

There are two types of visas available to foreign workers, the non-immigrant (**H1B**) visa and the immigrant (**EB3**-Employment Based) visa.

**TIMETABLE FOR IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESSING FOR PERSONNEL
FOR FOREIGN NURSES AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS**

For **Foreign Personnel** being sponsored on the **Immigrant Visa**, processing time is an average of **18** months from the time of submission of their visa petition(s) to **USCIS**. **Premium Processing** for this type of visa is available since August 28, 2006, which could reduce the processing time to **9 to 12** months. CLIENT must provide all the necessary documentation required by **USCIS** to ensure visa approval of the sponsored candidate.

#	STAGE	TIME
I	Contract signing	
II	RESUMES are submitted to CLIENT for selection	2 weeks
III	Visa Petition Preparation & Filing	2-3 weeks
IV	Credentialing. USCIS Processing. <i>Regular processing</i> <i>Premium Processing</i>	3-6 months 15-30 days
V	National Visa Center (NVC) Processing & Adjudication	4-6 months
VI	Interview at U.S. Embassy Abroad & Visa Issuance	3-4 months
VII	Testing for Licensure	1 month
VIII	Travel	1 month

**TIMETABLE FOR H1-B VISA PROCESSING
FOR FOREIGN THERAPISTS (PTs & OTs)**

Processing time is **3 to 8** months from submission of the visa petition to **USCIS**. Fiscal Year covered is from October to October. Filing date starts April for employment date starting in October 1st. H1B cap per year is 58,200.

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I	Contract Signing	
II	LCA Posting. Submission of Resumes to Client for Selection	2 weeks
III	Visa Petition Preparation & Filing	2-3 weeks
IV	Credentialing. USCIS Processing. <i>Regular Processing</i> <i>Premium Processing</i>	3-8 months 15-30 days
V	Interview at U.S. Embassy Abroad & Visa Issuance	4-6 weeks
VI	Testing for Licensure.	1 month
VII	Travel.	1 month