

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF NON-IMMIGRANT
STATUS IS NOT AUTOMATIC**



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Despite popular assumption, the request for an extension of an alien's non-immigrant status (such as F-1, H-1B, R-1, etc.) is not automatically approved by the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS). The USCIS officers adjudicating requests for extension of non-immigrant status can deny the request for a variety of reasons. These reasons include, but are not limited to, recognition of a material error in the previous petition's approval, a substantial change in circumstances, or new information that impacts the alien's or petitioner's eligibility for the requested non-immigrant status. For these reasons, it is imperative that an individual seeking to extend his or her non-immigrant status provide the USCIS with as much detailed information as possible evidencing not only their current eligibility for the requested non-immigrant status, but also the maintenance of their non-immigrant status since the approval of the previous petition. For additional information or assistance in seeking an extension of your non-immigrant status, contact our firm by phone at (336) 855-5700 or by email at info@longchangonline.com.

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