

List of the various types of visa

Symbol	Type	Description	Persons eligible to apply
A-1	Non-immigrant	diplomats, or consular officers	Officers and immediate family members of A-1 diplomats.
A-2	Non-immigrant	Foreign government officials and families: other foreign government officials or employees	Accredited Officials, not in diplomat category Immediate family members of A-2 diplomatic visa holders
A-3	Non-immigrant	Foreign government officials and families: attendants, servants, or personal employees of A-1 and A-2 classes	Attendants and Personal employees of A-1, A-2 visa holders and immediate family members of A-3 visa holders
B-1	Non-immigrant	Temporary visitors: for business	Business professionals
B-2	Non-immigrant	Temporary visitors: for pleasure	Tourists or persons to visits friends and visits
BCC	Non-immigrant	Mexico citizens border crossing card and B1/B2 visa	Citizens of Mexico
C-1	Non-immigrant	Transit aliens: aliens in transit	Foreign travelers passing through U.S. to other country
C-2	Non-immigrant	Transit aliens: aliens in transit to the United Nations	U.N. Officials passing through US and immediate family members of C-2 visa holders
C-3	Non-immigrant	Transit aliens: foreign government officials and families in transit	Foreign Government Officials
Continued Presence (CP)	Non-immigrant	Issued by federal law enforcement to victims of crime actively cooperating in an investigation or prosecution of a federal crime	Victims of crime actively cooperating in an investigation or prosecution of a federal crime
DV-1	Immigrant	Diversity visa: Persons who meet strict eligibility requirements from countries with low rate of immigration to US. They must be eligible to receive a visa by qualifying based on education, work experience and other requirements. The law requires that every DV entrant must have at least a high school education or its equivalent or 2 years of	Lottery winner who must be a native of a qualifying country You must meet either the education or work experience requirement

		work experience within past 5 years in occupation requiring 2 years of training	
DV-2	Immigrant	Diversity visa: spouses and children	Lottery winner's spouse or child who must be a native of a qualifying country
E-1	Non-immigrant	Treaty traders and investors: treaty traders	<p>Personnel including executives, managers and specialists of a treaty nation company operating in the U.S.</p> <p>Nationals of treaty countries seeking to enter the U.S. to carry out substantial trade.</p> <p>Immediate family members of E-1 visa holders.</p> <p>Companies in treaty countries to send key personnel to manage the U.S. affiliate or branch.</p> <p>Companies in treaty countries to send personnel to setup a U.S. company.</p>
E-2	Non-immigrant	Treaty traders and investors: treaty investors	<p>Entrepreneurs from treaty countries investing substantially in a U.S. enterprise</p> <p>Nationals of treaty countries entering the U.S. to develop and direct investments from the treaty country</p> <p>Nationals of treaty countries entering the U.S. to develop and direct the operations of an enterprise in which they have invested, or they are actively in the process of investing a substantial amount of capital</p> <p>Immediate family members of E-2 visa</p>

			<p>holders</p> <p>Companies in treaty countries to send key personnel to manage the U.S. affiliate or branch</p> <p>Companies in treaty countries to send personnel to setup a U.S. company</p>
E-3	Non-immigrant	Treaty traders and investors: Australian Free Trade Agreement	<p>Foreign professionals from Australia seeking temporary work in specialty occupations</p> <p>U.S. companies to bring in qualified foreign professionals from Australia for jobs that require a bachelors degree and specialized skills</p>
EB-5	Immigrant	Immigrant investors	
F-1	Non-immigrant	Students and exchange visitors	academic students
F-2	Non-immigrant	Students and exchange visitors	spouses and children of academic students
F-3	Non-immigrant	Students and exchange visitors	Canadian or Mexican national academic commuter students
G-1	Non-immigrant	Representatives to international organizations and families	principals of recognized foreign governments
G-2	Non-immigrant	Representatives to international organizations and families	other representatives of recognized foreign governments
G-3	Non-immigrant	Representatives to international organizations and families	representatives of non-non----non recognized or nonmember foreign governments
G-4	Non-immigrant	Representatives to international organizations and families	international organization officers or employees
G-5	Non-immigrant	Attendants, servants or personal employees of representatives	<p>Attendants of G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-4 visa holders</p> <p>Personal Employees of G-1, G-2, G-3 or G-4 visa holders employed in a domestic capacity and paid by the principal</p>

