



# Instructions for Nonimmigrant Petition Based on Blanket L Petition

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS  
**Form I-129S**  
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## What Is the Purpose of Form I-129S?

This petition is for an employer (petitioner) to classify an employee (beneficiary) as an L-1 nonimmigrant intracompany transferee under a blanket L petition (LZ) approval.

## Who May File Form I-129S?

A petitioner with an approved blanket L-1 petition may file Form I-129S to classify a beneficiary, who is outside the United States, as an executive, manager, or specialized knowledge professional.

If the beneficiary is in the United States and a petitioner is requesting a change of status or extension of stay for that beneficiary, the petitioner should file Form I-129S **with** Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker.

## General Instructions

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) provides forms free of charge through the USCIS website. In order to view, print, or fill out our forms, you should use the latest version of Adobe Reader, which you can download for free at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>. If you do not have Internet access, you may call the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** and ask that we mail a form to you. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**Signature.** Each petition must be properly signed and filed. For all signatures on this petition, USCIS will not accept a stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature.

**Validity of Signatures.** USCIS will consider a photocopied, faxed, or scanned copy of the original, handwritten signature valid for filing purposes. The photocopy, fax, or scan must be of the original document containing the handwritten, ink signature.

**Filing Fee.** See Form G-1055, available at [www.uscis.gov/forms](http://www.uscis.gov/forms), for specific information about the fees applicable to this form.

**Evidence.** At the time of filing, you must submit all evidence and supporting documents listed in the **What Evidence Must You Submit** and/or **Specific Instructions** sections of these Instructions.

**Biometric Services Appointment.** USCIS may require that you appear for an interview or provide biometrics (fingerprints, photograph, and/or signature) at any time to verify your identity, obtain additional information, and conduct background and security checks, including a check of criminal history records maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), before making a decision on your application or petition. After USCIS receives your petition and ensures it is complete, we will inform you in writing if you need to attend a biometric services appointment. If an appointment is necessary, the notice will provide you the location of your local or designated USCIS Application Support Center (ASC) and the date and time of your appointment or, if you are currently overseas, instruct you to contact a U.S. Embassy, U.S. Consulate, or USCIS office outside the United States to set up an appointment.

If you are required to provide biometrics, at your appointment you must sign an oath reaffirming that:

1. You provided or authorized all information in the petition;
2. You reviewed and understood all of the information contained in, and submitted with, your petition; and
3. All of this information was complete, true, and correct at the time of filing.

If you fail to attend your biometric services appointment, USCIS may deny your petition.

**Copies.** You should submit legible photocopies of documents requested, unless the Instructions specifically state that you must submit an original document. USCIS may request an original document at the time of filing or at any time during processing of an application, petition, or request. If USCIS requests an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**NOTE:** If you submit original documents when not required or requested by USCIS, **your original documents may be immediately destroyed after we receive them.**

**Translations.** If you submit a document with information in a foreign language, you must also submit a full English translation. The translator must sign a certification that the English language translation is complete and accurate, and that he or she is competent to translate from the foreign language into English. The certification must include the translator's signature. DHS recommends the certification contain the translator's name, the signature date, and the translator's contact information.

## How To Fill Out Form I-129S

1. Type or print legibly in black ink.
2. If you need extra space to complete any item within this petition, use the space provided in **Part 10. Additional Information** or attach a separate sheet of paper; type or print the beneficiary's name and Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number, and Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.
3. Answer all questions fully and accurately. If a question does not apply to you (for example, if the beneficiary has never been married and the question asks "Provide the name of your current spouse"), type or print "N/A" unless otherwise directed. If the answer to a question which requires a numeric response is zero or none (for example, "How many children do you have" or "How many times have you departed the United States"), type or print "None" unless otherwise directed.

## Specific Instructions

### Part 1. Information About The Employer (Petitioner)

**Item Number 1. Name of Petitioning Organization.** Provide the full legal name of the company or organization (petitioner) that is petitioning for classification of an employee (beneficiary) as an L-1A (Manager or Executive) or L-1B (Specialized Knowledge) professional nonimmigrant.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 3. Petitioner's Mailing Address.** Provide the U.S. mailing address for the petitioner. Also indicate whether the sponsoring company or organization's mailing address is the same as its physical address.

