To help programs better understand their legal obligations, the citizenship and visa section in the application has been updated to capture work authorization information. Applicants will continue to be prompted to provide work authorization information including the basis of their work authorization under the entirety of their GME Training.

*The filters that included citizenship and visa fields prior to ERAS 2020 will not automatically update in the PDWS. Use this Job Aid to locate the work authorization fields and update your current filters.*

1. **Configure Setup so that work authorization and visa information is not screened.**
2. Use the “Work Authorization” category to add work authorization or visa sponsorship fields, see example below:

![Image of Criteria Selection with Work Authorization fields]

Definition of the Fields:

- **Authorized to Work in the US** – Whether an applicant is currently authorized to work in the US. This may be subject to change as their visa situation develops.
- **Basis for Work Authorization** – The visa option that will serve as the applicant’s basis for work authorization for the entirety of the applicant’s GME Training.
- **Visa Sponsorship Needed** – Whether an applicant is seeking sponsorship from your program.
- **Visa Sponsorship Sought** – The H-1B or J-1 visa sponsorship that the applicant requires from your program.

Tips:

- Make sure to delete any old filters with “Citizenship” criteria. You may create new filters with the updated “Work Authorization” criteria.
- In the Personal Information section of the applicant’s application, “Authorized to Work in the US” is indicating the applicant’s current status and may be subject to change.

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• Refer to Page 2 of the [ERAS Applicant Worksheet](#) for the Applicant’s perspective while filling out work authorization information. This will help you understand the filters more.