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Immigration News Update

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USCIS Updates H-1B Cap Count

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Service updated its H-1B cap count on May 28, 2010. Here are the numbers:

Regular H-1B Cap: 20,800

U.S. Masters H-1B Cap: 8,700

The H-1B numbers are moving very slowly this year. Employers can continue to file new H-1B cases for their foreign professional employees.

We will provide additional updates on www.bashyamspiro.com.

USCIS Issues Revised Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

[U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#) announced that it has revised the Employment Authorization Document (EAD), or Form I-766, to incorporate the addition of a machine-readable zone on the back of the card.

Starting May 11, USCIS began issuing the revised EAD cards. USCIS also removed the two-dimensional bar code on the backside of the card and moved the informational box of text beneath the magnetic stripe on the card. The revised card retains all of its existing security features.

Our office believes that fee increases should be followed by improvements in service. As this has not occurred in the past following fee increases, we doubt it will happen now. If anything, increasing fees in a slow economy will just result in few applications and revenues for the USCIS.

To view the proposed new filing fees, please click [HERE](#). We will provide additional updates on www.bashyamspiro.com.

Latest Bashyam Spiro Blog Post

In our latest *Immigration-Meditation* blog post, Bashyam Spiro's Managing Partner, Murali Bashyam, describes how people who have dedicated their lives to helping others and a line from the classic film, *It's A Wonderful Life*, inspired him to establish mutually beneficial relationships with friends and organizations worldwide to create a [non-profit organization](#) dedicated to providing the support necessary for people and communities to help themselves.

Learn more about how [Friends Unite](#) to make a difference by reading this inspirational blog post at: <http://www.bashyamspiro.com/immigration-meditation/>

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