



EMAIL BULLETIN

THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 H-1B ADVANCED DEGREE EXEMPT VISA CAP OF 20,000 IS LIKELY TO BE REACHED THIS WEEK

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File Petitions NOW for Qualified Candidates Holding Masters or Higher Level Degrees from U.S. Universities

Each Fiscal Year 20,000 Advanced Degree Exempt H-1B visa numbers are made available for candidates who hold at least a U.S. Masters or higher level degree. To qualify for one of the exempt H-1B numbers, the candidate must hold an advanced degree from a U.S. college or university. Foreign degrees and degree equivalency evaluations are not acceptable for purposes of qualifying for the exemption.

As of April 10, 2007, the CIS reported that exempt H-1B numbers remained available. Because approximately 13,000 petitions seeking an exempt H-1B number were received by the CIS on April 2 and April 3, 2007, and additional petitions have been filed against the 20,000 Advanced Degree Exempt H-1B Cap in the two weeks since then, we can anticipate that the exempt numbers will be allocated and the 20,000 Advanced Degree Exempt H-1B Cap will be reached this week or next.

In order to maximize the opportunity to obtain one of these limited numbers that remain available, please contact your Tindall & Foster, P.C. immigration attorney immediately to initiate the H-1B petitioning process on behalf of qualified candidates.