

New Presidential Proclamation Imposes \$100,000 H-1B Fee; ImmigrationExam.us Urges evaluation of Timing and Alternatives

Sudden fee targets new H-1B entrants — after 12:01 a.m. ET on Sept. 21, 2025.

Timing and choice of status can significantly affect exposure to the fee.

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proclamation requires a \$100,000 payment with any new H-1B petition filed on or after 12:01 a.m. Eastern on September 21, 2025.

The proclamation does not apply to H-1B petitions that were filed before the effective time, to already-approved petitions, or to individuals holding valid H-1B visas issued prior to that time.

Form <u>I-693</u>, the <u>immigration</u> medical exam form, remains an important and time-sensitive document for many adjustment-of-status filings. USCIS has clear rules on which

edition of the I-693 is accepted and on how long a signed form retains evidentiary value. Proper timing for the medical exam can matter for concurrent filings.

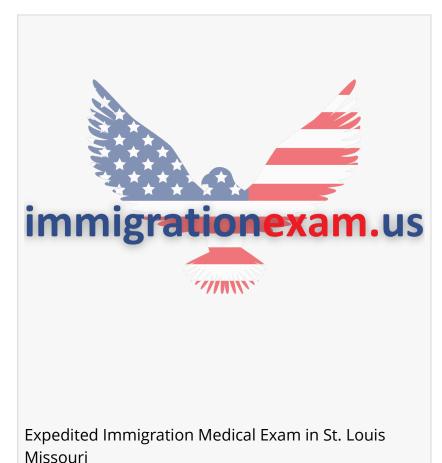
For holders of current H-1B authorizations who face renewal or who are considering a new petition, several alternative approaches are commonly reviewed by immigration counsel. These alternatives can, depending on facts and timing, affect whether a new H-1B petition (and the associated fee) would be required:

- Cap-exempt employment with qualifying schools, nonprofit research entities, or affiliated institutions.
- Transfer or extension of an existing H-1B where the beneficiary was previously counted against the H-1B cap.
- Other nonimmigrant classifications such as L-1 (intra-company transfer), O-1 (extraordinary ability), or TN (for eligible Canadian and Mexican nationals), when eligible.
- Employer-sponsored immigrant petition or consular processing strategies that change the

timing or need for a new H-1B filing.

"This proclamation changes the filing landscape for new H-1B petitions while preserving prior approvals and valid H-1B visas from the immediate charge," said Dr. Gurpreet Padda, medical director and spokesperson for ImmigrationExam.us. "Careful coordination of medical exams, form editions, and filing sequence with immigration counsel and civil-surgeon providers can reduce the chance that a case becomes subject to the new fee."

ImmigrationExam.us provides USCISapproved I-693 medical examinations in St. Louis and posts current service information and scheduling options online. Information about medicalexam appointments and required



documentation is available at www.immigrationexam.us. Professional legal advice should be sought for case-specific decisions about visa class changes or fee exposure.

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