

IMMIGRATION DEFINITIONS

VISAS	DESCRIPTION	VISAS	DESCRIPTION
A-1	Ambassador/Diplomat	K-3 / K-4	Spouse / Child of K-3
A-2	Foreign government Official/employee, and immediate Family members	L-1A	Intracompany transferee for executive, manager
B-1	Temporary visitor for business	L-1B	Intracompany transferee for specialized knowledge
B-2	Temporary visitor for pleasure	L-2	Spouse or child of L-1
C-1	Alien in transit directly through U.S.	M-1	Vocational student or other nonacademic student
C-1D	Combined transit and crewman visa	M-2	Spouse or child of M-1
C-4	Transit without Visa, see also WWOV	O-1	Extraordinary ability in Sciences, Arts, Education, Business or Athletics
D-1	Crewmember departing on same vessel of arrival	O-3	Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2
D-2	Crewmember departing by means other than the vessel of arrival	P-1	Individual or team athletes / Entertainment groups
E-1	Treaty Trader, spouse and children	P-2	Artists and entertainers in reciprocal exchange programs
E-2	Treaty Investor, spouse and children	P-3	Artists and entertainers in culturally unique programs
E-3	Australian Specialty Occupation	P-4	Spouse or child of P-1, 2 or 3
F-1	Academic Student	Q-1	International cultural exchange visitors
F-2	Spouse or child of F-1	Q-2	Irish Peace Process Cultural and Training Program (Walsh Visas)
H-1B	Specialty Occupations	Q-3	Spouse or child of Q-2
H-2A	Temporary Agricultural Worker	R-1	Religious workers
H-2B	Temporary worker: skilled and unskilled	R-2	Spouse or child of Q-2
H-3	Trainee	S	Individual who has assisted criminal prosecution
H-4	Spouse or child of H-1, H-2, H-3	T	Victims of Trafficking
I	Foreign media representatives	TD	Spouse or child accompanying TN
J-1	Exchange Visitors	TN	Trade visas for Canadians and Mexicans
J-2	Spouse or child of J-1	TWOV	Transit Without Visa for either Passengers or Crews, see C-4
K-1 / K-2	Fiancé(e)/minor child of a U.S. Citizen	V-1 / V-2	Spouse/Child of a Legal Permanent Resident ("green card" holder)
		VWP	Visa Waiver Program – certain nationals may enter the United States as visitors for up to 90 days without obtaining a B visa in their passports

GREEN CARD	DESCRIPTION	GENERAL TERMS	DESCRIPTION
Advance Parole	Travel document to allow travel outside of the U.S. while I-485 "green card" application is pending	ACWIA	American Competitiveness Workforce Improvement Act
AOS	Adjustment of Status, or the filing of an I-485 Application to Adjust Status to that of a Legal Permanent Resident	CBP	Customs and Border Protection (governmental department under the Department of Homeland Security)
CPR	Conditional Permanent Resident ("green card" holder)	CIS	Citizenship and Immigration Services (governmental department under the Department of Homeland Security)
EAD	Employment Authorization Document, allows employment while I-485 "green card" application is pending.	CPT	Curricular Practical Training, or one-year work authorization for F-1 (internship)
EB-1	Employment-based preference category for priority workers	DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
EB-2	Employment-based preference category for professionals holding an advanced degree of persons of exceptional ability	DOL	U.S. Department of Labor
EB-3	Employment-based preference category for skilled workers, professionals, or other workers	DOS	U.S. Department of State
I-551	Temporary evidence stamp of Permanent Resident Status	ICE	Immigration and Customs Enforcement (governmental department under the Department of Homeland Security)
LPR	Legal Permanent Resident ("green card" holder)	LCA	Labor Condition Application, approved by Department of Labor, to be used in support of H-1B petitions
PERM	Program Electronic Review Management System, or electronic method of filing of a Labor Certification application.	OPT	Optional Practical Training, or one-year work authorization after completion of higher education at a U.S. university in F-1 status
PWD	Prevailing Wage Determination, or state-approved minimum wage for a specific job in a specific area	TPS	Temporary Protected Status for nationals of countries designated by the U.S. government