

Scholar Update

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H-1B Updates

- FY 2011 (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011) H1B quota has not yet been met
- April approximately 13,500 petitions counting toward the 65,000 cap received and approximately 5,600 petitions received for individuals with advanced degrees

Department of Labor

- iCERT for Prevailing Wage Determinations (PWDs)
 - Processing delays
 - Determination errors
 - Other options
- PERM Labor Certifications

Lockbox Filings

- I-131 reentry permit (Dallas lockbox)
- I-765 EAD (if filed with I-485 and live in IN, file with Phoenix lockbox)
- I-102 for I-94 replacement (file with Phoenix lockbox if live in IN)
- I-485 – adjustment to PR certain cases only (file with Phoenix lockbox if live in IN)
- N-400 for naturalization (file with Phoenix lockbox if live in IN)
- Scheduled lockbox filing announcement in June will include certain I-539 petitions and the I-140 petition for alien worker among others

REFER TO FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Visa Waiver Program

- Greece added in April to list of 36 eligible countries
- Must have a valid, machine readable passport from a participating country
- Must register in Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) prior to travel to US
- For entry of 90 days or less

J1 Student Intern Category

- Available to programs with student designation
- Category for students engaged in full-time study outside of the US who are seeking an internship within the US to fulfill an educational objective for a degree program in the home country.
- Must be full-time (at least 32 hours/week)
- Up to 12 months total
- No more than 20% clerical

NAFSA Resources

- **IssueNet** to Report an Issue or Get Liaison Help
- ISTA and ISCA discussion listservs
- Resources regarding developing Institutional Policy, Employment Based Visa Categories, Permanent Residency resources
- Core Education Workshops (CEP) offered at regional and national conferences
- Advisor's Manual