



VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

J-1 Physicians

Day One

- Signed contract received
- Accepted offer email
- Email physician with introduction and checklist

1-12 Weeks (3 months process)

- Follow-up each week until documents are received
- Email physician with confirmation of receipt of documents and/or missing documents
- U.S. Department of State of State Case number is applied for physician
- J-1 Visa Waiver application is prepared
- Physician sent J-1 guidelines / affidavit to sign per state requirements
- J-1 application is sent to the State Department of Health

12-20 Weeks (2 months process)

- Receive letter of recommendation from State Department of Health
- Send the physician a copy of the letter by email
- State Department of Health automatically sends J-1 application to the U.S. Department of State for their recommendation

20-32 Weeks (3 month process)

- Receive letter of recommendation from U.S. Department of State
- Send the physician a copy of the letter by email
- U.S. Department of State automatically sends J-1 application to the USCIS for final approval

32-44 Weeks (3 month process)

- Receive J-1 Visa approval (I-612 approval) from the USCIS
- Physician will receive the original by mail from the USCIS and Apogee will receive a duplicate copy from the USCIS
- Email physician with a copy of the duplicate we have received

Ready to apply for H-1B Visa once the physician has an online verification of license to be issued.

Total process start to finish: 44 weeks / 11 months



J-1 Physicians Transferring to H-1B Physicians

2 - 3 Weeks

- LCA notice is submitted, certified and posted
- H-1B application is prepared / all immigration forms filled out

3 - 4 Weeks

- H-1B receipt notice is received, email physician a copy

4 - 16 Weeks (unless premium processing, 15 business days)

- H-1B approval notice is received
- Original is sent to the physician

Physician must begin employment within 90 days of approval notice date.

Total process start to finish: 16 weeks / 4 months

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