			Immediate family members of G-5 visa holders
GB	Non-immigrant	Temporary visitors	For business, visa waiver, Guam
GT	Non-immigrant	Temporary visitors	For pleasure, visa waiver, Guam
			specialty occupations
H-1B	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees	
H-1B1	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainee	<p>Foreign professionals from Chile and Singapore seeking temporary work in specialty occupations</p> <p>Business persons who do not possess a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, but who will engage in the professions of: for Chileans only - Agricultural Managers, and Physical Therapists, and for both Chileans and Singaporeans - Disaster Relief Claims Adjusters</p> <p>Foreign nationals from Chile and Singapore, certain Management Consultants who hold a baccalaureate degree in other than their specialty area</p> <p>U.S. companies to bring in qualified foreign professionals from Chile and Singapore for jobs that require a bachelors degree and specialized skills</p>
H-1C	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainee	Registered nurses participating in the Nursing Relief for Disadvantaged Areas
H-2A	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees	Seasonal agricultural workers
H-2B	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees	Seasonal agricultural workers
H-3	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees	Industrial trainees

H-4	Non-immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees	spouses and children of H-1, H-2, and H-3 workers
I-1	Non-immigrant	Representatives of foreign information media and families	<p>Foreign professionals in print and film media such as reporters, film crews, video tape editors, or employees of independent production companies</p> <p>Freelance journalists working under contract, and persons in similar occupations</p> <p>Immediate family members of I visa holders</p>
IH-3	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a country that is party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption ("Hague country") and adopted by U.S. citizens, whose adoption was finalized outside the U.S.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a country that is party to the Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Inter-country Adoption ("Hague country") and adopted by U.S. citizens, whose adoption was finalized outside the U.S.
IH-4	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a Hague country whose adoption by a U.S. citizen will be finalized in the citizen's home jurisdiction.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a Hague country whose adoption by a U.S. citizen will be finalized in the citizen's home jurisdiction.
IR-1	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Spouse of a U.S. citizen. This visa is called CR-1 (for conditional resident) if the marriage is less than 2 years old at the time of application. The CR-1 visa has to have its conditionality "removed" two years after entry in a separate process.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Spouse of a U.S. citizen.
IR-2	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Unmarried child, under 21 years of age, of a U.S. citizen.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Unmarried child, under 21 years of age, of a U.S. citizen.
IR-3	Immigrant	<p>Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a non-Hague country adopted by U.S. citizens, whose adoption was finalized outside the U.S.</p> <p>Note: In order for an IR-3 visa to be issued, U.S. regulations require that both adoptive parents take part in the overseas adoption and actually meet with the child in the</p>	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a non-Hague country adopted by U.S. citizens, whose adoption was finalized outside the U.S.

		child's home country. If only one parent travels to pick up the child, the child will be issued an IR-4 visa instead.	
IR-4	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a non-Hague country whose adoption by a U.S. citizen will be finalized in the citizen's home jurisdiction.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Orphan resident in a non-Hague country whose adoption by a U.S. citizen will be finalized in the citizen's home jurisdiction.
IR-5	Immigrant	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Parent of a U.S. citizen; the citizen must be at least age 21.	Immediate relative of U.S. citizen: Parent of a U.S. citizen; the citizen must be at least age 21.
J-1	Non immigrant	Students and exchange visitors: exchange visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign medical graduates or physicians to pursue graduate medical education or training at accredited schools of medicine or scientific institutions</li> <li>• Foreign students participating in exchange programs to promote the sharing of knowledge and skills in education, arts and sciences</li> <li>• Research scholars to teach, conduct research, observe, or consult on research projects</li> <li>• Au Pairs to live with an American host family</li> <li>• Foreign nationals to pursue business and industrial training programs in the U.S.</li> <li>• Professors to teach, lecture, conduct research, or consult at educational institutions, museums, libraries, or similar institutions in the U.S.</li> <li>• Employees of International Communication agencies</li> <li>• Research assistants sponsored by the national institute of health</li> <li>• Foreign nationals to serve as</li> </ul>

