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iCERT VISA PORTAL SYSTEM EXTERNAL H-2A QUICK START GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

This *Quick Start Guide* was prepared for external users, i.e. Employers and Employer Representatives, to quickly navigate the iCERT Visa Portal System, including to:

- Create a new iCERT Account (*new users*)
- Modify an existing iCERT Account (*existing users*);
- Create an Associate Account
- Access your H-2A portfolio and begin a new ETA Form 9142A

This guide does not describe all of the features of H-2A Case Creation and Case Submission, nor is it intended to replace the H-2A User Guide. For detailed information about H-2A features, refer to the H-2A User Guide (Found at iCERT.DOLETA.GOV- User Guides).

Users will have access to the following features:

Feature	Description
Electronic Filing	Create and file an electronic ETA Form 9142A, including the uploading of supporting documents.
Case Search	Search and track all submitted and un-submitted cases.
Withdraw	Withdraw submitted ETA Form 9142A cases.

Terms

Below is a list of terms used in this document:

Terms	What it means
ETA	Employment and Training Administration
H-2A	The labor certification program for <i>Temporary Agricultural workers</i>
iCERT	The iCERT Visa Portal System – provides a single point-of-entry for employers, attorneys, and agents to file and track their employment-based visa applications



GETTING STARTED

Create a New iCERT account (*new users*):

If you are new to iCERT, you must create a new user account to access the electronic filing system in the H-2A program. The process is as follows:

1. Begin on the iCERT Home Page <http://icert.doleta.gov>

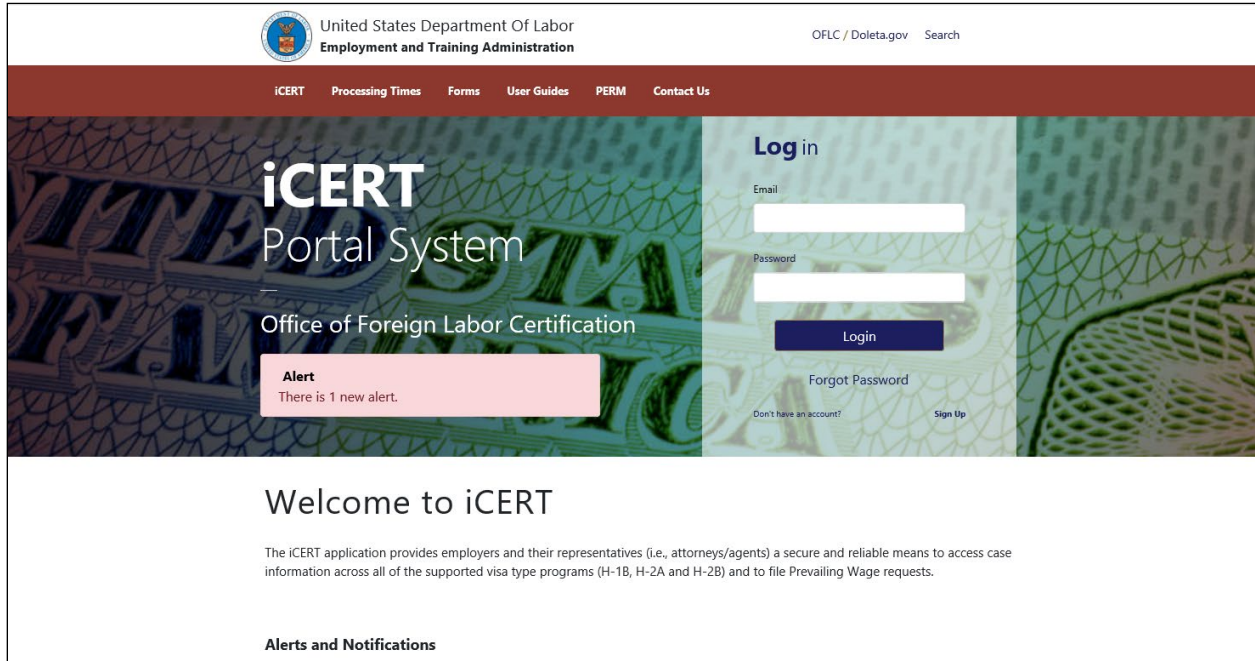


Figure 1: iCERT Home page

2. Select the [Create Your Portal Account Today](#) link.
3. Accept the Authorized Access Statement.
4. Select the type of account you are registering for (Employer or Attorney/Agent).
5. Check the H-2A checkbox on the Visa programs to get access to the H-2A system.

