

# H-1B Specialty Occupation Request Timeline Overview- Boulder

## ESTIMATED TIME FROM START TO SUBMISSION TO USCIS: 6 - 8 WEEKS.

Sponsoring department submits the [H1B Export Review Questionnaire](#) to the [Office of Export Controls](#). For LASP employees, contact Colin Blumer ([export.compliance@lasp.colorado.edu](mailto:export.compliance@lasp.colorado.edu)).

- Documentation from the export controls review must be uploaded in the *Visa Export Controls/License Certification* e-form.

### Processing Time: 2-4 weeks

The sponsoring department gathers documentation and submits a complete *H-1B Specialty Occupation Request* to ISSS via the [Departmental Services portal](#).

ISSS reviews the *Request*. If documents are missing or additional information is needed, ISSS contacts the sponsoring department and/or H-1B beneficiary.

### ISSS Processing Time: 1-2 weeks

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

### ISSS Processing Time: 1 week

After the prevailing wage determination is complete, ISSS submits a Labor Condition Application (LCA) to the DOL.

### DOL Processing Time: 1 week

After the LCA is certified, ISSS prepares the H-1B petition. ISSS contacts the sponsoring department staff member with a P-Card and submits the H-1B petition online to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

### USCIS Processing Time: 4-8 months for regular processing

15 business days (not including federal holidays) for [premium processing](#) unless USCIS requests additional evidence

[Current processing times](#)

All [H-1B fees](#) must be paid by the sponsoring department through a P-Card.

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