

Subj: **Re: USCIS Completes the H-1B Lottery for FY2018**  
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Dear Paul,

Thx u so much for your update and the wonderful job you have done

Best regards  
Jenny

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 9:51 AM, [PaulTShane@aol.com](mailto:PaulTShane@aol.com) wrote:

**USCIS Completes the H-1B Lottery for FY2018**

USCIS announced that on April 11, 2017, it used a computer-generated random selection process, or lottery, to select enough petitions to meet the 65,000 general-category cap and the 20,000 cap under the advanced degree exemption for FY2018. USCIS will reject and return all unselected petitions with their filing fees, unless the petition is found to be a duplicate filing. USCIS received 199,000 H-1B petitions during the filing period, which began on April 3. This number represents a 15.7 percent decrease from the 236,000 petitions that USCIS received during last year's filing period.

We will have to wait for Immigration to announce who has been selected in the lottery. Unfortunately, there is no Premium Processing this year (fast speed processing), so we will just have to wait it out.

Regards,

Paul

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