			<p>counselors in U.S. summer camps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals to obtain further academic qualifications or gain practical experience/training in a specific area of knowledge or expertise</li> <li>• Foreign nationals who are recognized as potential leaders or experts to engage in observation tours, discussions, consultation, professional meetings, and training</li> <li>• U.S. organizations authorized by the Department of State (DOS) to sponsor foreign nationals for training</li> </ul>
J-2	Nonimmigrant	Students and exchange visitors: spouses and children of exchange visitors	Dependent of J-1 Visa Holder. Individuals in the U.S. as a dependent (spouse)
K-1	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: fiancés(ees) of U.S. citizens	Fiancé or Fiancée of US citizens to enter the U.S. and marry the U.S. citizen petitioner within 90 days
K-2	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: children of fiancés(ees) of U.S. citizens	Unmarried children under age 21, of K-1 fiancé visa applicants
K-3	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: spouses U.S. citizens, visa pending	Spouses of U.S. citizens who are waiting abroad for an immigrant visa
K-4	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: children of U.S. citizen, visa pending	Unmarried children under age 21, of K-3 visa applicants
L-1	Non immigrant	Intra company transferees: principals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign national executives being transferred to the U.S. to manage an organization or a major function or division of an organization</li> <li>• Foreign national managers being transferred to the U.S. to supervise work of other supervisory, professional or managerial employees, or who manages an essential function, department or subdivision</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specialized Knowledge employees of companies outside U.S. that have related U.S. branches, subsidiaries, affiliates or joint venture partners</li> <li>• Employees and partners of international accounting firms</li> <li>• Multinational companies to transfer foreign national executives to manage an organization or a major function or division of an organization in the U.S.</li> <li>• Multinational companies to transfer foreign national managers to supervise work of other supervisory, professional or managerial employees, or who manages an essential function, department or subdivision in the U.S.</li> <li>• Multinational companies to transfer employees with specialized knowledge such as, its products, research methods and marketing techniques</li> </ul>
L-2	Non immigrant	Intracompany transferees: spouses and children of intra company transferees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse and children of L-1 visa holders who wish to visit the principal visa holder in the U.S.</li> <li>• Spouse and children of L-1 visa holders who wish to accompany the principal visa holder</li> </ul>
M-1	Non immigrant	Students and exchange visitors: vocational students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals to attend a full course of non-academic study at colleges, universities, or conservatories in the U.S.</li> <li>• Foreign nationals coming to the</li> </ul>



			U.S. to attend a full vocational course
M-2	Non immigrant	Students and exchange visitors: spouses and children of vocational students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse and children of M-1 visa holders who wish to visit the foreign national studying in the U.S.</li> <li>Spouse and children of M-1 visa holders who wish to accompany the foreign national student</li> </ul>
M-3	Non immigrant	Canadian or Mexican national vocational commuter students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign nationals to attend a full course of non-academic study at colleges, universities, or conservatories in the U.S.</li> <li>Foreign nationals coming to the U.S. to attend a full vocational course</li> </ul>
N-1 to N-6	Non immigrant	NATO officials and families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principal permanent or other representatives to NATO</li> <li>Staff of principal representatives to NATO</li> <li>Immediate family members of NATO visa holders</li> </ul>
N-8 and N-9	Non immigrant	Immediate relatives of certain SK-3 special immigrants	<p>N-8: Parents of special immigrants on SN-3 immigrant visa</p> <p>N-9: Children of special immigrants on N-8 visa Children of special immigrants on SN-1, SN-2 or SN-4 immigrant visa</p>
O-1	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: extraordinary ability or achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign nationals who have received major prizes or awards or other recognition for outstanding achievements in the field of arts,</li> </ul>

