

Frequently Asked Questions About Status Transfers

J-1 Status(Research Scholars)

Q: How do I transfer my J-1 status to MCW sponsorship?

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Services office to find out what they require in order to transfer your status via the SEVIS
system to MCW. Once the MCW department completes the necessary paperwork and submits it
WR 0 & Immigration Consultant, she will make contact with your current employer to
facilitate the transfer process.

Q: I have already received an approval on a waiver of my 2-year home residency requirement. Am I still eligible to transfer my J-1 status to MCW?

A: No. If you have already obtained a waiver, MCW must sponsor you for a change of status to H-1B in order to employ you. The H-1B petition must be approved in order for you to begin working for MCW.

Q: My employer has confirmed that they have approved the transfer of my J-1 status to MCW. When can I receive my new DS2019 form?

A: MCW will not have access to your form in the SEVIS system until the effective date of your transfer (i.e. your start date with MCW). As of your MCW start date, the Immigrati
Consultant will have access to your record in the SEVIS system and will, at that time, be able to print your form(s).

Q: Will I have to depart the United States when I transfer to MCW?

A: No. You can transfer to MCW without ever having to leave the United States.

J-1 Status (Alien Physicians)

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in transferring your J status to MCW, you should ensure that the MCW department contacts
the Immigration Consultant to initiate this process. Once the MCW department completes the
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LQIRUPDWLRQ LQWR WKH (&) 0 * ¶ For Foreign Medical Graduates) & the PLVVL system. Once her portion has been completed, you will receive an email from the system asking you to complete information and upload necessary documents.

Q: Will I have to depart the United States when I transfer to MCW?

A: No. You can transfer to MCW without ever having to leave the United States.

Q: When can I start working for MCW?

A: Once the ECFMG has approved your application, they will issue a D2019 form for you and your dependent(s) (if applicable), and will send the form(s) directly to the Immigration Consultant. The Immigration Consultant will then send the form(s) to you. You will then be able to start working for MCW upon the effective date of the transfer to MCW, or as soon as possible thereafter LI WKH SDSHUZRUN LVQ ¶ W SURFHVVHG LQ WLP H

H1B Questions

Q: How do I transfer my H-1B status to MCW sponsorship?

A: If you have interviewed for an MCW position and the department expresses interest in making an offer to you, they will then contact the Immigration Consultant to initiate the H transfer process. Once the Immigration Consultant receives the necessary paperwork, she will sendit WR RQH RI 0 & : ¶ V DSSURYHG , PPLJUDWLRQ DWWRUQH \ V request further information and paperwork.

Q: When is it OK for me to stop working with my current employer?

A: You should not stop working for your current employer until you are certain the MCW BI petition has been filed with the USCIS on your behalf.

Q: I am currently working in the U.S. in H-1B status. When can I start working for MCW?

A: As long as MCW files the H1B petition prior to your last day of work with your current employer, you can start working for MCW as of the effective date of your H1B petition, even while the petition is pending. In other words, your MCW BI petition does not need to be approved in order for you to start working for MCW.

Q: I am currently in the U.S. but am not working in H-1B status. When can I start working for MCW in H -1B status? Do I have to depart the U.S.?

A: As long as MCW files the H1B petition prior to the expiration of your current status, you can remain in the U.S. lawfully while awaiting the approval of your H1B petition. However, you cannot start working for MCW until the petition has actually been approved. In general, you should not have to depart the U.S.; however, there are certain instances when that may be necessary. For more guidance on that, you can contact the Immigration Consultant.

Q: Can I use my own attorney for the H1B petition?

A: MCW would prefer that an attorney from our approved list be retained. If you have any issues or concerns with an attorney the MCW department has selected, please express that to the Immigration Consultant.

Q: Do I have to pay for any of the costs associated with the H1B petition?

A: MCW is required by law to pay for the costs associated with the H1B petition. In general, MCW does not cover the fees associated with H1B dependents, but in some cases, departments will agree to cover those fees, as well.

O-1 Questions

Q: How do I transfer my O-1 status to MCW sponsorship?

A: If you have interviewed for an MCW position and the department expresses interest in making an offer to you, they will then contact the Immigration Consultant to initiate the O sponsorship process. Once the Immigration Consultant receives the necessary paperwork, she will contact you directly to request further information and paperwork.

Q: Can I use my own attorney for the H1B petition?

A: MCW would prefer that an attorney from our approved list be retained. If you have any issues or concerns with an attorney the MCW department has selected, please express that to the Immigration Consultant.

Q: Do I have to pay for any of the costs associated with the O petition?

A: MCW is not required by law to pay for the costs associated with the O petition. However, in general, MCW typically does cover the fees associated with the O petition.

Q: When can I start working for MCW?

A: If MCW files an O1 petition on your behalf, it must be approved in order for you to start working for MCW.