

Immigrant Visa Symbols

Unless otherwise stated, the section of law cited refers to the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended.

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
Immediate Relatives		
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)
IH-3	Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	
IH-4	Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	
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		
AM-1	Vietnam Amerasian principal	584(b)(1)(A), (B), and
AM-2	Spouse/Child of AM-1	(C) of the Foreign
AM-3	Natural mother of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such mother), or person who acted in effect as the mother, father, or next-of-kin of AM-1 (and spouse or child of such person)	Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (as contained in Sec. 101(e) of Pub. L. 100-202), as amended
Special Immigrants		
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
SI-1	Certain aliens employed by the U.S. Government in Iraq or Afghanistan as translators or interpreters	Section 1059 of Pub. L. 109-163 as amended by Pub. L. 110-36
SI-2	Spouse of SI-1	Section 1059 of Pub. L. 109-163 as amended by Pub. L. 110-36
SI-3	Child of SI-1	Section 1059 of Pub. L. 109-163 as

		amended by Pub. L. 110-36 101(a)(27)(K)
SM-1	Alien recruited outside the United States who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 years	
SM-2	Spouse of SM1	101(a)(27)(K)
SM-3	Child of SM1	101(a)(27)(K)
SQ-1	Certain Iraqis or Afghans employed by or on behalf of the U.S. Government	Section 602(b), Division F, Title VI, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-8 and Section 1244 of Pub. L. 110-181
SQ-2	Spouse of SQ1	Section 602(b), Division F, Title VI, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-8 and Section 1244 of Pub. L. 110-181
SQ-3	Child of SQ1	Section 602(b), Division F, Title VI, Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009, Pub. L. 111-8 and Section 1244 of Pub. L. 110-181
SU-2	Spouse of U1	INA 245(m)(3) & INA 101(a)(15)(U)(ii)
SU-3	Child of U1	INA 245(m)(3) & INA 101(a)(15)(U)(ii)
SU-5	Parent of U1	INA 245(m)(3) & INA 101(a)(15)(U)(ii)

Family-Sponsored Preferences

Family 1st Preference

F11	Unmarried son or daughter of U.S. citizen	203(a)(1)
F12	Child of F11	203(d) & 203(a)(1)
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) & 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(1)

Family 2nd Preference (Subject to Country Limitations)

F21	Spouse of lawful permanent resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F22	Child of lawful permanent resident	203(a)(2)(A)
F23	Child of F21 or F22	203(d) & 203(a)(2)(A)
F24	Unmarried son or daughter of lawful permanent resident	203(a)(2)(B)

F25	Child of F24	203(d) & 203(a)(2)(B)
C21	Spouse of lawful permanent resident (conditional)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C22	Child of alien resident (conditional)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C23	Child of C21 or C22 (conditional)	203(d) & 203(a)(2)(A) & 216
C24	Unmarried son or daughter of lawful permanent resident (conditional)	203(a)(2)(B) & 216
C25	Child of F24 (conditional)	203(d) & 203(a)(2)(B) & 216
B21	Self-petition spouse of lawful permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
B22	Self-petition child of lawful permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B23	Child of B21 or B22	203(d) & 204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
B24	Self-petition unmarried son or daughter of lawful permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
B25	Child of B24	203(d) & 204(a)(1)(B)(iii)

Family 2nd Preference (Exempt from Country Limitations)

FX1	Spouse of lawful permanent resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX2	Child of lawful permanent resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A)
FX3	Child of FX1 or FX2	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) & 203(d)
CX1	Spouse of lawful permanent resident (conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) & 216
CX2	Child of lawful permanent resident (conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) & 216
CX3	Child of CX1 or CX2 (conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A) & 203(d) & 216
BX1	Self-petition spouse of lawful permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(ii)
BX2	Self-petition child of lawful permanent resident	204(a)(1)(B)(iii)
BX3	Child of BX1 or BX2	204(a)(1)(B)(ii) & 203(d)

Family 3rd Preference

F31	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen	203(a)(3)
F32	Spouse of F31	203(d) & 203(a)(3)
F33	Child of F31	203(d) & 203(a)(3)
C31	Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen (conditional)	203(a)(3) & 216
C32	Spouse of C31 (conditional)	203(d) & 203(a)(3) & 216
C33	Child of C31 (conditional)	INA 203(d) & 203(a)(3) & 216
B31	Self-petition married son or daughter of U.S. citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3)
B32	Spouse of B31	INA 203(d) & 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3)
B33	Child of B31	203(d) & 204(a)(1)(A)(iv) & 203(a)(3)

