

## **Visa Appointments Unilaterally Rescheduled**

H-1B and H-4 visa appointments scheduled on or after December 15, 2025, are being unilaterally rescheduled until Spring/Summer of 2026 due to the Department of State's implementation of increased vetting for online presence. Online presence may include, but is not limited to Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. In sum:

- Interviews scheduled on or after December 15, 2025, are being reassigned to dates several months later.
- Posts cite the Department's implementation of online presence review for all H-1B applicants and dependents.
- Notices state that applicants will not be seen on their initial appointment date and should appear only on the newly assigned date.
- Applicants are advised that their Visa Application Centre biometrics appointments remain valid and unaffected.
- Applicants who cannot attend on the new date may reschedule online but are limited to one opportunity to reschedule.
- Fee receipts older than one year are considered expired and cannot be used to reschedule.

If you have a scheduled H-visa interview appointment, make sure to closely monitor your email for any messages about possible appointment changes.

If you are planning international travel and will need a new visa stamp to return to the U.S., consider the limited availability of visa interviews and the possibility that existing visa interviews may be rescheduled.

*Source: DOS and AILA*