

## General Types of Non-immigrant U.S. Visas

For the various classifications, see:

[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1286.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1286.html)

These “temporary” visas allow a foreign citizen to visit the US for a limited period of time, usually varying from 30 days for some B-2s to several years for others. The most common of these are the:

**B-1/2**, Visitor for Business or pleasure,

**E** Traders and Investors

**K-J** Fiancé,

**F-1/M-1**.Student (See also [http://travel.state.gov/what\\_consuls\\_lookjor.html](http://travel.state.gov/what_consuls_lookjor.html))

**J** Exchange student or professor, <http://travel.state.gov/visa;exchange.html>

(Waiver of 2 year foreign residency requirement, <http://travel.state.gov/jvw.html>)

**H-1A/B** Regular Employment, <http://travel.state.gov/visa;tempwkr.html>

**H-2** Temporary Workers

**L** Employment, Intra company Transfer

**O** Persons of Extraordinary Ability

**P** Athletes and Performing Entertainers

**R** Religious Workers <http://travel.state.gov/visa;tempreligiwkr.html>

**V** Spouse/Child of Lawful Resident, where visa petition pending since on or before

December 21, 2000.

**TN (NAFTA)** Under the North American Free Trade Agreement, citizens of Mexico and Canada can apply for special entry permission to perform certain types of work of a “professional” nature in the U.S. A normal employment based visa is not required. See

“[http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1274.html#4](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1274.html#4)

and: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/87246.pdf>

**Warning:** One may not remain indefinitely in the U.S. under a “TN,” or any other non-immigrant visa.