H-1B VISA PROCESSING FLOWCHART



University of Illinois Host Department:

Submits H-1B request to ISSS

Timeline:

Varies by department



ISSS

International Student & Scholar Services:

Reviews H-1B request

Timeline:

2 weeks



ISSS

International Student & Scholar Services:

Submits a Prevailing Wage Determination request to the U.S. Department of Labor

Timeline:

6 months or more



ISSS

ISSS:

Files a Labor Condition Application (LCA) with the U.S. Department of Labor

Timeline:

7 business days



UI Host Department:

Posts LCA notice in two conspicuous locations

Timeline:

10 business days





University of Illinois Host Department:

- Completes and returns LCA notice
- Arranges meeting with ISSS to prepare H-1B petition for submission to U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS)

Timeline:

1-2 weeks (varies by department)





U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services:

Receives and reviews H-1B petition

Timeline:

15 days (premium processing) 8 months (regular processing)





Prospective H-1B Employee (if abroad):

Schedules visa interview with U.S. Embassy or Consulate

Timeline:

Approximately 1-14 days (timeline varies by country)





U.S. Embassy or Consulate (if employee is abroad):

- Conducts visa interview
- Issues visa stamp, if approved

Timeline:

Approximately 1-7 days (timeline varies by country)



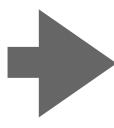


If Security Clearance is needed:

U.S. Department of State conducts security check

Timeline:

Approximately 4-8 weeks (could be longer)



Clearance

denied

STOPVisa denied





Prospective H-1B Employee:

- Travels to U.S. and clears customs (if abroad)
- Checks in with host department and ISSS upon arrival

Timeline:

Several weeks (timeline varies by individual)





International Student and Scholar Services:

Reviews visa documents at check-in

Timeline:

1 hour



*Note: processing times are approximate and are subject to change