

## **H-1B Processing Times Increase - Premium Processing Remains Available**

USCIS processing times for H-1B petitions has slowed down significantly since the beginning of this year. USCIS indicates that the "normal" processing time for an H-1B petition is currently 3.5 - 5.5 months. Please take these increased processing times into account as you are preparing your H-1B requests and submit your petition requests as early as possible. Note that Premium Processing remains available for H-1B petitions submitted on behalf of cap-exempt employers, including the University of Michigan.

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