

## Citizenship Shortcut

Individuals in a continuing marital relationship with their sponsoring spouse can apply for citizenship three years after receiving their green card instead of five.

## 245(i): Green Cards for People Without Status

If your visa has expired, or you came to the United States without a visa, or you worked without permission, you may still be able to apply for a green card without leaving the country. Section 245(i) of the immigration law allows beneficiaries of visa

petitions or labor certifications filed before April 30, 2001 to apply for a green card in the United States despite falling out of status or having none at all. This provision has also been applied to cover the spouse and children of the beneficiary of the visa

petition or labor certification. If you, your parent or your spouse submitted a visa petition or a labor certification before April 30, 2001, it may be possible to apply for a green card under section 245(i) today.

## New US-Ireland Intern Work and Travel Program

On October 31, 2008, the U.S. and Ireland implemented a new work and travel program for Irish citizens. This five year pilot program permits participants to work as interns or travel independently for up to 12 months.

Eligible participants of this expanded J-1 visa program include currently enrolled post-secondary college/university students, recent graduates, and certain vocational students pursuing a Higher Certificate /Level VI degreed program.

Participants must be Irish citizens, and furnish proof of sufficient financial resources for the duration of the program. The program may not be extended beyond 12 month maximum.

## What to Do if You Lose the H-1B Lottery

Each year, a total of 65,000 H-1B visas are available. Due to the large number of applicants, USCIS has instituted a random selection process to allocate the visas. Although very limited, some professional jobs do not need one of these 65,000 visas and are considered cap-exempted. Some of them include jobs with institutions of higher education and their related or affiliated nonprofit entities, or nonprofit or governmental research organizations. Cap-exempted jobs also include new jobs offered to persons who have received an H-1B position with another employer within the last six

years. If you do not qualify for a cap-exempted position, and you are a national of Australia, Chile, and Singapore, you have an extra reserve of H-1B visas to draw from. Canadians may be able to benefit from the recently extended three year TN visa. Similarly, nationals of countries having certain trade agreements with the United States can benefit from the E investor visa. Artists or scholars who are able to demonstrate extraordinary ability in their field may qualify for an O visa. Athletes and entertainers who have been recognized internationally may be eligible

for the P visa. The Q visa may be an option for someone whose job involves sharing the culture, history or traditions of her country with the American public. The cultural exchange could include lectures, seminars, and courses.

Jobs that involve aspects of training may fit the criteria for the J-1 trainee visa. Other jobs offered for the purpose of providing individuals with training unavailable in their home country, and not for the purpose of productive employment in the United States may meet the requirements of the H-3 visa.



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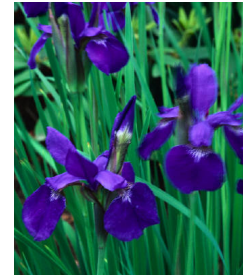
requesting your services.

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You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics, but try to keep your articles short.

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If the newsletter is distributed internally, you might comment upon new procedures or improvements to the business. Sales figures or earnings will show how your business is growing.

Some newsletters include a column that is updated every issue, for instance, an advice column, a book review, a letter from the president, or an editorial. You can also profile new employees or top customers or vendors.

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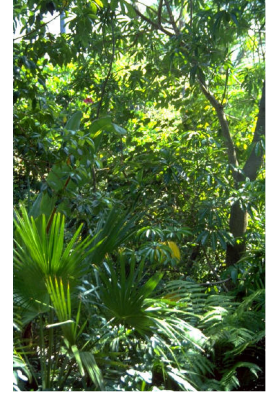
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## About Our Organization

Sedna is a planet-like body discovered in 2004 by a team of U.S. researchers. Sedna is the most distant confirmed planetary object located in our solar system to date – more than 84

billion miles from the sun. Sedna is slowly traveling towards Earth and will reach its closest point in approximately 70 years. Sedna is named for the Inuit goddess of the ocean, who

Inuit hunters must appease if they are to travel safely across the seas. Inspired by this namesake, Sedna Law strives to ease the journey of travelers from afar

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