

H-1B Master's Cap Reached

USCIS announced that as of April 30, 2007, enough H-1B petitions have been received to meet the cap of 20,000 for "foreign workers who have earned a master's degree or higher from a U.S. institution of higher education". The "final receipt date" for these exempt H-1B petitions is April 30, 2007. Any cases received after this date will be rejected.

The following process has been implemented by USCIS for handling H-1B petitions filed on April 30, 2007. USCIS will subject these Master's cap petitions to a computer generated random selection process. USCIS will reject those filings not randomly selected and return them along with the filing fees unless another basis for an H-1B cap exemption exists.