



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY - SAN ANTONIO

International Affairs

## **What is the OIA's availability?**

The Office of International Affairs will continue to remain open under its normal operating hours (Monday thru Friday, 8am-5pm) or until further notice. Should there be changes delivery of immigration services, we will immediately communicate to you via email on any changes.

## **What if I am off campus and cannot come to campus?**

You are encouraged to contact the Office of International Affairs with questions or concerns. Our direct number is (210) 784-1309. If you would prefer to email us, please send your email to both [mcervantes@tamusa.edu](mailto:mcervantes@tamusa.edu) and [smedel@tamusa.edu](mailto:smedel@tamusa.edu). If you prefer a face-to-face remote meeting, a WebEx meeting is also an option. Simply let us know and we will accommodate your request.

## **Will working remotely from home violate the terms of my H-1B visa status?**

An individual on H-1b visa status working in the same capacity and within typical commuting distance of the work location as reported on the original petition will not be in violation.

## **What if I currently have a petition in progress or will need a petition in the near future?**

The Office of International Affairs will continue to provide immigration related services as before. Petitions will be timely submitted to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as long as the USCIS remains open and accepts petitions. If you currently have a petition in progress, or will need a petition in the near future, the Office of International Affairs will communicate with you via email or phone to inform you of the status of your paperwork or, to request additional information from you if needed.

## **What if I need to provide documents for my petition?**

You can scan your documents. However, keep in mind there may be times an original document or signature may be required. If this is the case, you may be required to either drop off your documents at our office, or mail them to our office at:

Office of International  
Affairs One University Way  
Madla Building, Suite 309  
San Antonio, TX 78224



## Are Premium Processing services still available?

As of today's date, premium processing is still available. However, USCIS will now issue premium processing decisions (approvals, denials, requests for evidence) in 15 business days rather than 15 calendar days.

## Can I still apply for an H-1B?

The new Proclamation from the Trump administration suspends the issuance of visas for those seeking *entry* to the United States under the H-1b, H-2, J-1 and L-1 visa. The new proclamation should not have any effect on a person who is already in the U.S. and is trying to change their status to H-1B or trying to extend their current H-1B status.

## Are filing fees for certain petitions going up?

Effective October 2, 2020, new filing fees will be implemented by the USCIS to help meet their operation needs. See table below for fee updates:

Visa Category	Current Fee	New Fee
H-1B	\$460	\$555
O-1	\$460	\$705
TN	\$460	\$695
EAD (OPT)	\$410	\$550

## Where can I find updates from USCIS?

You may find updates from USCIS at [uscis.gov/coronavirus](https://uscis.gov/coronavirus).

## What if circumstances change in visa processing at the USCIS?

The Office of International Affairs will communicate with you updates or in the event of potential changes in our office service delivery.

