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USCIS Extends Premium Processing to Certain Student Visa Applications

- [USCIS will allow premium processing](#) for applicants filing change of status applications to F-1, M-1, and J-1 nonimmigrant status.
- Beginning June 13, 2023, USCIS will allow paper and online filing of premium processing to be applied to pending F-1, M-1, and J-1 change of status applications.
- Beginning June 26, 2023, USCIS will accept paper and online filing of premium processing along with initial F-1, M-1, and J-1 change of status applications.
- USCIS will only apply premium processing after an applicant's biometrics have been captured.

Supreme Court Upholds Biden Administration's Removal Priorities

- Rejecting challenges from Texas and Louisiana, the [U.S. Supreme Court upheld](#) the executive branch's discretionary authority over enforcement actions, here regarding the Biden administration's 2021 immigration policy prioritizing the removal of those who pose a threat to national security, public safety, and border security.

Homeland Security Rescinds Terminations of and Extends TPS for El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal, and Honduras

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) [rescinded the Trump administration's termination](#) of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal, and Honduras and implemented extensions for all four countries for 18 months

Canada Seeks H-1B Workers with New Immigration Options

- [Canada is addressing](#) frustrated H-1B workers with four new immigration policies that seek to attract highly skilled workers.
- The [new policies](#) include an Innovation Stream under the International Mobility Program to attract highly talented individuals; allowing digital nomads as visitors to work in Canada for foreign employers for up to six months; a streamlined work permit for H-1B visa holders to apply to come to Canada; and improving existing programs that cater to workers in high-skill tech occupations.

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