



1. U.S. EMBASSY IN LONDON LIMITS VISA SERVICES THIS SUMMER AND EXPANDS VISA REISSUANCE

The U.S. Embassy in London has confirmed that visa services will be limited during July and August 2012 for all nonimmigrant visa categories, such as H-1B, L-1, E and F-1. Resources will be devoted instead to U.S. citizen services because of the 2012 Olympic Summer Games to be held in London from July 27, 2012 - August 12, 2012. The embassy encourages applicants to apply for visas during the spring and early summer as appointment availability cannot be guaranteed. The embassy also has requested that travelers register now for summer travel if they plan to enter the U.S. without a visa under the Visa Waiver Program and do not already have travel authorization approval under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA). Should ESTA registration be denied, individuals traveling to the U.S. will be required to attend a visa appointment and obtain a visa.

While summer nonimmigrant visa services will be limited, the Visa Reissuance Program in London has been expanded. The U.S. Embassy will issue visas to eligible H-1 work visa applicants and their H-4 derivatives who are in the United Kingdom and renewing a visa of the same classification that has expired in the last 12 months. Visa reissuance applicants will be able to submit a valid passport and application materials via courier and will normally not be required to attend a visa interview with a consular officer. For further information, please contact your FosterQuan immigration attorney.

2. USCIS ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF E-VERIFY SELF HELP

Recently USCIS has been promoting its E-Verify Self Check program which has now been rolled out nationwide. Individuals over 16 years of age can check in advance of applying for a job that the government's records reflect that he or she is employment eligible in the US. However, employers should be careful not to require employment applicants, new hires, or current employees to use Self Check or to require a positive Self Check result as a condition of employment. For more information, go to [Know Your Rights](#). The Self Check program for individuals should not be confused with the E-Verify program for employers. For more information on E-Verify, consult your FosterQuan attorney to analyze current operations and determine what current practices and procedures could be impacted by the decision to sign an E-Verify contract.