

A QUICK GUIDE TO U.S. VISAS

VISA NAME	PURPOSE	REQUIREMENTS
B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa:	Tourism, business visits, medical treatment.	Valid passport, proof of financial capability, intention to return to home country, and possibly a letter of invitation.
F-1 Student Visa:	Study at accredited U.S. colleges or universities.	Admission letter from a U.S. institution, proof of financial support, intent to return home after studies, and possibly proficiency in English.
J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa:	Cultural exchange programs, educational programs, research, and training.	Sponsorship by an approved exchange program, proof of financial support, and intent to return to home country.
H-1B Specialty Occupation Visa:	Employment in a specialty occupation.	Job offer from a U.S. employer, qualifying educational background or work experience, and Labor Condition Application (LCA) approval.
L-1 Intracompany Transfer Visa:	Transfer of managerial, executive, or specialized knowledge employees within multinational companies.	Employment with a qualifying multinational company, managerial/executive role or specialized knowledge, and previous employment abroad.
E-2 Treaty Investor Visa:	Investment in a U.S. business.	Nationality of a treaty country, substantial investment in a U.S. enterprise, and the investment must generate job opportunities for U.S. workers.
O-1 Extraordinary Ability Visa:	Entry for individuals with extraordinary ability or achievement in their field.	Demonstrated extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics through sustained national or international acclaim.
TN Visa (NAFTA Professionals):	Employment for professionals under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).	Citizenship of Canada or Mexico, job offer in a qualifying profession, and specific educational or professional credentials.
K-1 Fiancé(e) Visa:	Entry for fiancé(e)s of U.S. citizens to marry in the United States.	Genuine intention to marry within 90 days of entry, meeting in person within the last two years, and U.S. citizen petitioner.
EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa:	Investment-based immigration leading to permanent residency.	Investment of \$1.8 million (or \$900,000 in targeted employment areas) in a new commercial enterprise that creates or preserves at least 10 fulltime jobs for qualifying U.S. workers.