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On September 19, 2025, the President issued a Proclamation, *Restriction on Entry of Certain Nonimmigrant Workers*, an important initial step to reform the H-1B nonimmigrant visa program. Under the Proclamation, new H-1B petitions filed at or after 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on September 21, 2025 must be accompanied by an additional \$100,000 payment as a condition of eligibility.

In accordance with section 1(c) of the Proclamation, for H-1B petitions subject to the Proclamation, petitioners must submit a copy of the proof of the payment from pay.gov or evidence of an exception from the fee from the Secretary of Homeland Security at the time of filing the H-1B petition. Petitions subject to the \$100,000 payment that are filed without evidence of payment or the grant of an exception will be denied.

For additional information on the requirements of the Proclamation and how to pay the \$100,000 payment, see the [H-1B Specialty Occupation Webpage](#).

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