

Appendix E

Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Symbols

The following symbols were used during Fiscal Year 2001 in issuing visas to immigrants and nonimmigrants proceeding to the United States. Unless otherwise stated, the section of law cited refers to the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

| Visa Symbol | Class | Section of Law |
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| Immigrants | | |
| Immediate Relatives | | |
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| IR-1 | Spouse of U.S. citizen | 201(b) |
| IR-2 | Child of U.S. citizen | 201(b) |
| IR-3 | Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen | 201(b) |
| IR-4 | Orphan to be adopted in the United States by U.S. citizen | 201(b) |
| IR-5 | Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age | 201(b) |
| CR-1 | Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional status) | 201(b) & 216 |
| CR-2 | Child of U.S. citizen (conditional status) | 201(b) & 216 |
| IW-1 | Certain spouses of deceased U.S. citizens | 201(b) |
| IW-2 | Child of IW-1 | 201(b) |
| IB-1 | Self-petition spouse of U.S. citizen | 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) |
| IB-2 | Self-petition child of U.S. citizen | 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) |
| IB-3 | Child of IB-1 | 204(a)(1)(A)(iii) |
| VI-5 | Parent of U.S. citizen who acquired permanent resident status under the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act | 201(b) & Sec. 2 of the Virgin Islands Nonimmigrant Alien Adjustment Act (Pub. L. 97-271) |
| Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants | | |
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| AM-1 | Vietnam Amerasian principal | 584(b)(1)(A), (B) and (C) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 |
| AM-2 | Spouse/Child of AM-1 | |
| AM-3 | Natural mother of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such mother), or person who has acted in effect as the mother, father, or next-of-kin of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such person) | (as contained in Sec. 101(e) of Pub. L. 100-202), as amended |
| Special Immigrants | | |
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| SB-1 | Returning resident | 101(a)(27)(A) |
| SC-1 | Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by marriage | 101(a)(27)(B) & 324(a) |
| SC-2 | Certain persons who lost U.S. citizenship by serving in foreign armed forces | 101(a)(27)(B) & 327 |
| Family-Sponsored Immigrants | | |
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| First Preference | | |
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| F11 | Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen | 203(a)(1) |
| F12 | Child of F11 | 203(d) |
| B11 | Self-petition unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen | 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(1) |
| B12 | Child of B11 | 203(d) |

| Visa Symbol | Class | Section of Law |
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| Second Preference (Subject to Country Limitations) | | |
| F21 | Spouse of permanent resident | 203(a)(2)(A) |
| F22 | Child of permanent resident | 203(a)(2)(A) |
| F23 | Child of F21 or F22 | 203(d) |
| F24 | Unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident | 203(a)(2)(B) |
| F25 | Child of F24 | 203(d) |
| B21 | Self-petition spouse of permanent resident | 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) |
| B22 | Self-petition child of permanent resident | 204(a)(1)(B)(iii) |
| B23 | Child of B21 or B22 | 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) & 203(d) |
| B24 | Self-petition unmarried son/daughter of permanent resident | 204(a)(1)(B)(iii) |
| B25 | Child of B24 | 203(d) |
| Second Preference (Exempt from Country Limitations) | | |
| FX1 | Spouse of permanent resident | 202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) |
| FX2 | Child of permanent resident | 202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) |
| FX3 | Child of FX1 or FX2 | 202(a)(4)(A) & 203(d) |
| BX1 | Self-petition spouse of permanent resident | 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) |
| BX2 | Self-petition child of permanent resident | 204(a)(1)(B)(iii) |
| BX3 | Child of BX1 or BX2 | 204(a)(1)(B)(ii) & 203(d) |
| Third Preference | | |
| F31 | Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen | 203(a)(3) |
| F32 | Spouse of F31 | 203(d) |
| F33 | Child of F31 | 203(d) |
| B31 | Self-petition married son or daughter of U.S. citizen | 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3) |
| B32 | Spouse of B31 | 203(d) |
| B33 | Child of B31 | 203(d) |
| Fourth Preference | | |
| F41 | Brother or sister of U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years of age | 203(a)(4) |
| F42 | Spouse of F41 | 203(d) |
| F43 | Child of F41 | 203(d) |
| Employment-Based Immigrants | | |
| First Preference (Priority Workers) | | |
| E11 | Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics | 203(b)(1)(A) |
| E12 | Outstanding professor or researcher | 203(b)(1)(B) |
| E13 | Multinational executive or manager | 203(b)(1)(C) |
| E14 | Spouse of E11, E12, or E13 | 203(d) |
| E15 | Child of E11, E12, or E13 | 203(d) |
| Second Preference (Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability) | | |
| E21 | Professional holding advanced degree or person of exceptional ability in the sciences, arts, or business | 203(b)(2) |
| E22 | Spouse of E21 | 203(d) |
| E23 | Child of E21 | 203(d) |

