

Modernize, improve and clarify immigrant and nonimmigrant programs to grow our economy and create jobs

Who is eligible

- U.S. businesses, foreign investors, researchers, inventors and skilled foreign workers.

What the initiative will do

USCIS will:

- Work with the Department of State to develop a method to allocate immigrant visas to ensure that all immigrant visas authorized by Congress are issued to eligible individuals when there is sufficient demand for such visas.
- Work with the Department of State to modify the Visa Bulletin system to more simply and reliably make determinations of visa availability.
- Provide clarity on adjustment portability to remove unnecessary restrictions on natural career progression and general job mobility to provide relief to workers facing lengthy adjustment delays.
- Clarify the standard by which a national interest waiver may be granted to foreign inventors, researchers and founders of start-up enterprises to benefit the U.S economy.
- Authorize parole, on a case-by-case basis, to eligible inventors, researchers and founders of start-up enterprises who may not yet qualify for a national interest waiver, but who:
 - Have been awarded substantial U.S. investor financing; or
 - Otherwise hold the promise of innovation and job creation through the development of new technologies or the pursuit of cutting-edge research.
- Finalize a rule to provide work authorization to the spouses of certain H-1B visa holders who are on the path to lawful permanent resident status.
- Work with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to develop regulations for notice and comment to expand and extend the use of [optional practical training \(OPT\)](#) for foreign students, consistent with existing law.
- Provide clear, consolidated guidance on the meaning of “specialized knowledge” to bring greater clarity and integrity to the L-1B program, improve consistency in adjudications, and enhance companies’ confidence in the program.

When you can begin to make a request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upon issuing of new guidelines and regulations.
How to make a request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subscribe to the USCIS page to receive updates by email.