



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS Will Conduct a Lottery for CW-1 Petitions for Fiscal Year 2019

USCIS has received petitions for more than the number of visas available for fiscal year (FY) 2019 for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)-Only Transitional Worker (CW-1) program. The cap for CW-1 visas for FY 2019 is 4,999.

As a result, USCIS will be conducting a lottery to ensure that it does not exceed the CW-1 cap. USCIS will randomly select petitions received between April 2, 2018 and April 13, 2018. **If USCIS receives your petition after April 13, it will be rejected** and will not be considered for this lottery.

For more details on the FY 2019 CW-1 program and what to submit, refer to our [March 20 alert](#). For more information on the CW-1 cap, visit our [CNMI-Only Transitional Worker \(CW-1\) Cap page](#).

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