

## **H-1B Advanced Degree Exemption Reached**

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The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services has announced that the H-1B cap exemption for 20,000 graduates of U.S. institutions of higher education with an advanced degree (master's or higher degree) has been reached. As background, Section 214(g)(5)(C) provides an exemption from the standard H-1B cap of 65,000 for up to 20,000 graduates of U.S. colleges or universities with master's or higher degrees. This announcement now that means that both the standard H-1B cap of 65,000 and the advanced degree exemption of 20,000 have been reached.

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