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INS List of Recognized Professions

- Accountant
- Actor
- Acupuncturist
- Administrative Assistant
- Administrative Executive
- Agriculturist
- Agronomist
- Analyst, Computer Systems
- Analyst, Marketing
- Analyst, Program
- Analyst, Senior Program
- Analyst Systems
- Animal Husbandry
- Animal Scientist
- Apiculturalist
- Architect
- Architect, Computer Systems
- Analyst Architect, Landscape
- Architectural Cost Estimator Artists
- Artist, Graphic
- Asian Market Research

- Analyst Astronomer
- Athletes
- Athletes, Golf
- Attorney
- Attorney, Corporate
- Attorney, Patent
- Biochemist
- Biologist
- Business Administrator
- Business Manager
- Businessperson
- Cartoonist
- Chef
- Chemist
- Chemist, Organic
- Chief Executive Officer
- Chiropractor
- Claims Adjuster
- Clinical Psychologist
- Computer Programmer
- Computer Programmer, Chief
- Conservator, Assistant Paper
- Consultant, Engineering
- Consultant, International Trade
- Consultant, Management
- Contract Specialist

- Cook
- Dairy Scientist
- Database Administrator
- Dentist
- Designer, Fashion
- Designer, Graphic
- Designer, Industrial
- Designer, Interior
- Dietitian
- Director of Program Development
- Director, Creative Advertising
- Director, Marketing
- Director, Research and Development
- Director, Technical
- Disaster Relief Claims Adjuster
- Doctor, Medical
- Economic Analyst
- Economist
- Economist, Financial
- Engineer
- Engineer, Ceramic
- Engineer, Consultant
- Engineer, Electrical Design
- Engineer, Mechanical
- Engineer, Roll Designer
- Engineer, Sales
- Engineer, Software

- Engineer, Systems
- Engineering Technician, Fire Protection
- Entertainers
- Entomologist
- Epidemiologist
- Executives
- Fashion Designer
- Fire Protection Engineering Technician
- Forester
- Gambler
- Geneticist
- Geochemist
- Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Golf Pro
- Graphic Artist
- Graphic Designer
- Horticulturist
- International Trade Economist
- International Trade Representative
- Intracompany Transferee
- Investor
- Journalist
- Land Surveyor
- Landscape Architect
- Lecturer

- Librarian
- Librarian, Medical Record
- Management Consultant
- Manager
- Manager, Business
- Manager, Casino Pit
- Manager, Hotel
- Manager, Marketing Assistant
- Manager, Restaurant
- Manager, Software
- Market Research Analyst
- Marketing Analyst
- Marketing Director
- Marketing Specialist
- Marketing, Senior Specialist
- Mathematician
- Medical Doctor
- Medical Laboratory Technologist
- Medical Professionals
- Medical Record Librarian
- Medical Researcher
- Medical Technologist
- Meteorologist
- Minister
- Model
- Network Chief
- Nurse

- Nutritionist
- Orthopedist
- Pathologist
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacologist
- Physician
- Physician, Teaching/Research
- Physicist
- Physio/Physical Therapist
- Plant Breeder
- President
- President, Corporate
- President, Messenger Service
- President, Real Estate
- Professors
- Program Analyst, Senior
- Programmer
- Programmer, Computer
- Programmer, Engineering and Scientific
- Programmer, Systems
- Psychologist
- Psychologist, Clinical
- Puppeteer
- Range Manager
- Recreational Therapist
- Religious Workers

- Research Analyst
- Research Assistant
- Researchers

- Sales Engineer
- Scientific Technician/Technologist
- Scientist
- Scientist, Dairy
- Scientist, Poultry
- Scientist, Sod
- Senior Program Analyst
- Singer
- Social Worker
- Specialist, Senior Marketing
- Superintendent, Reefer Operations
- Surgeons
- Surgical Assistant
- Sylviculturist
- Teacher
- Teacher, College
- Teacher, Music
- Teacher, Seminary
- Teacher, University
- Technical Director (mftg)
- Technical Publications Writer
- Technician
- Technician, Fire Protection

- Technologist Medical
- Therapist, Corrective
- Therapist, Occupational
- Therapist, Physio/Physical
- Therapist Recreational
- Translator
- Urban Planner
- Venture Capitalist
- Veterinarian
- Vice President
- Vice President, Intl Operations
- Vice President, Manufacturing
- Violin Maker
- Vocational Counselor
- Writer, Technical Publications
- Zoologist

An H-1B, professional, visa may be issued to an alien who is coming temporarily to the United States to perform services in a specialty or professional occupation. The applicant for an H-1B visa must first receive an offer of employment from a US company. The company must file the I-129 petition, with H supplement, I-129W, and an approved labor condition application with the Immigration & Naturalization Service office having jurisdiction over the place where the alien will be employed.

Once the petition is approved, the alien will be sent immigration form I-797 changing the person's status in the United States and extending the authorized stay for three years, or for the time requested on the petition if less than three years. Each accompanying family member who filed an I-539 application will also be granted the change of status (as an H-4) for the same period as the principal applicant.

If the alien is outside of the United States, the approved petition (form I-797) will be forwarded to the US consul where the alien will apply for his or her visa. Form OF-156 must be completed and presented in person at the consulate, together with documentation that will clearly establish eligibility for the visa. A separate form OF-156 should be completed for each accompanying family member. The H-1B visa will be issued for a period of three years. The spouse and children of the principal applicant will receive H-4 visas for the same period of time. An H-1B or H-4 visa holder, when entering the United States, will be given a period of stay coinciding with the time remaining on the visa.

If the alien desires an extension of stay, he or she would file a request for an extension with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which extension will be granted for three years. A maximum of six years is permitted on an H-1B visa. Once an extension is granted, the alien can obtain revalidation of the H visa through the US State Department, rather than having to return to the consul to obtain a new visa. The dependents of an H alien are not permitted to work in the United States, unless they also qualify and apply for their own H-1B status.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN H-1B STATUS

Note: You may submit a copy of the documents, however, the Immigration Service and/or US Consulate has the right to request production of the original of any document submitted. Furthermore, all documents in a foreign language must be accompanied by a complete and accurate English translation.

1. Copy of University Diploma. If the diploma is not from a US or Canadian University, it must be evaluated as being equivalent to at least a Baccalaureate degree from a U.S. University. The evaluation must be from an agency qualified to perform university equivalency evaluations.
2. If you do not have a Bachelor's Degree, you may obtain a statement of equivalency based upon a combination of your education and work experience. This statement of equivalency must be from an agency qualified to perform equivalencies based upon work experience and must show that you have the equivalency of a U.S. baccalaureate degree based upon a combination of your education and work experience.
3. A detailed resume of your education and work experience. You must list the dates of education and employment, and your job duties must be explained in detail and be complete.
4. A copy of the US Company's latest tax return, financial statement, or form 10K.
5. A detailed description of the job offered, including duties, requirements, salary, hours, etc.
6. The name, address, and telephone number of the company in the US that has offered you employment, together with the name of the individual in the company who will be the contact person.
7. All petition forms to be signed by prospective employer.