



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Texas Service Center to Begin Accepting Form I-129 for Certain H-1B Petitions

On May 20, 2019, the Texas Service Center will begin processing [Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker](#), for certain H-1B cap-exempt petitions requesting:

- A change in previously approved employment;
- A change of employer;
- Concurrent employment;
- Amendments;
- A continuation of previously approved employment without change with the same employer;
- A change of status to H-1B; or
- Notification to a U.S. Consulate or inspection facility (port of entry or pre-flight inspection).

This does not include H-1B petitions for cap-exempt entities, petitions that are cap-exempt based on a Conrad/Interested Government Agency (IGA) waiver under Immigration and Nationality Act Section 214(l), or petitions where the employer is located in Guam or the beneficiary will be performing services in Guam.

The Texas Service Center will share this workload with the California Service Center, Vermont Service Center, and Nebraska Service Center to balance workloads and provide flexibility as USCIS works towards improving processing times and efficiency.

Petitioners filing any of the above H-1B petitions should file their Form I-129 at the address indicated on the [Direct Filing Addresses for Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker](#) page. Starting July 19, 2019, USCIS may reject any of these petitions that are filed at the wrong service center.

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