



Published on *US Immigration Lawyer, Law Offices of Rajiv S. Khanna, PC, Rajiv S. Khanna* (<https://immigration.com>)

When is the starting date to work on H-1B?

When is the starting date to work on H-1B? ^[1]

Submitted by Editor on Nov 26th 2009

Regarding USCIS Updates H-1B Cap Count 10/30/09, if the employer files my H1B petition immediately, (1)how long the H-1B approval takes and (2)when is the starting date to work on H-1B? As far as I'm concerned, the H-1B petition quota had usually been reached on APR 1 and the starting work date is Oct 1. But this year is different since the quota has not yet been reached. My employer would like me to work ASAP, so I would like to know if they file my H-1B petition now, can I get approved and work before Oct 1, 2010? (I have a Master's Degree from USA.)

ANSWER:

I believe the quota for this year is still available. If so, you can start work as soon as as the H-1 approval says you can (usually immediately upon approval). You need not wait till 2010. File through premium processing if you are in a hurry.

Unless the context shows otherwise, all answers here were provided by [Rajiv](#) ^[2] and were compiled and reported by our editorial team from comments and blog on [immigration.com](#) ^[3]

[Add new comment](#) ^[4]

Source URL (retrieved on 27 Sep 2020 - 05:05): <https://immigration.com/faq/h-1-visa/when-starting-date-work-h-1b>

Links:

[1] <https://immigration.com/faq/h-1-visa/when-starting-date-work-h-1b>

[2] <http://www.immigration.com/law-offices-rajiv-s-khanna-pc>

[3] <http://www.immigration.com>

[4] <https://immigration.com/JavaScript%3Aavoid%28%29%3B>