

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

Dear Reader,

Recent developments at the Supreme Court have brought renewed attention to the future of birthright citizenship in the United States. The Court recently heard arguments in a case that could impact how citizenship is determined for children born in the U.S. to certain noncitizens, including temporary visa holders. While no decision has been issued yet, the outcome could have significant implications for families, employers, and foreign nationals planning their long-term future in the United States.

Although it is too early to predict the final ruling, the case highlights how quickly immigration policy can shift through litigation and executive action. Employers and individuals should remain aware of these developments and consider how potential changes could affect workforce planning, family immigration strategies, and long-term status in the United States. As always, staying informed and planning ahead remain critical as we await further guidance in the months 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](mailto:info@visaserve.com) or call 201-670-0006 (ext. 104). Our experienced U.S. and Canadian immigration attorneys are ready to assist you.

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

### **OPT AND H-1B COMPLIANCE RISKS: WHY YOUR ONLINE PROFILE COULD IMPACT YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE.**

International students working in the United States under Optional Practical Training (OPT) often focus on maintaining employment and preparing for future visa opportunities such as the H-1B. However, one overlooked area that can create serious immigration risks is how employment history is presented—especially on public platforms like LinkedIn and other online profiles.

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### **VISA BAN OR PAUSE IN 2026? UNDERSTANDING 212(F) VS. 212(G) AND YOUR OPTIONS MOVING FORWARD.**

Recent developments in U.S. immigration policy have created confusion and concern for individuals from certain countries facing visa restrictions. Reports indicate that some applicants are being impacted by visa bans or pauses, often resulting in refusals under sections such as 212(f) or administrative processing-related provisions.

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### **DOL PROPOSES SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN PREVAILING WAGES FOR H-1B AND PERM CASES: WHAT EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW.**

Recent developments from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) may significantly impact employers sponsoring foreign workers. A newly proposed rule aims to increase prevailing wage levels for both H-1B petitions and PERM-based green card applications, potentially raising labor costs for many employers.

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### **DHS ISSUES WARNING ON STEM OPT EMPLOYER FRAUD: WHAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS NEED TO KNOW.**

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), has recently issued an important alert regarding fraud concerns involving employers participating in the STEM Optional Practical Training (OPT) program.

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## **USCIS DELAYS AND CASE HOLDS: WHAT APPLICANTS AND EMPLOYERS SHOULD EXPECT NOW.**

Recent updates from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) have brought important developments for individuals and employers facing delays in immigration case processing.

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## **FAMILY-PREFERENCE GREEN CARD WAIT TIMES: WHAT TO EXPECT FOR F1, F2A, F3, AND F4 CATEGORIES.**

For many families seeking to reunite in the United States, understanding green card wait times is critical. Currently, ongoing backlogs, visa limits, and processing delays continue to affect family-preference immigration categories.

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

The May 2026 Visa Bulletin shows continued forward movement across several categories, particularly in Family-Based preferences, while Employment-Based categories remain mostly stable. However, the Department of State has issued an important warning that EB-5 India may face retrogression or become unavailable later this fiscal year due to rising demand. [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.**

### **CANADA SIMPLIFIES WORK AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: KEY 2026 UPDATE EXPLAINED.**

Canada has introduced a major update for international students by eliminating the requirement for a separate co-op work permit for mandatory work placements.

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### **CANADA'S PROPOSED HIGH-SKILLED IMMIGRATION CHANGES: WHAT EMPLOYERS AND APPLICANTS SHOULD KNOW IN 2026.**

Canada is preparing for a major shift in its economic immigration system, with proposed changes that could significantly reshape how skilled workers qualify for permanent residence.

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## CANADA ANNOUNCES SPECIAL IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS (2026 UPDATE).

Canada has introduced temporary immigration relief measures to support individuals impacted by natural disasters, reflecting a growing need for flexibility in response to climate-related emergencies.

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

### DHS WARNING ON STEM OPT EMPLOYER FRAUD: WHAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MUST KNOW.

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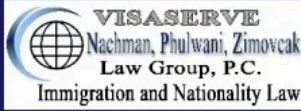
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### WHAT HAPPENS IF A GREEN CARD APPLICANT DIES? OPTIONS FOR SPOUSES AND CHILDREN IN THE U.S.



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## What Happens to a Spouse and Children If the Green Card Application is Pending While the Family is in the U.S.?



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