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What Does the US to Suspension of Premium Processing of H-1B Visas Mean? (Download PDF)

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The U. S Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has decided to temporarily suspend premium processing of all H1B petitions. Donald Trump administration's plans for the visa programme that allows skilled workers to come into the U. S. temporarily.

Highlights:

- New H1B applicants, premium processing is helpful in cases where they are already in the U. S. on a student visa or some other visa.
- H1B applications are usually approved for three years.
- USCIS has approved several petitions just for one year.
- H1B approved period, the employee changes the company, or the work location of the employee changes within the same company
- The USICS is also required to process extensions within 240 days.
- premium processing helps in planning for alternative visa options if they don't make it in the lottery

H1B 2017 Quota Increase:

- H1B Cap to be increased from 65, 000 to 110, 000 per year. Also have provisions to have it up to 180, 000 in case of extreme demand.
- Advanced degree from US cap quota to increase from 20, 000 to 25, 000
- The Filing fee for H1B could go up to 10, 000 USD (Part of this came up as the fee increase in Omnibus Bill)
- Additional H1B rules to avoid H1B Visa fraud by employers
- Mandatory LCA posting for 30 days before it is certified.

FY 2017 H1B Visa Cap:

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Required Fees

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H1B Visa process

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