



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

Dear Reader,

The FY 2027 H-1B electronic registration period will open at 12:00 PM (ET) on March 4, 2026, and will close at 12:00 PM (ET) on March 19, 2026. Employers must complete and submit their online registrations, along with the required fee, within this window to be eligible for the lottery selection process. Early preparation is strongly recommended so employers can confirm job details, align wage levels, and avoid last-minute filing issues.

On February 24, 2026, President Trump used his State of the Union address to emphasize immigration and border enforcement as a central priority, urging Congress to support a more aggressive federal approach and additional enforcement resources, including in areas where state and local cooperation is limited. In addition, the administration's recent "Operation Firewall" announcement underscores a broader enforcement posture that employers should factor into compliance planning and risk management. While remarks alone do not change the law, they often signal where enforcement priorities and agency focus may head next. For employers, families, and foreign nationals, the practical approach is to stay informed, plan ahead, and watch closely for any formal changes in policy, guidance, or enforcement practices in the weeks ahead.

We encourage you to stay informed as immigration- and travel-related policies evolve. If you have any questions about how these changes may affect your status, workforce, or travel plans, please contact NPZ Law Group at info@visaserve.com or call 201-670-0006 (ext. 104). Our experienced U.S. and Canadian immigration attorneys are ready to assist you.

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:

FY 2027 H-1B CAP LOTTERY REGISTRATION: KEY DATES AND NEXT STEPS.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that the FY 2027 H-1B cap initial registration period will open at 12:00 PM Eastern on March 4, 2026, and will remain open through 12:00 PM Eastern on March 19, 2026.

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

USCIS PREMIUM PROCESSING FEES INCREASE MARCH 1, 2026.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that Premium Processing (Form I-907) fees will increase effective March 1, 2026.

Premium Processing requests postmarked on or after March 1, 2026 must include the new fee amount, or USCIS may reject the filing.

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USCIS PROPOSES MAJOR CHANGES TO THE H-1B REGISTRATION SELECTION PROCESS FOR FY 2027.

USCIS has announced proposed revisions to the H-1B cap registration system that could significantly change how beneficiaries are selected for FY 2027.

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WEBINAR VIDEO: H-1B VISA LOTTERY 2026-2027 UPDATES, WAGE-WEIGHTED SELECTION & EMPLOYER STRATEGY.

This NPZ Law Group webinar is designed for HR teams and employers preparing for the H-1B Lottery 2026–2027 season. We cover the registration timeline, beneficiary-centric process, and the shift to wage-weighted selection—along with what this change means for wage level strategy, SOC code planning, worksite decisions, and consistency between registration and petition filing.

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HOW INDIAN NATIONALS IN CANADA CAN USE THE E-2 VISA TO START A BUSINESS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Indian nationals frequently ask about the E-2 investor visa. The complication is that India does not have an E-2 treaty with the United States. That means Indian passport holders cannot apply for an E-2 visa directly.

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ABCS OF H-1BS (THIS IS PART 4 OF A 7-PART SERIES): THE WHYS AND HOWS OF EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE EVALUATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF H-1B VISA PREPARATION AND FILING.

The threshold question for an H-1B nonimmigrant work visa is whether the intending H-1B nonimmigrant has the equivalence of a U.S. Bachelor's Degree in a specific field. Most of the prospective H-1B employees and H-1B employers begin with either of the following two thoughts:

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EXECUTIVE ORDER EXPANDS CRIMINAL INFORMATION SHARING: WHAT VISA WAIVER TRAVELERS AND NONCITIZENS SHOULD KNOW.

On February 6, 2026, a new Executive Order titled "Protecting the National Security and Welfare of the United States and its Citizens from Criminal Actors and Other Public Safety Threats" was signed into law.

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U.S. E VISAS: HOW NATIONALITY AFFECTS ELIGIBILITY, VALIDITY, AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.

E visas are treaty-based nonimmigrant visas available to qualifying investors (E-2) and treaty traders (E-1). While the core legal framework is federal, one critical factor often overlooked is nationality.

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DOS VISA BULLETIN UPDATE: VISA BULLETIN FOR MARCH 2026 - IF YOUR "PRIORITY DATE" IS CURRENT, PLEASE LET US KNOW?

The March 2026 Visa Bulletin brings measured forward movement across several Employment-Based categories, continued stability in most Family-Based preferences, and important news — the Employment Fourth Preference Certain Religious Workers (SR) category has been extended through September 30, 2026. [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.

IF YOU HAVE ASYLUM IN THE U.S., ... WHAT ARE YOUR IMMIGRATION OPTIONS IN CANADA?

Many individuals who have been granted asylum in the United States eventually ask an important question:

Can I move to Canada?

Whether for family reasons, employment opportunities, or long-term stability, the idea of relocating north is common. However, the legal path is not always straightforward.

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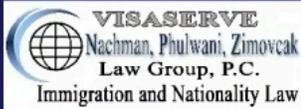
CANADA INTRODUCES NEW EXPRESS ENTRY CATEGORIES FOR 2026: WHAT SKILLED WORKERS SHOULD KNOW.

Canada has announced significant updates to its Express Entry system for 2026, introducing new targeted categories and adjusting eligibility criteria for several existing streams.

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NPZ's Immigration Insights: New YouTube Series on U.S. & Canadian Law

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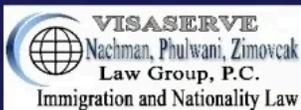
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