**Item Numbers 4.a. - 4.e. Petitioner's Physical Address.** Provide the U.S. physical address for the petitioner.

**Item Numbers 5. - 8. Petitioner's Contact Information.** Provide the petitioner's telephone and fax numbers as well as the business email and website addresses (if any).

**Item Numbers 9. - 10. Petitioner's Employees in the United States.** Indicate whether the petitioner employs more than 50 individuals in the United States and if more than half of those employees (50 percent) are in H-1B, L-1A, or L-1B nonimmigrant status.

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## Part 2. Information About the Proposed Position and Prior Periods of Stay in the United States

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.b. Proposed Employment.** Select the appropriate box to indicate the nature of the beneficiary's position or proposed employment in the United States if the petition to classify the beneficiary is approved.

**Item Numbers 2.a. - 2.b. Dates of Proposed Employment.** Provide the beneficiary's dates of proposed employment.

**Item Numbers 3.a. - 6. Prior Periods of Stay in the United States.** If the beneficiary was previously in the United States in a work-authorized capacity during the last seven years, provide the dates of employment and the beneficiary's nonimmigrant status.

## Part 3. Information About the Beneficiary

**Item Number 1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any).** Provide the beneficiary's A-Number (if any). The beneficiary's A-Number is the number used to identify if USCIS already has any immigration records for the beneficiary.

**Item Number 2. USCIS Online Account Number (if any).** If you have previously filed an application or petition using the USCIS online filing system (previously called USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS)), provide the USCIS Online Account Number you were issued by the system. You can find your USCIS Online Account Number by logging in to your account and going to the profile page. If you previously filed certain applications or petitions on a paper form through a USCIS Lockbox facility, you may have received a USCIS Online Account Access Notice issuing you a USCIS Online Account Number. You may find your USCIS Online Account Number at the top of the notice. The USCIS Online Account Number is not the same as an A-Number. If you were issued a USCIS Online Account Number, enter it in the space provided.

**Item Number 3. U.S. Social Security Number (if any).** Provide the beneficiary's U.S. Social Security number.

**Item Numbers 4.a. - 4.c. Beneficiary's Full Name.** Provide the beneficiary's full legal name.

**Item Numbers 5.a. - 5.c. Other Names Used.** Provide all other names the beneficiary has ever used, including aliases, maiden name and nicknames.

**Item Numbers 6.a. - 7. Beneficiary's Foreign Mailing Address.** Provide the beneficiary's foreign mailing address. Also indicate whether the beneficiary's foreign mailing address is the same as his or her foreign physical address.

**Item Numbers 8.a. - 8.f. Beneficiary's Foreign Physical Address.** Provide the beneficiary's foreign physical address.

**Item Number 9. Date of Birth.** Provide the beneficiary's date of birth in mm/dd/yyyy format.

**Item Number 10. Gender.** Indicate whether the beneficiary is a male or female.

**Item Numbers 11. - 13. Place of Birth.** Provide the name of the city or town, province or state, and country where the beneficiary was born.

**Item Number 14. Country of Citizenship or Nationality.** Provide the country where the beneficiary is currently a citizen or national. If the beneficiary does not have citizenship in any country, indicate "stateless."

## Part 4. Information About the Proposed United States Employment

**Item Number 1. Blanket L Petition Receipt Number.** Provide the receipt number for the approved blanket L petition upon which this petition is based.

**Item Number 2. Forms Filed with Form I-129S.** Indicate whether you are filing Form I-129 with this petition.

**Item Numbers 3.a. - 3.e. Proposed Employment Address for the Beneficiary.** Provide the U.S. address where the beneficiary will perform work as an L-1A or L-1B professional nonimmigrant.

**Item Numbers 4. - 6. Wages and Hours of Proposed Employment.** Provide the wages per year the beneficiary will receive and the number of hours the beneficiary will work each week for the proposed employment. Also describe any other compensation the beneficiary will receive, including dollar value (if applicable).

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**Item Numbers 7. - 8. Proposed Job Title and Duties.** Provide the job title the beneficiary will hold and the duties he or she will perform while in the United States. Also indicate how much time the beneficiary will spend performing those duties on a daily basis.

