



DOL FILING WEBSITES EXPERIENCE GLITCHES DUE TO HIGH VOLUME

When the Federal Government shutdown began on October 1st, the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) discontinued acceptance and adjudication of Labor Condition Applications (LCAs), PERM Labor Certification Applications, and Applications for Prevailing Wage Determinations (PWD).

Since the DOL reactivated the websites for filing applications, users have reported delays, timeouts, and occasional total unavailability of both the iCert web portal and the PERM filing website. As expected, the high volume of new applications that could not be filed during the shutdown has resulted in further delays in both filing and adjudication.

As a result of delays in securing DOL certifications, employers may experience delays in filing H-1B petitions. Additionally, in cases where deadlines were missed or extension filings were delayed beyond a nonimmigrant's previous period of authorized stay due to the suspension of DOL adjudications, employees may experience a gap in status and work authorization. In qualifying cases, when a late filing is due principally or solely due to the government shutdown, U.S. CIS has announced that late filing may be excused and the petition approved. Contact your FosterQuan immigration attorney for more information on how to minimize or avoid the impact of filing delays and gaps in status.

As further information becomes available regarding the resumption of immigration-related Government services, we will provide additional updates via [our firm's website](#) and in future Immigration Update® email bulletins.