

### **USCIS Premium Processing Fee Increase**

Effective March 1, 2026, USCIS will increase the fees for premium processing of certain employment-based applications to reflect the amount of inflation from June 2023 through June 2025. The inflationary adjustment occurs on a biennial basis and the premium processing fees were last adjusted in February 2024.

H-1B petitions: the current premium processing fee is \$2,805. The new fee will be \$2,965.

For students applying for Optional Practical Training (OPT) or STEM OPT and wish to apply for premium processing the current fee is \$1,685. The new fee will be \$1,780.