**Item Numbers 9. - 11. Primary Worksite.** If the beneficiary will perform work as an L-1B specialized knowledge professional, indicate whether the beneficiary will work primarily offsite and, if yes, who will supervise and control the beneficiary's work and the amount of time they will spend overseeing the beneficiary's work. Also, explain how the beneficiary's specialized knowledge is related to the petitioner and how the offsite placement is not an arrangement to provide "labor for hire."

## **Part 5. Information About Foreign Employment**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 1.c. Qualifying Foreign Position.** Select the appropriate box to indicate the nature of the beneficiary's qualifying position while working for a qualifying foreign employer for the requisite one continuous year out of three years. Visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/l-1-intracompany-transferee/l-1-visa](http://www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/l-1-intracompany-transferee/l-1-visa) for more information.

**Item Numbers 2. - 3.f. Qualifying Foreign Employer Name and Address.** Provide the foreign addresses where the beneficiary worked for a qualifying foreign employer for the required one continuous year out of three years.

**Item Numbers 4. - 13. Other Information About the Beneficiary's Foreign Employment.** Provide the job titles the beneficiary held while working for the qualifying foreign employer, the dates of such employment, the duties he or she performed during the required one continuous year out of three years, the wages he or she earned per year, and the hours he or she worked per week.

## **Part 6. Certification Regarding the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States**

**Item Numbers 1. - 2.** Indicate whether the petitioner must obtain a license to release technology or technical data to the beneficiary. For a description of the requirements based on the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and the International Traffic In Arms Regulations (ITAR), see the **Certification Pertaining to the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States** section in these Instructions.

## **Part 7. Statement, Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Petitioner or Authorized Signatory**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 8.b.** Select the appropriate box to indicate whether you read this petition yourself or whether you had an interpreter assist you. If someone assisted you in completing the petition, select the box indicating that you used a preparer. Further, you (the petitioner) must personally sign and date your petition and provide your daytime telephone number, mobile telephone number (if any), and email address (if any). Every petition **MUST** contain the signature of the petitioner. An electronic reproduction of an original, handwritten, ink signature, (such as a scan or fax) is acceptable. An electronically generated signature or a stamped or typewritten name in place of an original signature is not acceptable. Please note that if the petitioner is a corporation or other legal entity, the signatory of the petition must be authorized to sign on behalf of such entity, (for example, must be an individual with authority to legally bind the entity.) If the signatory is an outside agent or attorney of the petitioner, he or she may only sign the petition on the petitioner's behalf if authorized to act on the petitioner's behalf through a written Power of Attorney.

## **Part 8. Interpreter's Contact Information, Certification, and Signature**

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 7.b.** If you used anyone as an interpreter to read the Instructions and questions on this petition to you in a language in which you are fluent, the interpreter must fill out this section, provide his or her name, the name and address of his or her business or organization (if any), his or her daytime telephone number, his or her mobile telephone number (if any), and his or her email address (if any). The interpreter must sign and date the petition.

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## Part 9. Contact Information, Declaration, and Signature of the Person Preparing this Petition, if Other Than the Petitioner

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 8.b.** This section must contain the signature of the person who completed your petition, if other than you, the petitioner. If the same individual acted as your interpreter **and** your preparer, that person should complete both **Part 8.** and **Part 9.** If the person who completed this petition is associated with a business or organization, that person should complete the business or organization name and address information. Anyone who helped you prepare this petition **MUST** sign and date the petition. A stamped or typewritten name in place of a signature is not acceptable. If the person who helped you prepare your petition is an attorney or accredited representative, he or she may also need to submit a completed Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, or Form G-28I, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney In Matters Outside the Geographical Confines of the United States, along with your petition.

## Part 10. Additional Information

**Item Numbers 1.a. - 7.d.** If you, the petitioner, need extra space to provide any additional information within this petition, use the space provided in **Part 10. Additional Information.** If you need more space than what is provided in **Part 10.,** you may make copies of **Part 10.** to complete and file with your petition, or attach a separate sheet of paper. Type or print the beneficiary's name and A-Number (if any) at the top of each sheet; indicate the **Page Number, Part Number,** and **Item Number** to which your answer refers; and sign and date each sheet.

We recommend that you print or save a copy of your completed petition to review in the future and for your records.

## What Evidence Must You Submit?

You must submit all evidence requested in these Instructions with your petition. If you fail to submit required evidence, USCIS may reject or deny your petition for failure to submit requested evidence in accordance with 8 CFR 103.2(b)(1) and these Instructions.

