



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Surge in H-2B Petitions Possible for Second Half of FY 2018

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The U.S. Department of Labor [announced](#) it will not begin releasing H-2B temporary labor certifications until Feb. 20, 2018, due to an unprecedented number of applications. As a result of this demand, USCIS may receive more H-2B nonimmigrant worker petitions than there are H-2B visas available in the second half of Fiscal Year 2018.

USCIS is maintaining a flexible approach to this issue, which may include randomly selecting petitions received on the final receipt date to ensure that we allocate H-2B visas fairly and do not exceed the cap. More information will be forthcoming.

For more information, see [Cap Count for H-2B Nonimmigrants](#).

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