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H-2B Petitioner's Employment-Related or Fee-Related Notification

Employment-Related Notifications to USCIS

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Petitioners of H-2B workers must notify USCIS within 2 workdays if any of the following occur:

- **No show:** The H-2B worker fails to report to work within 5 work days of the latter of:
 - The employment start date on the H-2B petition; or
 - The start date established by the employer;
- **Abscondment:** The H-2B worker leaves without notice and fails to report for work for a period of 5 consecutive workdays without the consent of the employer;
- **Termination:** The H-2B worker is terminated before completing the H-2B labor or services for which he or she was hired; or
- **Early Completion:** The H-2B worker finishes the labor or services for which he or she was hired more than 30 days earlier than the date specified in the H-2B petition.

Petitioners must include the following information in the employment-related notification:

1. The reason for the notification (for example, explain that the worker was either a “no show,” “absconder,” “termination,” or “early completion”);
2. The reason for untimely notification and evidence for good cause, if applicable;
3. The USCIS receipt number of the approved H-2B petition;
4. The petitioner’s information, including:

- Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Employer identification number (EIN)
5. The employer’s information (if different from that of the petitioner):
- Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
6. The H-2B worker’s information:
- Full Name
 - Date of birth
 - Place of birth
 - Last known physical address and phone number

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Note: USCIS defers to DOL’s definition of “workday.” According to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), this generally means the period of time on any particular day when an employee begins and ends his or her “principal activities.”

Additionally, to help USCIS identify the H-2B worker, submit the following for each H-2B worker, if available:

- Social Security number, and
- Visa number

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How do I notify USCIS?

Email or mail your notification to the USCIS Service Center that approved the I-129 petition. Although not required, email notification is strongly recommended to ensure timely notification.

California Service Center

By email: CSC-X.H-2Babs@uscis.dhs.gov

By mail:

California Service Center

Attn: BCU Section
P.O. Box 30050
Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-3004

Vermont Service Center

By email: VSC.H2BABS@uscis.dhs.gov

By mail:

Vermont Service Center
Attn: BCU ACD
38 River Road
Essex Junction, VT 05479-0001

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A petitioner, agent, facilitator, recruiter, or similar employment service is prohibited from collecting a job placement fee or other compensation (either direct or indirect) at any time from a noncitizen H-2B worker as a condition of employment.

Petitioners may avoid denial or revocation of their H-2B petitions if they notify USCIS that they obtained information concerning the beneficiary's payment of (or agreement to pay) a prohibited fee or compensation to any agent, facilitator, recruiter, or similar employment service only after they filed their H-2B petition. This narrow exception does not apply, however, where a petitioner knew or should have known at the time of the filing of its H-2B petition that the prospective worker had paid (or agreed to pay) such recruitment-related fees to any such persons or entities.

Petitioners must notify USCIS of an H-2A worker's payment or agreement to pay prohibited fees to a recruiter, facilitator, or similar employment service within 2 workdays of gaining knowledge of such payment or agreement.

Petitioners must include the following information in the fee-related notification:

1. The reason for the notification;
2. The USCIS receipt number of the approved H-2B petition;
3. The petitioner's information
 - o Name;
 - o Address
 - o Phone number
4. The employer's information (if different from that of the petitioner):
 - o Name
 - o Address
 - o Phone number
5. Information about the recruiter, facilitator, or placement service to which the beneficiaries paid or agreed to pay the prohibited fees:
 - o Name
 - o Address

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California Service Center

By email: CSC.H2BFee@uscis.dhs.gov

By mail:

California Service Center

Attn: H-2B Fee

P.O. Box 10695

Laguna Niguel, CA 92607-1095

Vermont Service Center

By email: VSC.H2BPROPLACEMENT@uscis.dhs.gov

By mail:

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Attn: BCU ACD

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H-2A Petitioner's Employment-Related or Fee-Related Notification

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 - The start date established by the employer;
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- **Early Completion:** The H-2A worker finishes the labor or services for which he or she was hired more than 30 days earlier than the date specified in the H-2A petition.

Petitioners must include the following information on the employment-related notification:

1. The reason for the notification (for example, explain that the worker was either a “no show,” “absconder,” “termination,” or “early completion”);
2. The reason for untimely notification and evidence for good cause, if applicable;
3. The USCIS receipt number of the approved H-2A petition;
4. The petitioner’s information, including:
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
 - Employer identification number (EIN)
5. The employer’s information (if different from that of the petitioner):
 - Name
 - Address
 - Phone number
6. The H-2A worker’s information:
 - Full Name
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Additionally, to help USCIS identify the H-2A worker, submit the following for each H-2A worker, if available:

- Social Security number
- Visa number

Failure to Notify USCIS: A petitioner who fails to comply with these employment notification requirements, or fails to demonstrate good cause for untimely notification, may be required to pay \$10 in liquidated damages for each instance of noncompliance.

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 - o Name
 - o Address
 - o Phone number
4. The employer's information (if different from that of the petitioner):
 - o Name
 - o Address
 - o Phone number
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 - o Address

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