You must file your petition with the following documents:

1. A copy of the approval notice for the blanket L petition; and
2. A letter from the beneficiary's foreign qualifying employer detailing the beneficiary's dates of employment, job duties, qualifications, and salary. The letter must also show that the beneficiary worked for the employer for at least the required one continuous year out of three years in an executive, managerial, or specialized knowledge professional capacity. Visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/l-1-intracompany-transferee/l-1-visa](http://www.uscis.gov/eir/visa-guide/l-1-intracompany-transferee/l-1-visa) for more information about the one continuous year out of three years **requirement.**

## Where To File?

Please see our website at [www.uscis.gov/I-129S](http://www.uscis.gov/I-129S) or call our National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283** for the most current information about where to file this petition. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833.**

**Beneficiaries Who Must Obtain a Nonimmigrant Visa Overseas.** If the beneficiary requires a nonimmigrant visa, he or she should present the completed or previously approved petition at a U.S. Embassy or a U.S. Consulate abroad.

**Beneficiaries in the United States Who Choose to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status.** If the beneficiary is in the United States and would like to extend or change nonimmigrant status, file this petition at the USCIS service center that approved the blanket L petition along with Form I-129.



**Citizens of Canada under NAFTA.** Petitioners who seek L-1 classification for citizens of Canada under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) may also have the beneficiary present Form I-129S to a CBP officer in conjunction with an application for admission. The beneficiary may do this at either:

1. A “Class A” port-of-entry located on the U.S./Canada land border; or
2. A U.S. pre-clearance/pre-flight inspection station in Canada.

### **Certification Pertaining to the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States**

**U.S. Export Controls on the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons.** The Export Administration Regulations (EAR) (15 CFR Parts 770-774) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR Parts 120-130) require U.S. persons to seek and receive authorization from the U.S. Government before releasing to foreign persons in the United States controlled technology or technical data. Under both the EAR and the ITAR, release of controlled technology or technical data to foreign persons in the United States, even by an employer, is deemed as an export to that person’s country or countries of citizenship or nationality. One implication of this rule is that a U.S. company must seek and receive a license from the U.S. Government before it releases controlled technology or technical data to its nonimmigrant workers employed as L-1 beneficiaries.

**Requirement to Certify Compliance with U.S. Export Control Regulations.** The U.S. Government requires each company or other entity to certify that it has reviewed the EAR and ITAR and determine whether it will require a U.S. Government export license to release controlled technology or technical data to the beneficiary. If an export license is required, then the company or other entity must further certify that it will not release or otherwise provide access to controlled technology or technical data to the beneficiary until it has received from the U.S. Government the required authorization to do so. The petitioner must indicate whether or not a license is required on **Part 6. Certification Regarding the Release of Controlled Technology or Technical Data to Foreign Persons in the United States.**

**Controlled Technology and Technical Data.** The licensing requirements described above will affect only a small percentage of petitioners because most types of technology are not controlled for export or release to foreign persons. The technology and technical data that are, however, controlled for export or release to foreign persons are identified on the EAR’s Commerce Control List (CCL) and the ITAR’s U.S. Munitions List (USML). The CCL is found at 15 CFR 774, Supp. 1 and [www.access.gpo.gov/bis/ear/ear\\_data.html#ccl](http://www.access.gpo.gov/bis/ear/ear_data.html#ccl). The USML is at 22 CFR 121.1 and [www.pmddtc.state.gov/regulations\\_laws/itar.html](http://www.pmddtc.state.gov/regulations_laws/itar.html). The EAR-controlled technology on the CCL generally pertains to that which is for the production, development, or use of what are generally known as “dual-use” items. The ITAR-controlled technical data on the USML generally pertains to that which is directly related to defense articles.

The U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) administers the CCL and is responsible for issuing licenses for the release to foreign persons of technology controlled under the EAR. The U.S. Department of State’s Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) administers the USML and is responsible for issuing licenses for the release to foreign persons of technical data controlled under the ITAR. Information about the EAR and how to apply for a license from BIS are at [www.bis.doc.gov](http://www.bis.doc.gov). Specific information about EAR’s requirements pertaining to the release of controlled technology to foreign persons is at [www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/deemed-exports](http://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/deemed-exports). Information about the ITAR and how to apply for a license from DDTC are at [www.pmddtc.state.gov](http://www.pmddtc.state.gov). Specific information about the ITAR’s requirements pertaining to the release of controlled technical data is at [www.pmddtc.state.gov/faqs/license\\_foreignpersons.html](http://www.pmddtc.state.gov/faqs/license_foreignpersons.html).

