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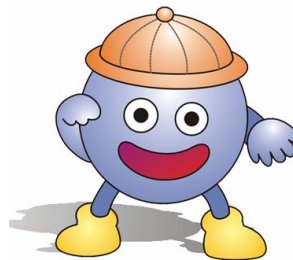
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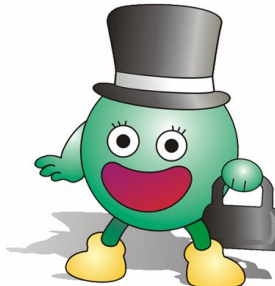
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We welcome you to meet the Immis! They help us simplify the immigration process for you. The Immis are in every issue of our newsletter and act as your personal guides to various immigration topics.



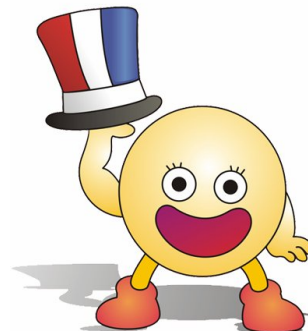
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Citizen Immi

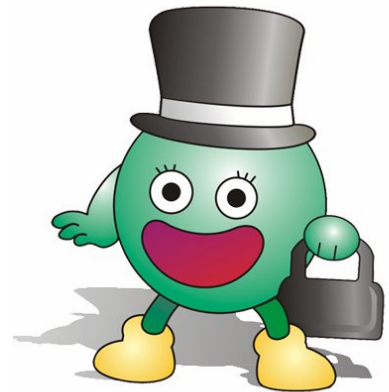
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IMMEDIATE INFORMATIONAL RELEASES

Immi, says: Oh!! No!! Look the H-1B Advanced Degree cap has been reached on July 26, 2006.

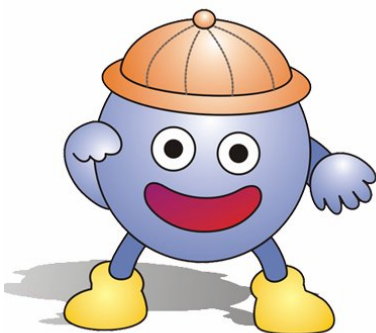


H-1B ADVANCED DEGREE CAP & VISA BULLETIN FOR AGUGUST

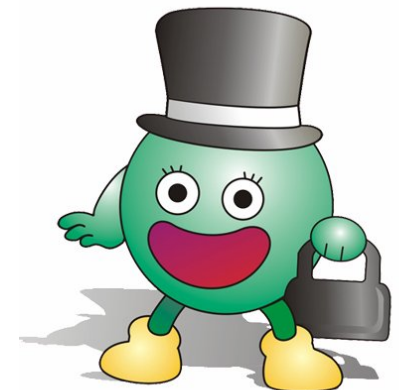
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FY 2007 U.S. Advanced-Degree H1B Cap Reached

USCIS announced that the U.S. Advanced Degree H-1B cap was reached on July 26, 2006. Those received on July 26, 2006, will be subject to the random selection process.



Immi Say: Don't worry!! If you have received receipt notices which are different from the initial USCIS receipt notices you received it is due to the USCIS transferring cases to different service centers to balance the workload.



USCIS NOTIFIES CLIENTS OF CASE TRANSFERS

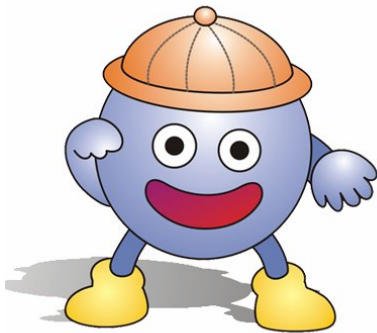
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Washington, DC – To meet our customers needs more efficiently, USCIS periodically shifts work from one service center to another in order to balance workload with capacity. Due to unusually high workload surges, the Vermont Service Center (VSC) recently transferred nearly

5,000 Petitions for Nonimmigrant Workers (Form I-129) to the Texas Service Center (TSC). VSC also transferred approximately 22,000 Petitions for Alien Relatives (Form I-130) to the California Service Center.

Customers should not be alarmed if they receive notices from the Texas or California Service Center about a case they initially mailed to VSC. When customers receive such a notice, they should route any questions about their case to the service center from which they received their last notice. Other than receiving correspondence from a different location, this is a seamless change for USCIS customers.

If necessary, USCIS reserves the right to transfer additional cases in the future. USCIS has incorporated that level of flexibility into our processing in order to ensure timely case processing.



