



## 2013 H-1B Visas

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Employers may first apply for 2013 H-1B visas for individuals not currently in H-1B status on April 2, 2012 with a start date of October 1, 2012. While the 2012 H-1B visa cap for individuals not currently in H-1B status was not reached until November 2011, in previous years the cap has been reached within the first five days applications were accepted.

This H-1B cap limitation does not apply to extensions of H-1B status or those obtaining H-1B status to teach at colleges, universities, related nonprofit or government research organizations or J waiver physicians.

If your company has potential H-1B candidates working on post-education employment authorization that will expire prior to October 1, 2013, please contact us to prepare H-1B petitions for these individuals as soon as possible to secure an available visa.

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