B professionals laid off in the United States: some are receiving Notices to Appear (NTAs) in immigration court, even though they are still within the 60-day grace period that has historically provided a buffer after job loss.

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USCIS ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE ON FALSE CLAIMS TO U.S. CITIZENSHIP.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has updated its Policy Manual (Volume 8, Part K) regarding false claims to U.S. citizenship. These updates restore strict screening and enforcement against individuals attempting to defraud or abuse the U.S. immigration system.

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END-OF-YEAR VISA NUMBER SHORTAGES: WHAT APPLICANTS NEED TO KNOW BEFORE OCTOBER 2025.

As the U.S. government approaches the end of its fiscal year on September 30, 2025, visa number availability in several categories is becoming increasingly limited. For many applicants, especially those waiting for green cards, the coming weeks could bring delays — even if you already have an interview scheduled.

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USCIS POLICY UPDATE ON NTAS: WHAT VISA HOLDERS MUST KNOW IN 2025.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is now actively enforcing a February 2025 memorandum that significantly expands when a Notice to Appear (NTA) may be issued. An NTA places an individual into removal (deportation) proceedings before the immigration court.

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DOS VISA BULLETIN UPDATE: VISA BULLETIN FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 - IF YOUR "PRIORITY DATE" IS CURRENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW?

The September 2025 Visa Bulletin arrives with minimal movement as the fiscal year comes to an end. Most Employment-Based and Family-Based categories remain unchanged from August, signaling that annual visa limits are near or already reached. Demand remains high, and some categories are already unavailable. Here's what you need to know. [Read more . . .](#)

[To view the current cutoff dates for each visa preference category and country of chargeability, please click here to access two charts provided by the U.S. Department of State's monthly visa bulletin.](#)

CANADIAN IMMIGRATION LAW NEWS.

CRIMINAL REHABILITATION FOR CANADA IMMIGRATION: A PATHWAY TO OVERCOME INADMISSIBILITY.

Canada takes criminal inadmissibility seriously, and individuals with past convictions may find themselves barred from entering the country — even for temporary visits.

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FROM STUDENT VISA TO PERMANENT RESIDENCY: EXPLORING CANADA'S START-UP VISA PROGRAM.

International students in Canada often begin their journey with a study permit, but many want to stay beyond graduation to build their careers and future.

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INTRA-COMPANY TRANSFER WORK PERMIT CANADA – FAQs ANSWERED.

The Intra-Company Transfer (ICT) program is one of the most effective ways for multinational companies and entrepreneurs to establish or expand operations in Canada while transferring key personnel.

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NEW RULES MAY RESHAPE H-1B, F-1, OPT, AND WAGE POLICIES.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

IMMIGRATION LAW IN 2025: ENFORCEMENT, POLICY SHIFTS, AND COMPLIANCE UNDER THE TRUMP-VANCE ADMINISTRATION

September 11, 2025
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Venue: [Online via Zoom](#)

WORKFORCE IMMIGRATION IN 2025: WHAT HR NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT POLICY CHANGES AND COMPLIANCE

September 29, 2025
Time: 9:45pm-10:45pm
Venue: Atlantic City Convention
Center (GSC SHRM 2025)

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