Immi, Jr. says: You need to be aware that the Embassy Beirut is temporarily closed for visa processing.

DOS SUMMARIZES GUIDANCE ON IMMIGRANT AND NONIMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING FOR LEBANESE CITIZENS

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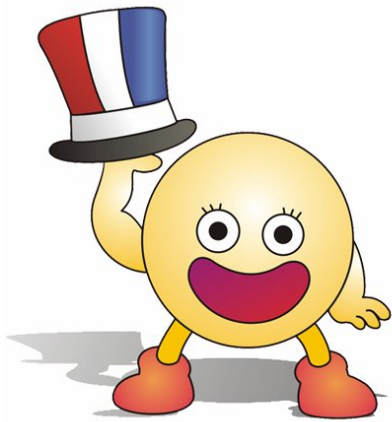
U.S. Visas - Lebanese Citizens

Embassy Beirut is temporarily closed, for all visa applications, interviews and processing.

U.S. Embassy Athens will begin visa processing for Lebanese citizens as follows:

- **Beginning August 1**, Lebanese citizens applying for F, H, J, L, M O, or P nonimmigrant visas can schedule interview appointments through the Embassy Athens website or, if they are in Greece, through the user-pays call center at 90-11-230-730.
- **Beginning August 1**, Lebanese citizens who have an immigrant petition approved for them, and are awaiting interview should address their inquiries to U.S. Embassy Athens, via e-mail at Athens-IV-Lebanon@state.gov.

If you have already applied for your **immigrant** visa at Embassy Beirut, you should inquire through the e-mail at Athens-IV-Lebanon@state.gov about whether your case can be transferred to Athens for processing.



Citizen Immi says: Hello!! You need to keep in mind that the EAD filing process has been changed.

USCIS REMINDS CUSTOMERS OF FILING CHANGE FOR EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENTS

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

Local Offices To Stop Processing and Producing EADs

Washington, DC – In November 2004, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) published a notice in the Federal Register informing the public that, as of April 1, 2005, individuals must file Applications for Employment Authorization, (Forms I-765) at one of the four USCIS Service Centers or the National Benefits Center (via the Chicago Lockbox). The instructions to Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization, with addendum, have reflected this change since then. In the interim, some USCIS offices have continued to accept employment authorization applications and have produced Employment Authorization Cards (Form I-688B) using local systems.

Why Eliminate Local Filings?

USCIS is discontinuing local production of Form I-688B Employment Authorization Card (EAC) in favor of Form I-765 Employment Authorization Document (EAD) produced at one central location using national systems. The locally produced I-688B lacks security features and is not well suited to employment verification by employers.

Final Implementation

Offices that have continued to accept applications locally may, in their discretion, continue to accept certain employment authorization applications until October 1, 2006. After September 1, 2006, however, such local offices will no longer process those cases and will only forward them for Service Centers processing. Customers seeking the fastest service should send their applications directly to the appropriate Service Center or Chicago Lockbox as indicated on the Form I-765 instructions. As of October 1, 2006, USCIS local offices will no longer accept any Form I-765 filings. Local Offices will work with community, legal and law enforcement organizations to eliminate local filings of Form I-765.

Interim EADs

The discontinuation of locally produced EACs will not prohibit customers from using InfoPass to schedule an appointment for an interim employment document when USCIS hasn't adjudicated the original Form I-765 within 90 days. Customers should take great care to attend all appointments, including biometrics appointments, and respond promptly to all requests for evidence sent from USCIS.

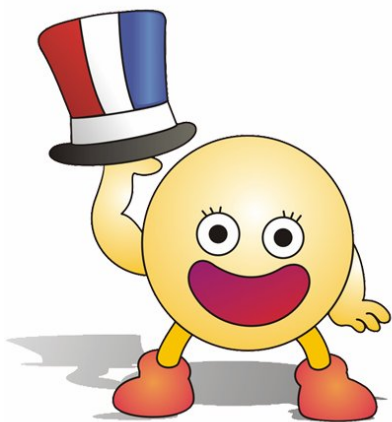
Failure to attend a biometrics appointment, or failure to provide all required documents or information requested by USCIS will delay entitlement to an "interim card" and may re-start or stop the 90-day period.

