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The U.S. Department of Labor has released PERM statistics for the first eight months of the fiscal year that began last October. Of the 43,100 applications it processed, 27,600 (64%) were certified, 83% were for H-1B and H-1B1 visas, 44% were for IT-related fields, and 55% were for applicants from India. The minimum education requirement was an advanced degree for 51% of those certified, and a bachelor degree for 39%. The Department certified more applications in the last two months than in either of the prior three-month periods.

The Program Electronic Review Management (PERM) is the Department of Labor's process for approving Labor Certifications, which are required for many employment-based green card applications. For Labor Certification, an employer tests the labor market to ensure that there are no willing and able U.S. workers or Permanent Residents available for an open position for which Labor Certification is being sought. By approving a PERM Petition, the Department certifies that no sufficiently-qualified U.S. workers exist in the employment area to fill the open position. The employer may then proceed to file the immigrant petition for the foreign worker.

To see the statistics, click here:

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