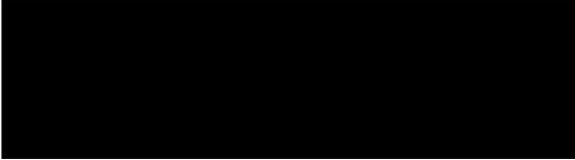




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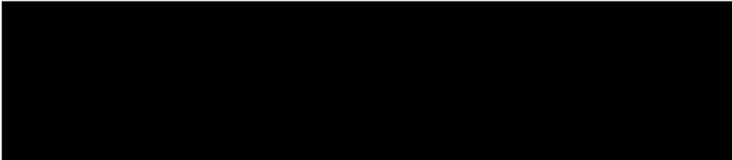
FILE: SRC 04 176 50073 Office: TEXAS SERVICE CENTER Date: FEB 08 2008

IN RE: Petitioner:
Beneficiary:



PETITION: Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker Pursuant to Section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the
Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b)

ON BEHALF OF PETITIONER:



INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The service center director denied the nonimmigrant visa petition and the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) dismissed a subsequent appeal. The matter is again before the AAO on motion to reopen/reconsider. The motion will be dismissed.

The petitioner is a retail sales company. It seeks to employ the beneficiary as an accountant and endeavors to classify him as a nonimmigrant worker in a specialty occupation pursuant to section 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b). The director denied the petition on the ground that the proffered position is not a specialty occupation. The AAO affirmed the director's findings.

The regulation at 8 C.F.R. § 103.5 provides in pertinent part that "a motion to reopen must state the new facts to be provided in the reopened proceeding and be supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence." "New" facts are those that were not available and could not reasonably have been discovered or presented in the previous proceeding. A motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4). The petitioner's motion does not meet the above cited regulatory requirements in that the motion to reopen is not supported by new facts that were unavailable that could not reasonably have been discovered or presented in previous proceedings. In support of its motion, the petitioner submitted an opinion from a credentials evaluation service which concludes that the duties of the proffered position can only be performed by an individual with a bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting or a related field. The opinion letter is dated August 24, 2006, subsequent to the issuance of the AAO's decision dismissing the petitioner's appeal. The opinion does not contain, or reference, new facts in support of the Form I-129 petition that were unavailable and could not reasonably have been discovered or presented in previous proceedings. The opinion writer simply offers an opinion on the educational requirements of the position based on facts already in existence when the AAO issued its original decision on July 27, 2006. The petitioner could have requested an expert opinion to support its petition based on the facts considered by the credentials service opinion writer at any time during previous proceedings. The motion to reopen shall be dismissed.

A motion to reconsider must: (1) state the reasons for reconsideration and be supported by any pertinent precedent decisions to establish that the decision was based on an incorrect application of law or CIS policy; and (2) establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the initial decision. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(3).

The motion does not establish that the prior decision was based on an incorrect application of law or CIS policy, nor does it establish that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the initial decision. The petitioner did not cite any precedent decisions supporting its motion. The record reflects, and the prior decision correctly states, that the proffered position does not qualify as a specialty occupation under 8 C.F.R. § 214.2(h)(4)(iii)(A).

A motion that does not meet applicable requirements shall be dismissed. 8 C.F.R. § 103.5(a)(4). In visa petition proceedings, the burden of proving eligibility remains entirely with the petitioner. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361. The petitioner has not met that burden.

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ORDER: The motion is dismissed. The previous decision of the AAO dated July 27, 2006 is affirmed. The petition is denied.