File 100 Days Before Expiration of Current EAD

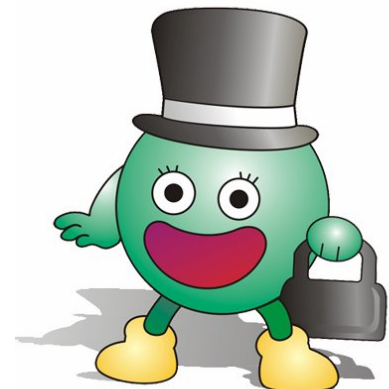
Effective October 1, 2006, local USCIS offices will no longer produce interim EACs. USCIS will issue all approved interim EADs from a central facility. Accordingly, an applicant seeking to replace an expiring EAD should file Form I-765 at least 100 days before the current card expires. Doing so will minimize the possibility that the current EAD will expire before a decision is made on the new application.

Arrangements for Asylum Cases

Individuals who have been granted asylum by the Executive Office for Immigration Review should continue to schedule and attend their InfoPass appointments for documentation in accordance with the Post Order Instructions provided to them at the conclusion of their immigration court proceedings. The local USCIS office will complete the individual's processing for documentation of asylum status and will also initiate EAD card production from the central facility. Individuals granted asylum by a USCIS Asylum Office will, at the time they are granted asylum, receive information about the prompt delivery of a secure EAD.



Immis say: You need to keep in mind that we only can have three replacement SSN cards per year, but only ten replacement SSN cards during a lifetime.

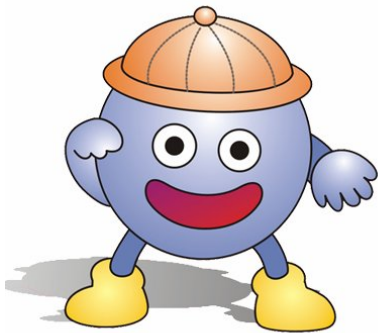


SSA ADOPTS FINAL RULES ON SOCIAL SECURITY CARD REPLACEMENTS

SOURCE: AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA)

SUMMARY: The interim final rules published at 70 FR 74649, on December 16, 2005, are adopted as final with only minor changes. These regulations reflect and implement amendments to the Social Security Act (the Act) made by part of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 (IRTPA), Public Law (Pub. L.) 108-458. Section 7213(a)(1)(A) of Pub. L. 108-458 requires that we limit individuals to three replacement SSN cards per year and ten replacement SSN cards during a lifetime. The provision permits us to allow for reasonable exceptions from these limits on a case-by-case basis in compelling circumstances. This provision also helps us to further strengthen the security and integrity of the SSN issuance process.

QUICK INFORMATION BYTES

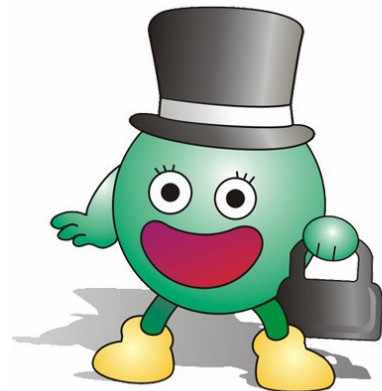


Immi, Jr. says: Remember in many states now a nonimmigrant can only obtain a driver's certificate, not a driver's license.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM

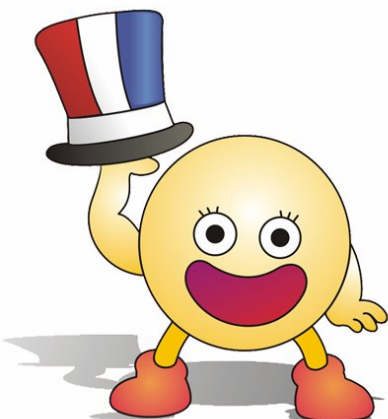
Immi says: For FBI background checks, an alien's personal history both inside the U.S. and outside of the U.S. will be reviewed.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM



Citizen Immi says: If you are a sponsor of an Affidavit of Support, then your obligation will not terminate until your sponsored immigrant becomes a U.S citizen, or your sponsored immigrant dies, etc.

SOURCE: TERRENCE L. OLSEN, ESQ., OLSEN LAW FIRM



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Explanation: If you have questions concerning immigration related issues or concerns and are of a non-advice and pure general interest nature, please e-mail them to tolsen@tlolaw.com.

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION RELATED WEB SITES

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm>

- US Citizenship and Immigration Services Web Link

<http://www.dol.gov/>

- Dept. of Labor Web Link

<http://www.state.gov/>

- Dept. of State Web Link

<http://www.embassy.org/>

- Embassies in Washington D.C. Web Link

<http://www.aviso.net/government/embassies/>

- Embassies Located Inside and Outside U.S. Web Link

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