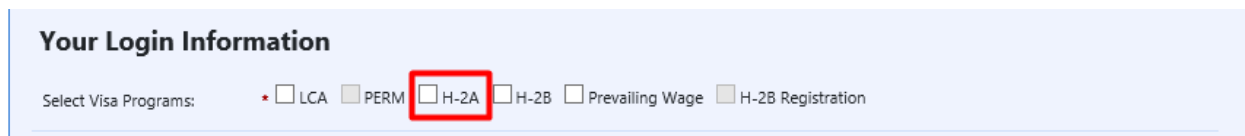


Figure 2: Visa Program Selection

6. Complete all required information marked with “*” under the tabs shown in Figure 3 then click on “Create Account.”



ETA Home > iCERT Portal > Employer Account

Employer Account

Please complete each tab before clicking the **Create Account** button at the bottom of the page.
 * Denotes required fields

1. Your Login Information 2. Your Company Information 3. Point of Contact Information

Figure 3: Account Holder Information

- You will receive an e-mail asking you to activate your account. Please follow the instructions in the e-mail to log in to iCERT.
- Once you are logged in select the H-2A tab to navigate to the H-2A Portfolio Summary.

Modify an Existing iCERT Account (*existing users*):

In order to access the H-2A electronic filing system, existing users will first need to add H-2A permissions to their account. Users should follow these steps:

- Log in to the iCERT system using your existing account information.
- Click on the My Account & Profiles tab to add H-2A to your account. This will enable you to file in the H-2A program.

Employer Account

Please complete each tab before clicking the **Create Account** button at the bottom of the page.

* Denotes required fields

1. Your Login Information 2. Your Company Information 3. Point of Contact Information

Your Login Information

Select Visa Programs: * LCA PERM H2A H2B Prevailing Wage

Last (Family) Name: * Last Name Enter your Last (Family) Name. If you have only one name, enter the name in this field and enter "FNU" (first name unknown) in the first name field.

First (Given) Name: * First Name Enter your First (Given) Name. If you have only one name, enter the name in the last name field and enter "FNU" (first name unknown) in this field.

Full middle name(s): Enter your full Middle Name. If you do not have a middle name, enter "N/A".

Phone Number: * 345 | 345 | 3456 Ext.

Fax Number: | |

Figure 4: My Account & Profiles Screen

- Check the H-2A checkbox on Visa Programs, and click "Save".
- Verify that the H-2A tab is now available on the top of the navigation tabs.

Create an Associate Account

To establish additional "associate" sub accounts, the account holder should follow these steps:



1. Select the “My Associate Accounts” tab
2. Click on the “Add New Associate” button at the bottom of the page to create a sub account. (This page also permits the primary account holder to search for existing associate accounts.)

iCERT Portal

Portal Home | H-2A | My Account & Profiles | Forms & Instructions

My Account | My Attorney Profiles | **My Associate Accounts**

ETA Home > iCERT Portal > My Account & Profiles > My Associate Accounts

My Associate Accounts

First Name: Last Name:

Office/Department: Associate Type:

<input type="checkbox"/>	# LCA	# PW	First Name ▲	Last Name	Office or Department	Associate Type
<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	AGENT FIRST NAME	AGENT LAST NAME	DEPARTMENT	AGENT

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Figure 5: Creating an Associate Account

3. Select “My Associate Accounts” tab to establish account holder permissions for the associate account. This page will allow you to determine the level of access for your sub account holders, including whether they can create an application, submit, withdraw, view and pre-fill a specific type of application. See Figure 6.



ICERT Portal Welcome, BRIAN SMITH (logout)

Portal Home | LCA | Prevailing Wage | H-2B | My Account & Profiles | Forms & Instructions Contact Us | Help

My Account | My Attorney Profiles | My Associate Accounts

ETA Home > ICERT Portal > My Account & Profiles > Associate Account

Associate Account

Please complete each tab before clicking the **Save** button at the bottom of the page.

** Denotes required fields*

Associate Information

Associate Type: Please select an Associate Type.

Last (Family) Name: Enter Last (Family) Name. If only one name, enter the name in this field and enter "FNU" (first name unknown) in the first name field.

First (Given) Name: Enter First (Given) Name. If only one name, enter the name in the last name field and enter "FNU" (first name unknown) in this field.

Full Middle Name(s): Enter full Middle Name. If no middle name, "N/A" will be inserted into all forms created.

Department:

Phone Number: Ext.

Fax Number:

Email: Email Address will be the login Username and will also be used to send the password if forgotten.

