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NONIMMIGRANT VISA TYPES (Rev. 1-2007)

- A*** Diplomat (foreign government arranges for)
- B*+** Visitor (individual applies)
 - B-1** Visitor for Business
 - B-2** Visitor for Tourism or dependent of B-1
- C*+** Transit (done in airport; not available for some countries)
- D*+** Crewmember (employer arranges for)
- E*** Treaty (treaty required; individual or company applies)
 - E-1** Treaty Trader
 - E-2** Treaty Investor
 - E-3** Australian specialty occupation worker
- F*+** Academic Student (inst. obtains authorization from DHS; issues I-20 first)
 - F-1** student (principal)
 - F-2** dependent
- G*** Representative of International Organization (international organization arranges for)
- H** Temporary Worker (employer petitions USCIS first)
 - H-1B** Workers in specialty occupation (DOL LCA first)
 - H-1C** Nurses (DOL Attestation first)(very limited in scope and number)
 - H-2A** Agricultural workers (DOL LC first)
 - H-2B** Temporary workers needed by employer, not displacing US worker (DOL LC first)
 - H-3** Trainee
 - H-4** Dependent of any of above
- I*** Representative of foreign media (foreign employer arranges for)
- J*+** Exchange Visitors (inst. obtains authorization from DOS; issues DS-2019 first)
 - J-1** principal
 - J-2** dependent
- K*** Fiancé or spouse of US citizen and her/his minor children (USC petitions USCIS first)
- L** Intracompany transferee (employer petitions USCIS first)
 - L-1** Principal
 - L-2** Dependent
- M*+** Vocational student (inst. obtains authorization from DHS; issues I-20M/N first)
- N*** Parent/child of certain special immigrants (parent applies first)
- NATO** (NATO arranges for)
- O*** Extraordinary Ability (employer/agent petitions USCIS first)
- P*** Entertainers and Athletes (employer/agent petitions USCIS first)
- Q*+** Cultural exchange participants (employer/agent petitions USCIS first)
- R*** Religious workers (ministers, professional religious workers, other religious workers)
(individual applies or employer petitions first)
- S*** Persons cooperating with US criminal investigation (DHS arranges for)
- T*** Victim of trafficking in persons (DHS arranges for)
- U*** Victim of prostitution and certain other criminal activity (DHS arranges for)
- V*** Spouse or child of permanent resident waiting for immigrant visa for 3 years (spouse/parent petitioned on or before 12/21/2000)
- TN*+** NAFTA Beneficiary (employer job offer; Mexican, Canadian, Australian, Singaporean, Chilean citizens; must be on list of professions specified in the treaty)
- TD*+** Dependents of TNs
- WB*+** Visitors for business on "visa waivers" (citizens of certain countries)
- WT*+** Visitors for tourism on "visa waivers" (citizens of certain countries)
- Parolee** Has special permission to enter the US
- Asylee** Obtained permission to remain in US due to persecution in home country (DHS grants)
- Refugee** Entered US due to persecution in home country (DOS/DHS grants)
- *** *Visa applicant must have nonimmigrant intent (214(b))*
- +** *Visa applicant must have residence abroad and no intention of abandoning it*