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Premium Processing Service Now Available to Australian E-3 Petitioners

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Petitioners filing Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, requesting a change or extension of status to E-3 classification now have the option to request premium processing service for their petition, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) announced. The E-3 classification applies only to nationals of Australia coming to the United States to perform services in a specialty occupation.

USCIS said that an Australian national who is outside the United States may apply for an E-3 nonimmigrant visa directly through the Department of State or, in the case of an individual already in the United States, by filing Form I-129 with USCIS.