# Comprehensive Guide to U.S. Visa Categories

## 1. Nonimmigrant Visas

Nonimmigrant visas are for individuals visiting the U.S. temporarily for purposes such as tourism, business, study, or work. Below are details about common nonimmigrant visa categories.

### B-1 Visa (Temporary Business Visitor)

Qualifications:

- Engage in business activities of a commercial or professional nature in the U.S.  
- Plan to stay for a limited, specific period.  
- Have sufficient funds to cover expenses while in the U.S.  
- Maintain a residence outside the U.S. with no intention of abandoning it.

Application Process:

1. Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (Form DS-160).  
2. Pay the visa application fee.  
3. Schedule an interview at the U.S. embassy or consulate in your country.  
4. Prepare required documentation:  
 - Valid passport.  
 - Form DS-160 confirmation page.  
 - Receipt of visa application fee payment.  
 - Details of the purpose of your trip.  
 - Evidence of ties to your home country.  
5. Attend the visa interview.

### B-2 Visa (Tourism, Pleasure, or Visiting)

Qualifications:

- Traveling to the U.S. for tourism, vacation, or visiting friends and family.  
- Intend to stay for a limited period.  
- Have sufficient funds to cover expenses during the stay.  
- Maintain a residence outside the U.S. with no intention of abandoning it.

Application Process: Same as the B-1 Visa application process.

### F-1 Visa (Academic Student)

Qualifications:

- Accepted into a U.S. academic institution or language training program.  
- Enrolled as a full-time student.  
- Proficient in English or enrolled in courses leading to English proficiency.  
- Have sufficient funds to cover the first year of study and access to funds for subsequent years.  
- Maintain a residence abroad with no intention of abandoning it.

Application Process:

1. Receive a Form I-20 from the U.S. institution.  
2. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.  
3. Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (Form DS-160).  
4. Pay the visa application fee.  
5. Schedule and attend a visa interview.  
6. Prepare required documentation:  
 - Valid passport.  
 - Form DS-160 confirmation page.  
 - Receipt of visa application fee payment.  
 - Form I-20.  
 - Proof of financial ability.  
 - Academic transcripts and test scores.  
7. Attend the visa interview.

### H-1B Visa (Specialty Occupations)

Qualifications:

- Offer of employment in a specialty occupation requiring theoretical and practical application of specialized knowledge.  
- Possess a bachelor's degree or higher in the specific specialty (or its equivalent).  
- Employer must file a Labor Condition Application (LCA) with the Department of Labor.

Application Process:

1. Employer submits an LCA to the Department of Labor.  
2. Employer files Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker, with USCIS.  
3. Upon petition approval, complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (Form DS-160).  
4. Pay the visa application fee.  
5. Schedule and attend a visa interview.  
6. Prepare required documentation:  
 - Valid passport.  
 - Form DS-160 confirmation page.  
 - Receipt of visa application fee payment.  
 - Form I-797 approval notice.  
 - Employment offer letter.  
 - Educational credentials.  
7. Attend the visa interview.