Confirm Email:

Secret Question:

Secret Answer:

Associate Permissions

Determine access then select permissions for each Visa Program

Allow Portal Account Permission Yes No

View Main Account Holder Profiles

Allow LCA Access/Permissions Yes No

Application Creation View All Account Applications

Application Submission Pre-fill Applications with Main Account Profiles

Application Withdrawal

Allow Prevailing Wage Access/Permission Yes No

Application Creation View All Account Applications

Application Submission Pre-fill Applications with Main Account Profiles

Application Withdrawal Redetermination Request Submission

Allow PERM Access/Permissions Yes No

Application Creation View All Account Applications

Application Submission Pre-fill Applications with Main Account Profiles

Application Withdrawal

Allow H2A Access/Permissions Yes No

Application Creation View All Account Applications

Application Submission Pre-fill Applications with Main Account Profiles

Application Withdrawal

Allow H2B Access/Permissions Yes No

Application Creation View All Account Applications

Application Submission Pre-fill Applications with Main Account Profiles

Application Withdrawal

Figure 6: Associate Account Permissions

Access your H-2A portfolio and begin a new ETA Form 9142A

Once current or new users have access to the H-2A system, they may view their portfolio in full or summary format as shown in Figures 7 and 8 below. Once you have initiated one or more cases, these views will allow you to quickly determine the status of your cases in summary or detail format with specific notations assigned to categories of cases such as "Initiated," "In Process," etc. The Portfolio Details screen allows you to search by case number and other search criteria.



H-2A: Portfolio Summary

Case Status	Total Cases	Brief Description
Initiated	0	Applications started but not submitted for processing
In Process	0	Applications submitted for processing, under OFLC review
In Process – Accepted for further processing	0	Applications submitted and accepted for further processing and recruitment for U.S. workers
In Process – Notice of Deficiency Issued (Modifications Required)	0	Applications submitted and requiring correction due to deficiencies
Certified	0	Applications certified for the requested number of workers and period of need
Certified - Expired	0	Validity period on certified applications have expired
Certified - Revoked	0	Certified applications revoked by OFLC
Partially Certified	0	Applications certified for only a part of the requested number of workers and/or period of need
Partially Certified - Expired	0	Validity period on partially certified applications have expired
Denied	0	Applications denied temporary labor certification
Withdrawn	0	Applications withdrawn based on employer's request
Rejected	0	Applications rejected for processing due to the debarment/disbarment of either the employer, attorney, or agent
Other Case Status	0	Cases in 'other' statuses, if any
Voided	0	Applications voided by OFLC (e.g. duplicate submission)

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Figure 7: Portfolio Summary Screen



iCERT Portal

Portal Home
H-2A
My Account & Profiles
Forms & Instructions

[H-2A Portfolio Summary](#) | [H-2A Portfolio Details](#)

[ETA Home](#) > [iCERT Portal](#) > [H-2A](#) > Portfolio Details

H-2A: Portfolio Details

Case Number:

Employer Legal Business Name:

Case Status:

State of Intended Employment:

Date Initiated: From: To:

Date Submitted: From: To:

Dates of Need: From: To:

9142 Validity Date: From: To:

Advanced Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Case Number	Date Initiated	Date Submitted	Status	Employer Legal Na	Job Title	Dates of Need	Ow	View 9142	Attachments	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	T-300-18289-209815	10/16/2018		Initiated			-	YES			
<input type="checkbox"/>	T-300-18289-767310	10/16/2018		Initiated	H2A EMPLOYER		-	YES			

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Available Actions:

Figure 8: Portfolio Details Screen

To begin a new ETA Form 9142A follow these steps:

1. Select the “Begin New ETA Form 9142A” button from either the Portfolio Summary or Portfolio Details Page.
2. You will be directed to the first step of the preparation of Form 9142A as shown in Figure 9 below. Complete all required information marked with “*” and click “Next”.



iCERT Portal

Portal Home
H-2A
My Account & Profiles
Forms & Instructions

ETA Home > iCERT Portal

Form 9142A - Create New Case

Case T-300-18289-767310 (INITIATED)

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A-B

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You Are Here

Please read and review the filing instructions carefully before completing the Form ETA-9142A. A copy of the instructions can be found at <http://www.foreignlaborcert.dhs.gov/>. In accordance with Federal Regulations, incomplete or obviously inaccurate applications will not be certified by the Department of Labor. If submitting this form non-electronically, **ALL** required fields/items containing an asterisk (*) must be completed as well as any fields/items where a response is conditional as indicated by the section (§) symbol.

A. Employment-Based Nonimmigrant Visa Information

1. Indicate the type of visa classification supported by this application: * ?

B. Temporary Need Information

1. Job Title * ?

2. SOC (ONET/OES) code * ?

3. SOC (ONET/OES) occupation title * ?

4. Is this a full-time position? * Yes No ?

Period of Intended Employment

5. Begin Date * (mm/dd/yyyy) ?

6. End Date * (mm/dd/yyyy) ?

7. Worker positions needed/basis for the visa classification supported by this application

Total Worker Positions Being Requested for Certification * ?

Basis for the visa classification supported by this application
(Indicate the total workers in each applicable category based on the total workers identified above)

a. New employment * ?

b. Continuation of previously approved employment without change with the same employer * ?

c. Change in previously approved employment * ?

d. New concurrent employment * ?

e. Change in employer * ?

f. Amended petition * ?

8. Nature of Temporary Need * ?

9. Statement of Temporary Need * ?

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Figure 9: Case Preparation

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