			<p>sciences, education, business or athletics and with a job offer from a U.S. company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals who have produced original scientific or scholarly contributions in the academic fields and with a job offer from a U.S. company</li> <li>• Artists and entertainers of extraordinary ability affiliated with motion picture or television industry</li> <li>• U.S. companies to hire foreign nationals with extraordinary ability in the field of arts, sciences, education, business or athletics</li> </ul>
O-2	Nonimmigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: accompanying and assisting in performance of O-1 workers	Essential support personnel of O-1 visa holders
O-3	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: spouses and children of O-1 and O-2 workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse and children of O-1 and O-2 visa holders who wish to visit the principal visa holder in the U.S.</li> <li>• Spouse and children of O-1 and O-2 visa holders who wish to accompany the principal visa holder</li> </ul>
P-1	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: internationally recognized athletes or entertainers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internationally recognized athletes or athletic teams entering the U.S. to participate in an event of international standing</li> <li>• Entertainers and entertainment companies recognized internationally as outstanding to tour the U.S. or participate in events</li> <li>• Distinguished circus artists who</li> </ul>

			<p>wish to work in the U.S.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support personnel of P-1 visa holders</li> <li>• U.S. agents and companies to bring athletes, athletic teams and their support personnel to participate in events of international standing</li> <li>• U.S. agents and companies to bring in entertainers and entertainment companies recognized internationally as outstanding to tour the U.S. or participate in events</li> </ul>
P-2	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: artists or entertainers in reciprocal exchange programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artists entering the U.S. through a government recognized reciprocal exchange program</li> <li>• Entertainment troupes or bands entering the U.S. through a government recognized reciprocal exchange program</li> <li>• Support personnel of P-2 visa holders</li> <li>• U.S. agents and companies to bring artists and entertainers under a reciprocal exchange program to tour the U.S. or participate in events</li> </ul>
P-3	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: artists or entertainers in culturally unique programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artists and entertainers entering the U.S. to perform in a culturally unique program</li> <li>• Artists to represent, teach, or coach cultural, musical, ethnic folk, artistic, or theatrical arts in the U.S.</li> <li>• Artists entering the U.S. to enhance</li> </ul>

			<p>the development or understanding of culturally unique art forms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support personnel of P-3 visa holders</li> <li>• U.S. agents and companies to bring artists and entertainers to participate in culturally unique programs</li> </ul>
P-4	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: spouses and children of P-1, P-2, and P-3 workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse and children of P-1, P-2 or P-3 visa holders who wish to visit the principal visa holder in the U.S.</li> <li>• Spouse and children of P-1, P-2 or P-3 visa holders who wish to accompany the principal visa holder</li> </ul>
Q-1	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: workers in international cultural exchange programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign nationals entering the U.S. through an international cultural exchange program to share and promote history, culture and traditions of their home country</li> <li>• Foreign nationals entering the U.S. through an exchange program to undertake employment or practical training that is directly related to sharing culture and history of their home country</li> </ul>
R-1	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: workers in religious occupations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members of religious group or community having a bona fide nonprofit, religious organization in the U.S.</li> <li>• Foreign nationals coming to the U.S. to work solely as the minister of a religious group or community</li> <li>• Nonprofit religious organizations in the U.S. to employ foreign religious</li> </ul>

