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California Service Center Employment Branch General Overview



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Section 1



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 1

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
 - H1B Initial Cap Filings
 - Bi-specialized with the Vermont Service Center*
- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
 - H1B Cap Exempt Filings
 - CSC has sole jurisdiction*
- I-129CW – Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker
 - CSC has sole jurisdiction*



Employment Branch Section 1 Updates

- Cap Update
 - Cap Exempt Processing Times
 - Cap Goals



Employment Branch Section 1 Updates (Cont.)

- Filing Tips
- Best Practices
- Stakeholder Q&A



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Section 2



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 2

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker

Bi-specialized with the Vermont Service Center

- E-1/E-2: Treaty Trader / Treaty Investor; *Exemption to bi-specialization as CSC has sole jurisdiction*
- H-3: Trainee
- L-1A/L-1B: Intracompany Transferee / Specialized Knowledge
- O-1: Persons with Extraordinary Ability
- P-1/P-2/P-3: Internationally Recognized Athletes or Entertainers / Artist/Entertainer in a Reciprocal Exchange Program / Culturally Unique Artist/Entertainer
- Q-1: International Cultural Exchange Program Participant



Employment Branch Section 2 Updates

- Updates/Changes:
 - Staffing changes
 - Processing times
 - Standardized O RFE templates were implemented at both VSC and CSC at the end of 2013 as part of USCIS' RFE Project.
 - Monthly roundtables with SCOPS and VSC on L and O&P adjudicative issues



Employment Branch Section 2

Updates (cont.)

- Filing Tips/Best Practices
- Stakeholder Q&A
 - Entrepreneur Visa Guide
 - <http://www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/entrepreneur-visa-guide>
 - Premium Processing Email / Phone Number
 - csc-premium.processing@dhs.gov
 - (866) 315-5718
 - Non-Premium Case Inquiries/Expedite Requests
 - Step 1) Contact and request an expedite with the National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283; expedite criteria can be found at <http://www.uscis.gov/forms/expedite-criteria>
 - Step 2) CSC-NCSC-FollowUp@uscis.dhs.gov



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Section 3



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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 3

- I-129 – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker

H1B Extensions of Stay

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- I-129 – H-2 Temporary Workers

Agricultural workers are designated as H-2A

CSC has sole jurisdiction

Non-Agricultural workers are designated as H-2B

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Petitions/Applications Adjudicated in the Employment Branch Section 3 (cont.)

- I-129R – Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker
Religious Worker
CSC has sole jurisdiction
- I-360 – Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant
Religious Worker
CSC has sole jurisdiction for Religious Worker
- I-102 – Application for Replacement/Initial Non-Immigrant Arrival
Departure Document
Bi-specialized with the Vermont Service Center



Employment Branch Section 3 Updates

- EB3 Teams/Workloads
- Cross training on multiple classifications
- Filing Tips/Best Practices
- Stakeholder Q&A



The End

Thank you for your questions and interest in the Employment Branch work, and thank you for attending the California Service Center Open House.



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