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## §1153. Allocation of immigrant visas

### (a) Preference allocation for family-sponsored immigrants

Aliens subject to the worldwide level specified in [section 1151\(c\) of this title](#) for family-sponsored immigrants shall be allotted visas as follows:

#### (1) Unmarried sons and daughters of citizens

Qualified immigrants who are the unmarried sons or daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a number not to exceed 23,400, plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (4).

#### (2) Spouses and unmarried sons and unmarried daughters of permanent resident aliens

Qualified immigrants-

(A) who are the spouses or children of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence, or

(B) who are the unmarried sons or unmarried daughters (but are not the children) of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence,

shall be allocated visas in a number not to exceed 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which such worldwide level exceeds 226,000, plus any visas not required for the class specified in paragraph (1); except that not less than 77 percent of such visa numbers shall be allocated to aliens described in subparagraph (A).

#### (3) Married sons and married daughters of citizens

Qualified immigrants who are the married sons or married daughters of citizens of the United States shall be allocated visas in a number not to exceed 23,400, plus any visas not required for the classes specified in paragraphs (1) and (2).

#### (4) Brothers and sisters of citizens