

US to let some high-skilled immigrant spouses work

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The Obama administration wants to let some spouses of high-skilled immigrants work in the United States.

A proposed rule change to let [spouses](#) of H-1B visa-holders work is the latest in a series of immigration policy changes brought forward by the administration.

Immigration advocates have been pushing President Barack Obama to make substantive changes to [immigration laws](#), including halting all deportations until and unless Congress acts on a comprehensive immigration bill. The proposed rule announced Tuesday does not impact deportations.

The rule affects as many as 100,000 visa-holders trained in science, technology, engineering and math. The so-called H-1B visas for high-skilled workers are among the most sought after by high tech firms. The 85,000 H-1B visas available for 2015 were gobbled up in just one week.

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