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California Service Center Employment Branch General Overview



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Employment Branch

Section 1



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 1

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
H-1B Initial Cap Filings
- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
H-1B Cap Exempt Filings
CSC has sole jurisdiction
- I-129CW – Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker
CSC has sole jurisdiction



Employment Branch Section 1 Updates

- Cap Update
 - Cap Exempt Processing Times
 - Cap Goals



Employment Branch Section 1 Updates (Cont.)

- EB1 Teams / Workload Assignments
- Filing Tips and Best Practices
- Stakeholder Q&A



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Section 2



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 2

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
 - E-1/E-2: Treaty Trader / Treaty Investor; *CSC has sole jurisdiction*
 - H-3: Trainee
 - L-1A/L-1B: Intracompany Transferee – Manager/Executive / Specialized Knowledge
 - O-1: Persons with Extraordinary Ability
 - P-1/P-2/P-3: Internationally Recognized Athletes or Entertainers / Artist/Entertainer in a Reciprocal Exchange Program / Culturally Unique Artist/Entertainer
 - Q-1: International Cultural Exchange Program Participant



Employment Branch Section 2 Updates

- Updates/Changes:
 - Staffing changes
 - Processing times
 - Monthly roundtables with SCOPS and VSC on L and O&P adjudicative issues



Employment Branch Section 2

Updates (cont.)

- Filing Tips/Best Practices
 - Entrepreneur Visa Guide
 - <http://www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/entrepreneur-visa-guide>
 - Premium Processing Email / Phone Number
 - csc-premium.processing@dhs.gov
 - (866) 315-5718
 - Non-Premium Case Inquiries/Expedite Requests
 - Step 1) Contact and request an expedite with the National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283; expedite criteria can be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/forms/expedite-criteria>
 - Step 2) CSC-NCSC-FollowUp@uscis.dhs.gov



Employment Branch Section 2 Updates

- L-1B Policy Memorandum effective August 31, 2015. The policy memorandum consolidates previous guidance and provides updated guidance to USCIS officers adjudicating petitions filed by employers seeking to transfer employees who possess specialized knowledge to the United States.



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Section 3



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 3

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
H-1B Extensions of Stay

- I-129 – H-2 Temporary Workers

Agricultural workers are designated as H-2A
CSC has sole jurisdiction

Non-Agricultural workers are designated as H-2B



Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 3 (cont.)

- I-129R – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
Religious Worker
CSC has sole jurisdiction
- I-360 – Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant
Religious Worker
CSC has sole jurisdiction for Religious Worker
- I-102 – Application for Replacement/Initial Nonimmigrant Arrival-
Departure Document



Employment Branch Section 3 Updates

- Update on Workloads
- EB3 Teams
- Cross training on multiple classifications
- Filing Tips/Best Practices
- Stakeholder Q&A



The End

Thank you for your questions and interest in the Employment Branch work, and thank you for attending the California Service Center Open House.



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