| Visa Symbol | Class | Section of Law |
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| Third Preference (Skilled Workers, Professionals, and Other Workers) | | |
| E31 | Skilled worker | 203(b)(3)(A)(i) |
| E32 | Professional holding baccalaureate degree | 203(b)(3)(A)(ii) |
| E34 | Spouse of E31 or E32 | 203(d) |
| E35 | Child of E31 or E32 | 203(d) |
| EW3 | Other workers (subgroup numerical limit) | 203(b)(3)(A)(iii) |
| EW4 | Spouse of EW3 | 203(d) |
| EW5 | Child of EW3 | 203(d) |
| Fourth Preference (Certain Special Immigrants) | | |
| BC-1 | Certain international broadcasters | 101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4) |
| BC-2 | Spouse of BC-1 | 101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4) |
| BC-3 | Child of BC-1 | 101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4) |
| SD-1 | Minister of religion | 101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(I) & 203(b)(4) |
| SD-2 | Spouse of SD-1 | 101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4) |
| SD-3 | Child of SD-1 | 101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4) |
| SE-1 | Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad | 101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4) |
| SE-2 | Spouse of SE-1 | 101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4) |
| SE-3 | Child of SE-1 | 101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4) |
| SF-1 | Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government | 101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4) |
| SF-2 | Spouse or child of SF-1 | 101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4) |
| SG-1 | Certain former employees of the U.S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone | 101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4) |
| SG-2 | Spouse or child of SG-1 | 101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4) |
| SH-1 | Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979 | 101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4) |
| SH-2 | Spouse or child of SH-1 | 101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4) |
| SJ-2 | Spouse or child of SJ-1 (certain foreign medical graduates) | 101(a)(27)(H) & 203(b)(4) |
| SK-1 | Certain retired international organization employees | 101(a)(27)(I)(iii) & 203(b)(4) |
| SK-2 | Spouse of SK-1 | 101(a)(27)(I)(iv) & 203(b)(4) |
| SK-3 | Certain unmarried sons or daughters of international organization employees | 101(a)(27)(I)(i) & 203(b)(4) |
| SK-4 | Certain surviving spouses of deceased international organization employees | 101(a)(27)(I)(ii) & 203(b)(4) |
| SL-1 | Certain juvenile court dependents | 101(a)(27)(J) & 203(b)(4) |
| SM-1 | Person recruited outside the United States who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (became eligible after October 1, 1991) | 101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 102-110 |
| SM-2 | Spouse of SM-1 | 101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 102-110 |
| SM-3 | Child of SM-1 | 101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 102-110 |
| SM-4 | Person recruited outside the United States who has served, or is enlisted to serve, in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years (eligible as of October 1, 1991) | 101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 102-110 |
| SM-5 | Spouse or child of SM-4 | 101(a)(27)(K) & Sec. 2 of Pub. L. 102-110 |
| SN-1 | Certain retired NATO-6 civilian employees | 101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4) |
| SN-2 | Spouse of SN-1 | 101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4) |
| SN-3 | Certain unmarried sons or daughters of NATO-6 civilian employees | 101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4) |
| SN-4 | Certain surviving spouses of deceased NATO-6 civilian employees | 101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4) |
| SR-1 | Certain religious workers (subgroup numerical limit) | 101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) as amended, & 203(b)(4) |

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| SR-2 | Spouse of SR-1 | 101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4) |
| SR-3 | Child of SR-1 | 101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4) |

Fifth Preference (Employment Creation) (Conditional Status)

