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VISA Options for new grads

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AFTER YOU GRADUATE:

- Get an internship!

At every degree level,
you will qualify for
another round of OPT.

- OPT (1 year)
- STEM OPT (2 years)

Then, your employer may choose to
sponsor you for an employment-based visa.



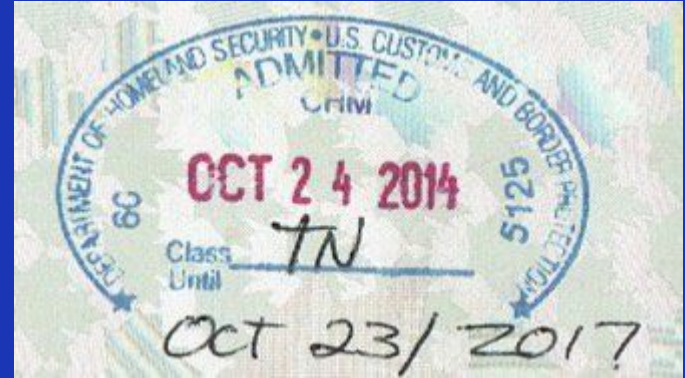
H-1Bs

- Specialty Occupations (that require at least a bachelor's degree)
- Degree **MUST** be related to the job offered
- Very popular for STEM fields
- **LOTTERY! 85,000 ARE GUARANTEED**, government usually increases the amount to around 130,000
- Preference for U.S. Master's Students
- Lottery registration takes place in March for the upcoming "fiscal year" beginning October 1st.
- Up to 3 year validity.



TN Visas

- Available to Canadian and Mexican Nationals.
- Valid for 3 years at a time and can be extended indefinitely.
- List of qualifying occupations (and qualifying degrees and licenses for those occupations)
- Can be issued by CBP at the border or through an application to USCIS



- Accountant
- Architect
- Computer Systems Analyst (CSA)
- Computer Engineer (and Related IT Professions)
- Disaster Relief Insurance Claims Adjuster
- Economist
- Engineer
- Forester
- Graphic Designer
- Hotel Manager
- Industrial Designer
- Interior Designer
- Land Surveyor
- Landscape Architect

- Lawyer (including Notary in Quebec)
- Librarian
- Management Consultant
- Mathematician
- Research Assistant
- Scientific Technician / Technologist
- Social Worker
- Statistician
- Sylviculturist (Forest & Conservation Technician)
- Technical Publications Writer
- Urban Planner / Geographer
- Vocational Counselor

TN Visa Medical Professions & Required Qualifications

- Dentist
- Dietitian
- Medical Laboratory Technologist
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Physical Therapist / Physiotherapist
- Physician (Teaching Position ONLY)
- Psychologist
- Recreational Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Veterinarian

TN Science Professions & Required Qualifications

- Agriculturist / Agronomist
- Animal Breeder
- Animal Scientist
- Apiculturist
- Astronomer
- Biochemist / Biophysicist
- Biologist
- Chemist
- Dairy Scientist
- Entomologist
- Epidemiologist

- Geneticist
- Geologist
- Geochemist
- Geophysicist
- Horticulturist
- Meteorologist
- Pharmacologist
- Physicist
- Plant Breeder
- Poultry Scientist
- Range Manager / Conservationist
- Soil Scientist
- Zoologist / Wildlife Biologist

TN Teaching Professions & Required Qualifications

- College Teacher
- Seminary Teacher
- University Teacher



E-2 Visas (Investor Visa)

- Allows nationals of treaty countries to enter the U.S. to invest in or work for a qualifying business.
- **Eligible applicants:** Investors and key employees of investors.
- Requires a **substantial investment** in a U.S. business.
- Business must be more than marginal (should create jobs and contribute to the economy).
- The investor must have **at least 50% ownership** or control of the business.
- Employees must have executive, supervisory, or essential skills.
- The visa is **temporary** but can be renewed indefinitely as long as the business remains operational.
- Spouses can obtain work authorization, and children (under 21) can study but not work.

IMMIGRANT VISAS (green cards)

There are 2 Main Types:

Employment-Based

And

Family-Based

Types of Employment-Based Immigrant Visas:

EB-1: Priority Workers (*No labor certification required*)

- **EB-1A:** Extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics (self-petition allowed).
- **EB-1B:** Outstanding professors and researchers with international recognition.
- **EB-1C:** Multinational executives and managers transferring to a U.S. office.

EB-2: Advanced Degree & Exceptional Ability (*Labor certification required unless waived*)

- **EB-2 (Advanced Degree):** Master's degree (or bachelor's + 5 years of experience).
 - **EB-2 (Exceptional Ability):** Significant expertise in sciences, arts, or business.
- EB-2 NIW:** National Interest Waiver for individuals whose work benefits the U.S. (self-petition allowed).

EB-3: Skilled Workers & Professionals (*Labor certification required*)

- **Professionals:** Jobs requiring a **bachelor's degree**.
- **Skilled Workers:** Jobs requiring **2+ years of experience**.
- **Other Workers:** Jobs requiring **less than 2 years of training**

And, EB-5 INVESTOR VISA

EB-5: Immigrant Investors (*No labor certification required*)

- Invest **\$1.05M** (\$800K in targeted areas) in a U.S. business.
- Must create/preserve **10+ jobs** for U.S. workers.



Please reach out with your immigration questions to attorneys Nazly Mamedova (for general immigration) or Julia Healy (for business immigration).



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We look forward to supporting you in your future endeavors!