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FORM I-129CW
Instructions for Form I-129CW, Petition for a CNMI-Only
Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker
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Current Section and Page Number	Current Text	Proposed Text
Page 1, Who May File This Form?	4. All be requesting the same action in Part 2 of the Form I-129CW.	4. Are requesting the same action in questions 2 and 5 of Part 2 of Form I-129CW (Basis for Classification and Requested Action).
Page 2, General Filing Instructions	<p>The CW-1 classification is only available during the transition period. The transition period is the period beginning on the transition program effective date, November 28, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2014, unless the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program is extended by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.</p> <p>Employers may file petitions until December 31, 2014. However, the petitioner should file the petition as early as possible to ensure adjudication prior to December 31, 2014 as this is the expiration date of the CW program and all CW status. When filing the petition, an employer may not include more than one requested action on each petition (i.e. initial grant of CW-1 status, change of status, extension of status, or consular processing); doing so may result in delay of the petition.</p> <p>Basic Requirements. An employer must file the petition. The employer must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Form I-129CW, Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker. Complete all parts and make sure to write CW-1 in the requested classification block in Part 2. If requesting initial CW-1 status from within the CNMI, during the first 2 years of the transition period, list current CNMI status in any block requesting "Current Nonimmigrant Status". If an I-94 Number has not been issued, list current CNMI 	<p>The CW-1 classification is only available during the transition period. The transition period is the period beginning on the transition program effective date, November 28, 2009, and ending on December 31, 2019, unless the CNMI-Only Transitional Worker program is extended by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.</p> <p>Employers may file petitions until December 31, 2019. However, the petitioner should file the petition as early as possible to ensure adjudication prior to December 31, 2019 as this is the expiration date of the CW program and all CW status. When filing the petition, an employer may not include more than one requested action on each petition (i.e. initial grant of CW-1 status, change of status, extension of status, or consular processing); doing so may result in delay of the petition.</p> <p>Basic Requirements. An employer must file the petition. The employer must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete Form I-129CW, Petition for a CNMI-Only Nonimmigrant Transitional Worker. Complete all parts and make sure to write CW-1 in the requested classification block in Part 2. If requesting initial CW-1 status from within the CNMI, during the first 2 years of the transition period, list current CNMI status in any block requesting "Current Nonimmigrant Status." If an I-94 Number has not been issued, list current CNMI permit

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