

## UPDATE ON H-1B VISA NUMBERS

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The US Citizenship & Immigration Services recently announced that, as of May 24, 2005, it has received in excess of 6,390 H-1B Petitions towards the 20,000 additional H-1B visas provided for by the H-1B Visa Reform Act of 2004. As readers of [www.longchangonline.com](http://www.longchangonline.com) know, the H-1B Visa Reform Act (effective as of May 5, 2005) provided 20,000 H-1B visas for foreign workers with a Master's Degree (or higher) from a U.S. academic institution over and above the mandated 65,000 H-1B visa cap for fiscal year 2005 (October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005). For additional information on H-1B visas, please see our earlier articles on this subject.

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