

July 31, 2025. Department of Labor Announces Temporary Suspension of H- 2A Certification Fees for H- 2A Employers; Establishment of Electronic- Based Fee Collection System

The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has published a new *Federal Register* notice informing its stakeholders that the Office of Foreign Labor Certification (OFLC) will be suspending the collection of H-2A certification fees, effective September 2, 2025.

Employers who receive an invoice from OFLC must still pay all required H-2A certification fees. OFLC will cease submitting invoices to H-2A employers as of September 2, 2025, upon suspending the collection of H-2A certification fees.

Furthermore, OFLC will not request reimbursement of any H-2A certification fees that would have come due during the suspension period. During the suspension period, OFLC will be modernizing its payment process, consistent with President Trump's Executive Order 14247, *Modernizing Payments To and From America's Bank Account*, by transitioning to an electronic payment system for the collection of H-2A certification fees.

Upon implementation of the new payment system, ETA will issue a second FRN informing stakeholders about the new electronic process for the submission of fees as well as the effective date for OFLC resuming the collection of H-2A certification fees, consistent with 20 CFR 655.163.

- [View the *Federal Register* notice regarding the temporary suspension of H-2A certification fees](#)