

Visa Type Reference (09-25-12)

A visa is a supplemental identification/travel document that a citizen of a foreign country generally must have to seek entrance into the United States.

Refer to the table below for a list of visa types and descriptions:

Visa Type	Description
A-1	Official foreign government (ambassador, public minister, career diplomat)
A-2	Official foreign government (other foreign government official, military)
A-3	Personal employees, attendants, domestic workers, or servants of individuals who hold a valid A-1 or A-2 visa
B-1	Business visitor
B-2	Pleasure, tourism, medical treatment visitor
B-1 /B-2	Business and pleasure visitor
BCC	Border crossing card: Mexico
C-1	Transit to the United States
C-2	Transit to the United Nations
C-3	Transit to the United States (Foreign Government officials)
C-4	Transit - Department of Homeland Security
C-1/D	Transit / certified crew member combination
D-1	Certified crew member - sea or air
D-2	Certified crew member - fishing vessel
E-1	Treaty trader - employee, spouse, and/or child
E-2	Treaty investor - employee, spouse, and/or child
E-3	"Specialty occupation" - Australia

F-1	Academic student
F-2	Spouse or child of an F-1
F-3	Academic commuter - Canada or Mexico
GB	Business visitor - Guam
G-1	Mission member - designated international organization
G-2	Representative of a recognized or member foreign government
G-3	Representative of non-recognized or non-member government
G-4	Appointment - designated international organization
G-5	Employee of G
H-1	Worker of distinguished merit and ability
H-1A	Registered Nurse
H-1B	Specialty Occupation
H-1B1	Specialty Occupation - Chile or Singapore
H-1B2	Specialty Occupation - U.S. Department of Defense
H-1B3	Fashion model of distinguished merit and ability
H-1C	Registered nurse - U.S. Department of Labor
H-2	Worker performing services unavailable in U.S.
H-2A	Temporary or seasonal agricultural worker
H-2B	Non-agricultural worker
H-3	Trainee other than medical or academic
H-4	Spouse or child of H

I	Foreign media outlet (press, radio, film, or other)
IR1 or CR1	Spouse of a U.S. citizen
J-1	Student - exchange visitor
J-2	Spouse or child of J-1
K-1	Fiancé(e) - purpose of marriage
K-2	Child of K-1
K-3	Spouse of a U.S. citizen, visa must be issued by the country that performed the marriage
K-4	Minor-child of K-3
L-1A	Intra-company transfer - managerial or executive
L-1B	Intra-company transfer - specialized knowledge
L-2	Spouse or child of L
M-1	Vocational student
M-2	Spouse or child of M1
M-3	Vocational student - Canada or Mexico
N-8	Parent of SK-3 or SN-3 - special immigrant
N-9	Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2, SK-4, SN-1, SN-2, or SN-4 special immigrant
NATO-1	Official staff - NATO
NATO-2	Adviser - NATO
NATO-3	Clerical staff - NATO
NATO-4	Member - NATO

NATO-5	Expert - NATO
NATO-6	Civilian - NATO - "Status of Forces"
NATO-7	Employee of NATO-1-6
O-1	Extraordinary ability in analysis, business, education, entertainment
O-2	Assistant to O-1
O-3	Spouse or child of O-1
P-1A	Internationally recognized athlete
P-1B	Internationally recognized entertainer (artist)
P-2	Performer (artist) - reciprocal exchange program
P-3	Entertainer (artist) - culturally unique program
P-4	Spouse or child of P1
Q-1	International cultural exchange program
Q-2	Spouse or child of Q-1
R-1	Religious occupation
R-2	Spouse or child of R-1
S-1	Religious worker
S-5	Informant - criminal
S-6	Informant - terrorist
S-7	Spouse or child of S5-6
T-1	Victim - human trafficking
T-2	Spouse of T-1

T-3	Child of T-1
T-4	Parent of an under-21 T-1
TD	Spouse or child of TN
TN	Professional under NAFTA - Mexico or Canada
U-1	Victim of criminal activity
U-2	Spouse of U-1
U-3	Child of U-1
U-4	Parent of an under-21 U-1
V-1	Spouse of a permanent resident (delayed)
V-2	Child, under-21, of V-1
V-3	Spouse or child accompanying a principal beneficiary
WB	Business visitor - visa waiver program