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## Address Change

A petitioner or beneficiary who is not a U.S. citizen must notify USCIS of his or her new address within 10 days of moving from his or her previous residence. For information on filing a change of address, go to the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov/addresschange](http://www.uscis.gov/addresschange) or contact the USCIS National Customer Service Center at **1-800-375-5283**. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

**NOTE:** Do not submit a change of address request to the USCIS Lockbox facilities because the Lockbox does not process change of address requests.

## Processing Information

You must have a United States address to file this petition.

**Initial Processing.** Once USCIS accepts your petition, we will check it for completeness. If you do not completely fill out this petition, you will not establish a basis for your eligibility and USCIS may reject or deny your petition.

**Requests for More Information.** USCIS may request that you provide more information or evidence to support your petition. We may also request that you provide the originals of any copies you submit. If we request an original document from you, it will be returned to you after USCIS determines it no longer needs your original.

**Requests for Interview.** We may request that you appear at a USCIS office for an interview based on your petition. At the time of any interview or other appearance at a USCIS office, we may require that you provide your biometrics to verify your identity and/or update background and security checks.

**Decision.** The decision on Form I-129S involves a determination of whether you have established eligibility for the immigration benefit you are seeking. USCIS will notify you of the decision in writing.

## USCIS Forms and Information

To ensure you are using the latest version of this petition, visit the USCIS website at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) where you can obtain the latest USCIS forms and immigration-related information. If you do not have internet access, you may order USCIS forms by calling the USCIS Contact Center at **1-800-375-5283**. The USCIS Contact Center provides information in English and Spanish. For TTY (deaf or hard of hearing) call: **1-800-767-1833**.

Instead of waiting in line for assistance at your local USCIS office, you can schedule an appointment online at [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov). Select “Tools,” then under “Self Service Tools,” select “Appointments” and follow the screen prompts to set up your appointment. Once you finish scheduling an appointment, the system will generate an appointment notice for you.

## Penalties

If you knowingly and willfully falsify or conceal a material fact or submit a false document with your Form I-129S, we will deny your Form I-129S and may deny any other immigration benefit. In addition, you will face severe penalties provided by law and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

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## DHS Privacy Notice

**AUTHORITIES:** The information requested on this petition, and the associated evidence, is collected under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), 8 U.S.C. sections 1103, 1184 and 1202, and 8 CFR parts 103 and 214. Additionally, Public Law 114-113, requires the collection of information regarding the number of H-1B and L-1 employees in the United States.

**PURPOSE:** The primary purpose for providing the requested information on this petition is to request classification of alien employees as L-1 nonimmigrant intracompany transferees under a previously approved blanket L petition. DHS uses the information you provide to grant or deny the immigration benefit you are seeking.

**DISCLOSURE:** The information you provide is voluntary. However, failure to provide the requested information, including the beneficiary's Social Security number (if applicable), and any requested evidence, may delay a final decision or result in denial of your petition.

**ROUTINE USES:** DHS may share the information you provide on this petition and any additional requested evidence with other Federal, state, local, and foreign government agencies and authorized organizations. DHS follows approved routine uses described in the associated published system of records notices [DHS/USCIS-001 - Alien File, Index, and National File Tracking System, DHS/USCIS-007 - Benefits Information System, and DHS/CBP-011 U.S. Customs and Border Protection TEC] and the published privacy impact assessments [DHS/USCIS/PIA-016a Computer Linked Application Information Management System and Associated Systems and DHS/CBP/PIA-009 TECS System: CBP Primary and Secondary Processing] which you can find at [www.dhs.gov/privacy](http://www.dhs.gov/privacy). DHS may also share this information, as appropriate, for law enforcement purposes or in the interest of national security.

## Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at 2.817 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering the required documentation and information, completing the petition, preparing statements, attaching necessary documentation, and submitting the petition. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Coordination Division, Office of Policy and Strategy, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mail Stop #2140, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009; OMB No. 1615-0010. **Do not mail your completed Form I-129S to this address.**