

H-1B Visa/Status Processing Overview Chart

Sponsoring department requests Visa Export Control Certification Form from [Research & Innovation Office](#) or [LASP](#) (for LASP employees).

Processing Time: 5-6 weeks

Sponsoring department requests checks (payable to U.S. Department of Homeland Security) for H-1B fees through [CU Marketplace](#) to be sent directly to International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS).

Processing Time: 2-3 weeks

The sponsoring department gathers and submits a [complete H-1B packet](#) to ISSS.

ISSS reviews packet. If there are any documents missing or additional information is needed, ISSS will contact the sponsoring department.

ISSS Processing Time: 10 to 15 business days

Particularly complex H-1B visa requests may require additional processing time.

ISSS analyzes and determines an appropriate prevailing wage based on the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) requirements.

ISSS Processing Time: 5 to 10 business days

When the prevailing wage determination is completed, ISSS will submit a Labor Condition Application (LCA) to the Department of Labor.

DOL Processing Time: 7 business days

When the LCA is certified, ISSS prepares and submits the H-1B petition to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

USCIS Processing Time: 6 to 8 months for regular processing

15 business days for premium processing unless USCIS requests additional

* All H-1B fees must be paid by the sponsoring department through CU Marketplace.

Checks should be made payable to "U.S. Department of Homeland Security"

Government Filing Fee: \$460

Government Fraud Detection Fee: \$500 (Only required for the initial CU Boulder H-1B petition, not extensions)

Government Premium Processing Fee: \$2,805 (Additional fee only required if requesting [premium processing](#))

*In limited instances, the H-1B applicant may pay the premium processing fee. Contact ISSS for details.