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IMMIGRATION TODAY.

TURN TO PAGE TWO FOR THE LATEST FEATURED IMMIGRATION NEWS ARTICLES. THIS MONTH'S EDITION FEATURES AN ARTICLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTING ON THE 15-YEAR HIGH OF IMMIGRANTS BECOMING U.S. CITIZENS, AN ARTICLE FROM FORBES REVIEWING IMMIGRATION IN 2022, AND AN ARTICLE FROM AXIOS SHOWCASING THE U.S. CITIES WHERE IMMIGRANTS ARE MOVING A THRIVING.

USCIS & MORE.

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ALG UPDATES.

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Immigration Today



Swapnil Bhagwat

This Land Becomes Their Land. New U.S. Citizens Hit a 15-Year High

Miriam Jordan

"Nearly one million immigrants became Americans in 2022 after the pandemic delayed the process and prevented hundreds of thousands of people from voting in the 2020 election."

(Read More Here)

U.S. Immigration-2022 Year In Review

Andy J. Semotiuk

"According to the most recent Vintage 2022 population estimates released a few days ago, net international migration added more than a million people to the U.S. population between July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022. Mexico, China, India, the Philippines, and Vietnam provided most of the immigrants. During the fiscal year of 2022, just over 25,000 refugees were admitted to the United States."

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Dari Ili



Pedro Lastra

First look: The U.S. cities where immigrants are moving and thriving

Stef W. Kight

"Immigrants already in the U.S. who decide to move are disproportionately heading for Sun Belt metros, according to a new study by the Bush Institute."

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THE UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES

Announcements, Articles, and All Things Immigration



Fabian Fauth

USCIS UPDATES POLICY
TO AUTOMATICALLY
EXTEND GREEN CARDS
FOR NATURALIZATION
APPLICANTS

Release Date - 12/09/2022

"Effective Dec. 12, 2022, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is updating the USCIS Policy Manual to allow USCIS to automatically extend the validity of Permanent Resident Cards (commonly called Green Cards) for lawful permanent residents who have applied for naturalization."

[\(Read more here.\)](#)

OPTIONS FOR
NONIMMIGRANT
WORKERS FOLLOWING
TERMINATION OF
EMPLOYMENT

Release Date - 12/19/2022

"U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) is providing information for nonimmigrant workers whose employment has terminated, either voluntarily or involuntarily. These workers may have several options for remaining in the United States in a period of authorized stay based on existing rules and regulations."

[\(Read more here.\)](#)

DHS AND DOL
ANNOUNCE
AVAILABILITY OF
ADDITIONAL H-2B VISAS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Release Date - 12/12/2022

"WASHINGTON— The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Labor (DOL) are issuing a temporary final rule that makes available 64,716 additional H-2B temporary nonagricultural worker visas for fiscal year (FY) 2023."

[\(Read more here.\)](#)

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NEWS

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the most adventurous thing you've done in the past year, and what do you hope to cross off your list in the new year?

ALG OFFICE UPDATES

Normal operations will resume and there are no plans for office closures in the foreseeable future

As we continue to operate as a hybrid team, we encourage you to schedule an in-person meeting in advance if you wish to meet with a member of our team in person. This ensures we can accommodate your request and allows up to prepare for your visit.

AUSTIN MONTHLY FEATURE

Austin Monthly has listed Mehron Azarmehr as one of Austin's TOP Attorneys for 2022. A yearly award nominated by peers and featured online and issued in magazine.



Our family here at Azarmehr Law Group (ALG) wishes you and your loved ones a healthy and happy New Year!

**As the Holiday Season Comes to a Close,
H-1B Cap Season Approaches!**

Are you checking at this time to see if you have any employees you are considering registering for the upcoming H-1B Visa Cap Season?

Since 2020, USCIS has implemented an electronic registration process for the H-1B Cap. The H-1B cap is a numerical limit placed on the number of foreign workers authorized to work in the United States annually under H-1B status. Under this electronic registration process, prospective petitioners (also known as registrants), who are seeking to employ H-1B workers subject to the cap, will complete a registration process that requires only basic information and pay the associated \$10 H-1B registration fee for each prospective beneficiary.

USCIS will open an initial registration period for a minimum of 14 calendar days each fiscal year. The H-1B selection process will then be run on properly submitted electronic registrations, and only those with selected registrations will be eligible to file H-1B cap-subject petitions. Selections will take place after the initial registration period closes. Last year, the initial registration period opened at 12 P.M. (EST) on March 1 and run through 12 P.M. (EST) on March 18.

Contact us today if you are needing assistance with registering any of your employees, or if you have any questions or concerns regarding this process.

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