If you would like to come to the United States to work permanently or temporarily, your employer or potential employer will need to file a petition on your behalf.

Review the information below to determine which petition should be filed on your behalf.

## Form I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker

Below is the list of Form-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker, categories:

* E-1 Treaty Trader
* E-2 Treaty Investor
* E-3 Treaty Trader (Free Trade Professionals from Australia)
* H-1B Nonimmigrant in a Specialty Occupation
* H-1B1 Singapore and Chile Nationals in a Specialty Occupation
* H-1B2 Department of Defense Worker
* H-1B3 Fashion Model
* H-1C Registered Nurses
* H-2A Seasonal Agricultural Worker
* H-2B Seasonal Non-Agricultural Worker
* H-3 Nonimmigrant Trainee
* I Representative of Foreign Information Media
* L-1A Intracompany Manager or Executive
* L-1B Intracompany Transferee (with unique or specialized knowledge)
* O-1 Nonimmigrant of Extraordinary Ability
* O-2 Support Personnel of an O-1
* P-1A Internationally recognized athlete
* P-1B Internationally recognized athlete
* P-2 Reciprocal Exchange Visitor
* P-3 Artist of Entertainer in a Culturally Unique Performance
* R-1 Religious Worker
* TN North America Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Professionals

## Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers

Below is the list of Form I-140, Immigrant Petition for Alien Workers, categories and their criteria:

* First preference employment-based immigrants  
  Noncitizens of extraordinary ability  
  Multinational executives  
  Outstanding professors or researchers
* Noncitizens of extraordinary ability
* Multinational executives
* Outstanding professors or researchers
* Second preference employment-based immigrants  
  Members of the profession holding an advanced degree  
  Noncitizens of exceptional ability  
  Noncitizens seeking a national interest waiver
* Members of the profession holding an advanced degree
* Noncitizens of exceptional ability
* Noncitizens seeking a national interest waiver
* Third preference employment-based immigrants  
  A professional or skilled worker  
  Other workers  
  Schedule A nurses and physical therapists
* A professional or skilled worker
* Other workers
* Schedule A nurses and physical therapists
* Noncitizens of extraordinary ability
* Multinational executives
* Outstanding professors or researchers
* Members of the profession holding an advanced degree
* Noncitizens of exceptional ability
* Noncitizens seeking a national interest waiver
* A professional or skilled worker
* Other workers
* Schedule A nurses and physical therapists

## Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant

Below is the list of Form I-360, Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant, categories:

* Fourth-preference employment-based immigrants  
  Certain special immigrants
* Certain special immigrants
* Certain special immigrants

## Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor

Below is the list of Form I-526, Immigrant Petition by Alien Investor, categories:

* Fifth preference employment-based immigrants (entrepreneurs)

If we approve a petition submitted by your prospective employer, we will send a Form I-797, Notice of Action/Approval to your employer, who will then forward it to you. This approval notice may be used as evidence of your status if you are in the United States or can be used to apply for a visa at a U.S. consulate or embassy abroad. For information on applying for a visa outside the United States, please see the Consular Processing page.

It is important to note that an approval notice is not a visa. You must apply for a visa at a United States embassy or consulate.

For information on the visa application process, see the Department of State website.