			workers to work in religious vocations such as liturgical workers, religious instructors or cantors, catechists, missionaries, religious translators, or religious broadcasters
R-2	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: spouses and children of R-1 workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse and children of R-1 visa holders who wish to visit the principal visa holder in the U.S.</li> <li>Spouse and children of R-1 visa holders who wish to accompany the principal visa holder</li> </ul>
S visa [two types: S-5/S-6]	Non immigrant	Aliens Assisting Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foreign nationals in possession of critical and reliable information concerning a criminal or terrorist organization or enterprise, willing to supply information to Federal or State law enforcement authorities</li> <li>Foreign nationals whose presence in the U.S. is essential to the success of an authorized criminal investigation or the successful prosecution of an individual involved in a criminal organization or enterprise</li> <li>Immediate family members of S visa holders</li> </ul>
Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)	Immigrant	Qualifying children present in the U.S. who are declared dependents of a juvenile court and who would be harmed if returned to their home country	children present in the U.S. who are declared dependents of a juvenile court and who would be harmed if returned to their home country
T-1	Non immigrant	Victims of human trafficking	Victims of severe forms of human trafficking, sex trade or forced labor, who are physically present in the U.S. by way of such trafficking

T-2	Non immigrant	Victims of human trafficking: spouse of victim	Spouse of victims of human trafficking, sex trade or forced labor
T-3	Non immigrant	Victims of human trafficking: children of victim	Children of victims of human trafficking, sex trade or forced labor
T-4	Non immigrant	Victims of human trafficking: parents of victim who are children	Parents of victims of human trafficking, sex trade or forced labor
TD	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: spouses and children of NAFTA workers	spouses and children of NAFTA workers
TN	Non immigrant	Temporary workers and trainees: NAFTA professional workers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a bachelors degree and a job offer from a U.S. company</li> <li>• specialized occupations, such as scientists, engineers, programmers, research assistants, management consultants, social workers, and accountants</li> <li>• medical and allied personnel including dentists, dietitians, laboratory technologists, nutritionist, pharmacist, physical therapist, psychologist, registered nurses and veterinarians</li> </ul>
U-1	Non immigrant	Victims of qualifying criminal activity, such as rape, murder, manslaughter, child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, and/or human trafficking	Victims of criminal activity such as rape, torture, domestic abuse, sexual assault, prostitution, kidnapping, blackmail, false imprisonment or manslaughter
U-2	Nonimmigrant	Victims of qualifying criminal activity: spouse of victim	Spouse of victims of crime such as rape, domestic abuse or torture
U-3	Non immigrant	Victims of qualifying criminal activity: children of victim	Children of victims of crime such as rape, domestic abuse or torture
U-4	Non immigrant	Victims of qualifying criminal activity: parents of victim who are children	Parents of victims of crime such as rape, domestic abuse or torture
U-5	Non immigrant	Victims of qualifying criminal activity: siblings (of minor age) of victim who are children	siblings (of minor age) of victim who are children
V-1	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: spouses of permanent residents, visa pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spouse of a Green Card holder whose petition was filed on or before December 21, 2000, and has been waiting at least three</li> </ul>

			<p>years since the petition was filed, but an immigrant visa is not yet available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spouse of a Green Card holder whose petition was filed on or before December 21, 2000, and has been waiting at least three years since the petition was filed, but there is a pending adjustment of status application</li> </ul>
V-2	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: children of permanent residents, visa pending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children of a Green Card holder whose petition was filed on or before December 21, 2000, and has been waiting at least three years since the petition was filed, but an immigrant visa is not yet available</li> <li>Children of a Green Card holder whose petition was filed on or before December 21, 2000, and has been waiting at least three years since the petition was filed, but there is a pending adjustment of status application</li> </ul>
V-3	Non immigrant	LIFE Act: dependents of V-1 and V-2, visa pending	Children of V-1 or V-2 visa holders
WB	Non immigrant	Temporary visitors: visa waiver, business	visa waiver (business)
WT	Non immigrant	Temporary visitors: visa waiver, pleasure	visa waiver (Pleasure or Tourism)