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## USCIS Announces H-1B Registration Dates for Fiscal Year 2026

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Today, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced that the initial registration period for the fiscal year 2026 H-1B cap will open at **noon Eastern on March 7** and run through **noon Eastern on March 24, 2025**. During this period, prospective petitioners and representatives must use a USCIS online account to register each beneficiary electronically for the selection process and pay the associated registration fee for each beneficiary.

Prospective H-1B cap-subject petitioners or their representatives are required to use a USCIS online account to register each beneficiary electronically for the selection process and pay the associated \$215 H-1B registration fee for each registration submitted on behalf of each beneficiary.

If you are an H-1B petitioning employer who does not have a USCIS online account, you will need to [create an organizational account](#). If you are an H-1B petitioning employer who had an H-1B registrant account for the FY 2021 – FY 2024 H-1B registration seasons, but you did not use the account for FY 2025, your existing account will be converted to an organizational account after your next log in. First-time registrants can create an account at any time.

**If you are considering filing H-1B petitions for one or more of your foreign employees, it is now the time to start. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like more information and a step-by-step outline of the H-1B Electronic Registration Process.**



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