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# Doing Business in the USA

## How to Choose the Right Visa

*Denmark and the United States enjoy a robust economic partnership and facilitating business travel is a key priority for Embassy Copenhagen.*



# ESTA Visa Waiver Program

- ✓ Register Online with ESTA (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>)
- ✓ Business Travel <90 days
- !! Since 2015, travel to certain countries like Iran and Iraq makes you ineligible for ESTA

**...YOU MAY STILL QUALIFY FOR A VISA!!**



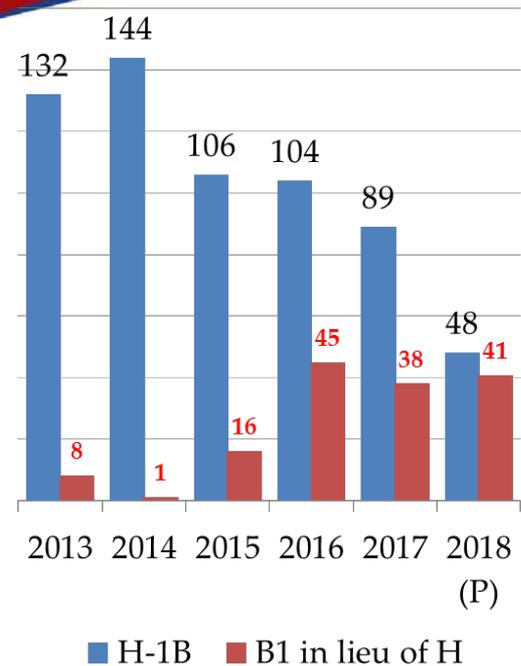
# B-1 Temporary Business Visitor

- ✓ Negotiate contracts or consult with business associates
- ✓ Participate in conferences or trade shows
- ✓ Seek investment for your business
- ✓ Send service technicians for equipment/machinery purchased from a company outside the USA or to train workers (requires purchase agreement)
- ✓ Send foreign-based employee for H1B-type (i.e. positions requiring a university degree) temporary work or for training and whose salary will be paid by your foreign business



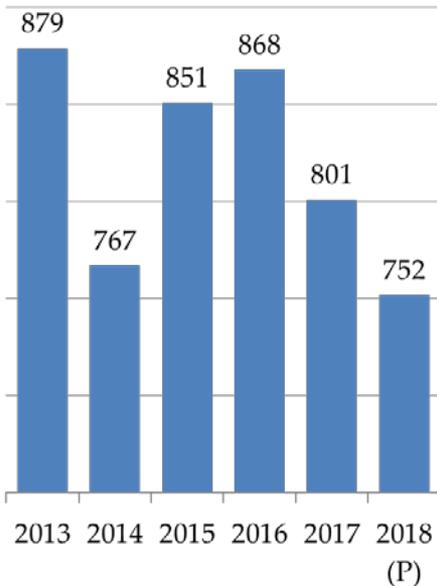
# H-1B Temporary Workers

- ✓ U.S. based employer or subsidiary files a petition for a specialty occupation worker who has a university degree or higher.
- !! # of visas is capped each year to 65,000
- !! Cap was met **four days** after it opened on April 2, 2018





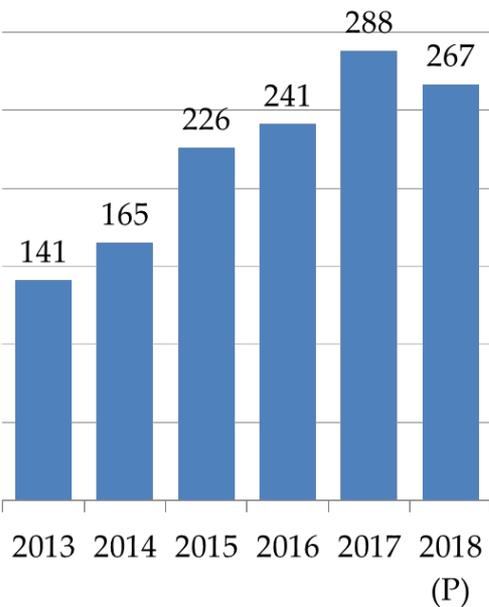
# L-1 Intracompany Transfer



- ✓ Managers/executives or employees with specialized knowledge transferring to parent/branch/subsidiary/affiliate in the USA
- ✓ Employee must have been employed 1 of past 3 years with you
- ✓ Your company must do business in the USA & another country
- ✓ Requires an approved petition from USCIS
- ✓ \$500 fraud fee may be due at time of visa interview
- ✓ Initial stay granted is 3 years with options to extend to a maximum of 5 years for specialized knowledge employees and 7 years for managers/executives.



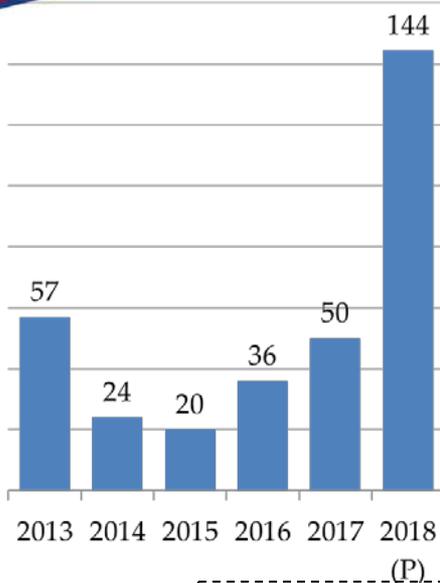
# E2 Treaty Investor



- ✓ Danes working for majority Danish-owned companies who have invested a substantial amount of capital in the U.S. subsidiary and are coming to work as an executive, supervisor, or essentially skilled employee.
- ✓ Danes who own >50% of a U.S.-based business and control its operations
- ✓ Spouses can engage in employment in the USA
- ✓ No petition, no numerical limit, and no time limit for duration of stay



# J-1 Trainee/Intern



- ✓ Intern: Students enrolled or recently enrolled in vocational schools or universities who need work-based learning in their field
- ✓ Trainee: Has a degree or professional certificate and >1yr work experience and want to improve knowledge of American techniques or technologies
- !! Need to go through a certified Program Sponsor for the process, fill out a training plan, and pay a small fee

**Lockheed Martin, Danske Metal, and DI just utilized this program to send three apprentice metalworkers to F-35 factory in Ft. Worth TX**

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For traveling without a visa, visit the ESTA website:

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta>

For complete information regarding all types of visas visit:

<http://travel.state.gov>

For filing petitions:

[www.USCIS.gov](http://www.USCIS.gov)

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