



Government Agencies Relating to Immigration

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Immigration-Related Agencies

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

- Adjudication
- Granting Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status
- Naturalization
- Asylum
- E-Verify

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- Legacy Border Patrol
- U.S. Customs Service
- Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Inspection

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- Enforcement and Removal Operations Division
- Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)
- Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS)
- Investigate:
 - Criminal networks
 - Workplace violations
 - Human trafficking and harboring
 - Visa abuse
 - Document fraud
 - Detention and removal
 - Protecting critical infrastructure industries which are vulnerable to sabotage
- Works closely with local and international law enforcement

Department of State (DOS) Immigration-Related Agencies

Bureau of Consular Affairs

U.S. Consulates Overseas

- Consular officers issue visas to foreign nationals

National Visa Center (NVC)

- Opened in 1994 as a permanent immigrant visa processing facility
- Processes approved immigrant visa petitions after they are received by USCIS until the case is ready for adjudication by a consular officer abroad



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Immigrant Visa Control and Reporting Division

- Manages the Visa Bulletin with priority dates for who is eligible to apply for lawful permanent resident (LPR) status

Kentucky Consular Center (KCC)

- Runs the Diversity Visa (DV) Lottery Program
- Petition Information Management System (PIMS) record of approved nonimmigrant visa petitions

Office of Visa Services (Visa Office)

- Issues opinions on points of law (not fact) in response to requests by consular officers or Request for Review by applicant or attorney

Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA)

- Mission to increase understanding between people of the U.S. and people of other countries via educational and cultural exchanges
- Host a number of programs including the J-1 exchange visitor program

Department of Labor (DOL) Immigration-Related Agencies

Employment and Training Administration (ETA)

- Federal job training and worker dislocation programs
- Federal grants to states for public employment service programs
- Unemployment insurance benefits
- Provides high quality job training, employment, labor market information, and income maintenance services, primarily through state and local workforce development systems

Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC)

- Offices in D.C., with national processing centers in Atlanta, and Chicago
- Processing of
 - Labor Condition Applications (LCAs) for H-1B Visas
 - Prevailing Wage Determinations (PWDs) for labor certification and certain nonimmigrant visas like H and E visas
 - Labor Certifications via the Program Electronic Review Management (PERM) program for employment-based immigrant visas

Wage and Hour Division (WHD)

- Handles compliance with labor standards to protect workers in the U.S.
- Investigate and enforce attestations made on LCAs (Form ETA-9035)
- Enforce Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act

Board of Alien Labor Certification and Appeals (BALCA)

- Accept appeals from U.S. employers whose PERM labor certification and PWD was denied or revoked



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Administrative Review Board (ARB)

- Adjudicates appeals from DOL administrative law judges
- Addresses immigration matters including:
 - Payment of H-1B back-wages
 - Seasonal and migrant worker issues
 - Federal construction and service contracts

Department of Justice (DOJ) Immigration-Related Agencies

Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR)

- Mission is to adjudicate immigration cases by fairly, expeditiously, and uniformly interpreting and administering the nation's immigration laws
- Includes the immigration courts and immigration judges (IJs) who adjudicate cases relating to detained or criminal foreign nationals, asylum, and relief from removal

Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)

- Hears appeals of IJ decisions and some DHS decisions

Office of the Chief Administrative Hearing Officer (OCAHO)

- Administrative law judges handle cases of employment verification law and unfair employment practices

Immigrant and Employee Rights Section (IER)

- Previously known as the Office of Special Counsel for Immigration-Related Unfair Employment Practices
- Part of the DOJ's Civil Rights Division
- Enforces the antidiscrimination provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA)
- Provide the public with Technical Assistance Letters (TALs) responding to inquiries about antidiscrimination provisions

Office of Immigration Litigation (OIL)

- Handles civil immigration litigation before Federal District and Appellate Courts
- Affirmative and defensive cases before the federal courts
- Responsible for nationwide coordination of immigration matters before Federal District Courts and Circuit Courts or Appeals