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## §1204. Immediate relative and special immigrant visas

A consular officer may, subject to the limitations provided in [section 1201 of this title](#), issue an immigrant visa to a special immigrant or immediate relative as such upon satisfactory proof, under regulations prescribed under this chapter, that the applicant is entitled to special immigrant or immediate relative status.

(June 27, 1952, ch. 477, title II, ch. 3, §224, 66 Stat. 195 ; Pub. L. 89–236, §11(d), Oct. 3, 1965, 79 Stat. 918 .)

### EDITORIAL NOTES

### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original, "this Act", meaning act [June 27, 1952, ch. 477, 66 Stat. 163](#) , known as the Immigration and Nationality Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under [section 1101 of this title](#) and Tables.

### AMENDMENTS

**1965**-Pub. L. 89–236 struck out reference to [sections 1154 and 1155 of this title](#) and substituted "special immigrant or immediate relative" for "nonquota immigrant".

### STATUTORY NOTES AND RELATED SUBSIDIARIES

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