

# Premium Processing Begins for Remaining H-1B Cap-Subject Petitions on June 10, 2019



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[Per its announcement on June 7](#), USCIS started accepting premium processing requests for all remaining FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petitions on June 10, 2019. This allows petitioners to file Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service with the service center processing their cap-subject H-1B petition. Previously, USCIS accepted premium processing requests only for FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petitions requesting a change of status.

On March 19, [USCIS announced](#) it would offer premium processing requests in a *two-phase* approach for the FY 2020 cap season to “best manage the premium processing requests without fully suspending it as in previous years.” The *first phase* allowed premium processing for FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petitions requesting a change of status. The *second phase* now allows premium processing for all other FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petitions.

Initially starting April 1, FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petitioners requesting a change of status on their Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker could request premium processing by concurrently filing Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service with the petition. However, USCIS would not begin premium processing for these petitions until [May 20, 2019](#). Petitioners who did not file Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service concurrently with an FY 2020 cap-subject H-1B petition requesting a change of status had to wait until premium processing began on May 20 to submit Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing

Service.

## **Prepaid Mailer Temporary Suspension:**

From June 10 to June 24, USCIS will not use prepaid self-addressed return mailers to return final notices for premium processing for FY 2020 cap-subject petitions that do not request a change of status. USCIS claims “using pre-paid mailers requires a separate and more time-consuming manual process” while use of “regular mailer is fully automated.”

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