



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

# USCIS Will Conduct a Lottery for CW-1 Petitions for Fiscal Year 2019

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USCIS has received petitions for more than the number of visas available for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) program. The cap for CW-1 visas for FY 2019 is 4,999.

As a result, USCIS will be conducting a lottery to ensure that it does not exceed the CW-1 cap. USCIS will randomly select petitions received between April 2, 2018 and April 13, 2018. **If USCIS receives your petition after April 13, it will be rejected** and will not be considered for this lottery.

For more details on the FY 2019 CW-1 program and what to submit, refer to our [March 20 alert](#). For more information on the CW-1 cap, visit our [CNMI-Only Transitional Worker \(CW-1\) Cap page](#).

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