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| C51 | Employment creation outside targeted area | 203(b)(5)(A) |
| C52 | Spouse of C51 | 203(d) |
| C53 | Child of C51 | 203(d) |
| T51 | Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area (subgroup numerical set-aside) | 203(b)(5)(B) |
| T52 | Spouse of T51 | 203(d) |
| T53 | Child of T51 | 203(d) |
| R51 | Investor pilot program, not in targeted area | 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, |
| R52 | Spouse of R51 | 1993 (Pub. L. 102-395) as amended |
| R53 | Child of R51 | |
| I51 | Investor pilot program, targeted area | |
| I52 | Spouse of I51 | |
| I53 | Child of I51 | |

Other Numerically Limited Categories

Diversity Immigrants

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| DV-1 | Diversity immigrant | 203(c) |
| DV-2 | Spouse of DV-1 | 203(d) |
| DV-3 | Child of DV-1 | 203(d) |

| Visa Symbol | Class | Section of Law |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Nonimmigrants | | |
| A-1 | Ambassador, public minister, career diplomat or consular officer, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(A)(i) |
| A-2 | Other foreign government official or employee, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(A)(ii) |
| A-3 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 or A-2, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(A)(iii) |
| B-1 | Temporary visitor for business | 101(a)(15)(B) |
| B-2 | Temporary visitor for pleasure | 101(a)(15)(B) |
| B-1/B-2 | Temporary visitor for business and pleasure | 101(a)(15)(B) |
| C-1 | Person in transit | 101(a)(15)(C) |
| C-2 | Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters district under Section 11 (3), (4), or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement | 101(a)(15)(C) |
| C-3 | Foreign government official, immediate family, attendant, servant or personal employee, in transit | 212(d)(8) |
| D | Crewmember (sea or air) | 101(a)(15)(D) |
| E-1 | Treaty trader, spouse and children | 101(a)(15)(E)(i) |
| E-2 | Treaty investor, spouse and children | 101(a)(15)(E)(ii) |
| F-1 | Student (academic or language training program) | 101(a)(15)(F)(i) |
| F-2 | Spouse or child of academic/language student | 101(a)(15)(F)(ii) |
| G-1 | Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, staff, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(G)(i) |
| G-2 | Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(G)(ii) |
| G-3 | Representative of nonrecognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(G)(iii) |
| G-4 | International organization officer or employee, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(G)(iv) |
| G-5 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of G-1 through G-4, and immediate family | 101(a)(15)(G)(v) |
| H-1B | Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability performing services other than as a registered nurse | 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(b) |
| H-1C | Nurse in health professional shortage area | 101(a)(15)(H)(i)(c) |
| H-2A | Temporary worker performing agricultural services unavailable in the United States | 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a) |
| H-2B | Temporary worker performing other services unavailable in the United States | 101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(b) |
| H-3 | Trainee | 101(a)(15)(H)(iii) |
| H-4 | Spouse or child of H-1B/C, H-2A/B, or H-3 | 101(a)(15)(H) |
| I | Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children | 101(a)(15)(I) |
| J-1 | Exchange visitor | 101(a)(15)(J) |
| J-2 | Spouse or child of exchange visitor | 101(a)(15)(J) |
| K-1 | Fiance(e) of U.S. citizen | 101(a)(15)(K)(i) |
| K-2 | Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen | 101(a)(15)(K)(iii) |
| K-3 | Spouse of U.S. citizen awaiting availability of immigrant visa | 101(a)(15)(K)(ii) |
| K-4 | Child of K-3 | 101(a)(15)(K)(iii) |
| L-1 | Intracompany transferee (executive, managerial, and specialized personnel continuing employment with international firm or corporation) | 101(a)(15)(L) |
| L-2 | Spouse or child of intracompany transferee | 101(a)(15)(L) |
| M-1 | Vocational student or other nonacademic student | 101(a)(15)(M)(i) |
| M-2 | Spouse or child of vocational/nonacademic student | 101(a)(15)(M)(ii) |
| N-8 | Parent of SK-3 special immigrant | 101(a)(15)(N)(i) |
| N-9 | Child of N-8 or of SK-1, SK-2 or SK-4 special immigrant | 101(a)(15)(N)(ii) |
| NATO-1 | Principal permanent representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) resident in the U.S. and resident members of official staff; Secretary General, Assistant Secretaries General, and Executive Secretary of NATO; other permanent NATO officials of similar rank, and members of immediate family | Art. 12, 5 UST 1094; Art. 20, 5 UST 1098 |

