

## Dear Stakeholder-

In today's global economy, USCIS recognizes that businesses often need to temporarily move multiple employees to the United States for particular projects which draw upon their specialized knowledge. In order to do this, employers may petition for their employees to obtain an L-1 nonimmigrant classification by filing Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker. While each L-1 petition must be considered on its own merits, grouping such petitions together may streamline and improve the adjudication process.

Therefore, to the extent possible, if petitioners bundle multiple L-1B petitions related to the same project, where the location and the specialized knowledge duties of the beneficiaries are the same, USCIS will consider them together. USCIS will also consider petitions for L-1A managers included with the bundle if such persons will be managing the L-1B beneficiaries who will be working on the project. In addition, USCIS will consider Forms I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status, filed for a beneficiary's qualifying dependents included in the bundle.

Below are some filing tips for bundling L-1 petitions:

- Include petitions in the bundle:
  - o From the same petitioner;
  - On behalf of beneficiaries employed at the same foreign entity who will be seeking initial L-1 status or an extension of their L-1 status, and who will be working on the same project at the same location performing the same specialized knowledge duties;
  - o Filed under the same service (either all premium processing or non-premium processing);
  - On behalf of L-1A managers if they will be managing the L-1B beneficiaries who will be working on the project.
- Package each petition separately with its own fees and supporting evidence.
- Flag the bundle by, for example, including a cover sheet for each petition with information the petitioner believes may be useful to assist USCIS in processing the related filings as a bundle.
  - o If using a cover sheet, it would be helpful if petitioners could write, "L-1 Bundle" in large, bold print at the top of the cover sheet. It would also be helpful if petitioners could list the name of the petitioner and the name and location of the project and number each cover sheet included in the bundle (e.g., 1 of 10 petitions, 2 of 10 petitions, etc.).
  - o If USCIS is unable to determine whether a petition contained in the bundle is related to the petitioner, project, specialized knowledge duties, or location, USCIS will process the petition as if it were received individually.

## ADDITIONAL TIPS:

Petitioners can submit more than one bundle of L-1 petitions if there is more than one specialized knowledge occupation related to a project. If filing more than one bundle of petitions for beneficiaries who will be performing different specialized knowledge duties for the same project, petitioners may number each bundle (e.g., 1 of 3 bundles, 2 of 3 bundles, etc.) for ease of processing.

Petitioners are reminded that all required evidence (as well as the Form G-28, Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney or Accredited Representative, if applicable, and Form I-907, Request for Premium Processing Service) must be included with each petition within the bundle. While petitions may be submitted as a bundle, each petition must be individually supported by the required evidence.

Please note that these filing tips will be available on <a href="www.uscis.gov">www.uscis.gov</a> shortly.

Kind Regards,

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