| Visa Symbol | Class | Section of Law |
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| NATO-2 | Other representatives of member states to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies) including representatives, advisers, and technical experts of delegations, and members of immediate family; dependents of members of a force entering in accordance with the provisions of the NATO Status-of-Forces Agreement or in accordance with provisions of the "Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters"; members of such a force if issued visas | Art. 13, 5 UST 1094; Art. 1, 4 UST 1794; Art. 3, 4 UST 1796 |
| NATO-3 | Official clerical staff accompanying a representative of member state to NATO (including any of its subsidiary bodies), and members of immediate family | Art. 14, 5 UST 1096 |
| NATO-4 | Officials of NATO (other than those classifiable as NATO-1), and members of immediate family | Art. 18, 5 UST 1098 |
| NATO-5 | Experts, other than officials classifiable as NATO-4, employed in missions on behalf of NATO, and their dependents | Art. 21, 5 UST 1100 |
| NATO-6 | Members of a civilian component accompanying a force entering in accordance with the provisions of the NATO Status-of-Forces Agreement; members of a civilian component attached to or employed by an Allied Headquarters under the "Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters" set up pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty; and their dependents | Art. 1, 4 UST 1794; Art. 3, 5 UST 877 |
| NATO-7 | Attendant, servant, or personal employee of NATO-1 through NATO-6 classes, and immediate family | Arts. 12–20, 5 UST 1094–1098 |
| O-1 | Person with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics | 101(a)(15)(O)(i) |
| O-2 | Person accompanying and assisting in the artistic or athletic performance by O-1 | 101(a)(15)(O)(ii) |
| O-3 | Spouse or child of O-1 or O-2 | 101(a)(15)(O)(iii) |
| P-1 | Internationally recognized athlete or member of an internationally recognized entertainment group | 101(a)(15)(P)(i) & 214(c)(4)(A) & (B) |
| P-2 | Artist or entertainer in a reciprocal exchange program | 101(a)(15)(P)(ii) |
| P-3 | Artist or entertainer in a culturally unique program | 101(a)(15)(P)(iii) |
| P-4 | Spouse or child of P-1, P-2, or P-3 | 101(a)(15)(P)(iv) |
| Q-1 | Participant in an international cultural exchange program | 101(a)(15)(Q)(i) |
| Q-2 | Irish Peace Process trainee | 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii)(I) |
| Q-3 | Spouse or child of Q-2 | 101(a)(15)(Q)(ii)(II) |
| R-1 | Person in a religious occupation | 101(a)(15)(R) |
| R-2 | Spouse or child of R-1 | 101(a)(15)(R) |
| S-5 | Informant possessing information on criminal activity | 101(a)(15)(S)(i) |
| S-6 | Informant possessing information on terrorism | 101(a)(15)(S)(ii) |
| S-7 | Spouse, married or unmarried son or daughter, or parent of S-5 or S-6 | 101(a)(15)(S) |
| TN | NAFTA professional | 214(e) |
| TD | Spouse or child of TN | 214(e) |
| T-1 | Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons | 101(a)(15)(T)(i) |
| T-2 | Spouse of T-1 | 101(a)(15)(T)(ii) |
| T-3 | Child of T-1 | 101(a)(15)(T)(ii) |
| T-4 | Parent of T-1 under 21 years of age | 101(a)(15)(T)(ii) |
| U-1 | Victim of criminal activity | 101(a)(15)(U)(i) |
| U-2 | Spouse of U-1 | 101(a)(15)(U)(ii) |
| U-3 | Child of U-1 | 101(a)(15)(U)(ii) |
| U-4 | Parent of U-1 under 21 years of age | 101(a)(15)(U)(ii) |
| V-1 | Spouse of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa | 101(a)(15)(V) |
| V-2 | Child of lawful permanent resident awaiting availability of immigrant visa | 101(a)(15)(V) |
| V-3 | Derivative child of V-1 or V-2 | 101(a)(15)(V) |