Family 4th Preference

F41	Brother or sister of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	203(a)(4)
F42	Spouse of F41	203(d) & 203(a)(4)
F43	Child of F41	203(d) & 203(a)(4)

Employment-Based Preferences**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) & 203(b)(1)(A) & 203(b)(1)(B) & 203(b)(1)(C)
E15	Child of E11, E12, or E13	203(d) & 203(b)(1)(A) & 203(b)(1)(B) & 203(b)(1)(C)

Employment 2nd Preference (Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability)

E21	Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability	203(b)(2)
E22	Spouse of E21	203(d) & 203(b)(2)
E23	Child of E21	203(d) & 203(b)(2)

Employment 3rd 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) & 203(b)(3)(A)(i) & 203(b)(3)(A)(ii)
E35	Child of E31 or E32	203(d) & 203(b)(3)(A)(i) & 203(b)(3)(A)(ii)
EW3	Other worker (subgroup numerical limit)	203(b)(3)(A)(iii)
EW4	Spouse of EW3	203(d) & 203(b)(3)(A)(iii)
EW5	Child of EW3	203(d) & 203(b)(3)(A)(iii)

Employment 4th Preference (Certain Special Immigrants)

BC1	Broadcaster in the U.S. employed by the International Broadcasting Bureau of the Broadcasting Board of Governors or a grantee of such organization	101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4)
BC2	Accompanying spouse of BC1	101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4)
BC3	Accompanying child of BC1	101(a)(27)(M) & 203(b)(4)
SD1	Minister of religion	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(I) & 203(b)(4)
SD2	Spouse of SD1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(I) & 203(b)(4)
SD3	Child of SD1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(I) & 203(b)(4)

SE1	Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SE2	Spouse of SE1	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SE3	Child of SE1	101(a)(27)(D) & 203(b)(4)
SF1	Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government	101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4)
SF2	Spouse or child of SF1	101(a)(27)(E) & 203(b)(4)
SG1	Certain Former Employees of the U.S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone	101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4)
SG2	Spouse or Child of SG1	101(a)(27)(F) & 203(b)(4)
SH1	Certain former employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979	101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4)
SH2	Spouse or child of SH1	101(a)(27)(G) & 203(b)(4)
SJ1	Certain foreign medical graduates	101(a)(27)(H)
SJ2	Accompanying Spouse or Child of SJ1	101(a)(27)(H) & 203(b)(4)
SK1	Certain retired international organization employees	101(a)(27)(I)(iii) & 203(b)(4)
SK2	Spouse of SK1	101(a)(27)(I)(iv) & 203(b)(4)
SK3	Certain unmarried sons or daughters of an international organization employee	101(a)(27)(I)(i) & 203(b)(4)
SK4	Certain surviving spouses of a deceased international organization employee	101(a)(27)(I)(ii) & 203(b)(4)
SL1	Juvenile court dependent	101(a)(27)(J) & 203(b)(4)
SN1	Certain retired NATO6 civilians	101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4)
SN2	Spouse of SN1	101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4)
SN3	Certain unmarried sons or daughters of NATO6 civilian employees	101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4)
SN4	Certain surviving spouses of deceased NATO6 civilian employees	101(a)(27)(L) & 203(b)(4)
SR1	Certain religious workers	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) as amended & 203(b)(4)
SR2	Spouse of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) as amended & 203(b)(4)
SR3	Child of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) as amended & 203(b)(4)
Employment 5th Preference (Employment Creation Conditional Status)		
C51	Employment creation outside targeted areas	203(b)(5)(A)
C52	Spouse of C51	203(d) & 203(b)(5)(A)
C53	Child of C51	203(d) &

T51	Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area	203(b)(5)(A)
T52	Spouse of T51	203(b)(5)(B) 203(d) & 203(b)(5)(B)
T53	Child of T51	203(d) & 203(b)(5)(B)
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, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended 203(d) & 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended 203(d) & 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended
R52	Spouse of R51	203(d) & 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended
R53	Child of R51	203(d) & 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended
I51	Investor pilot program, targeted area	203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102– 395), as amended
I52	Spouse of I51	203(d) & 203(b)(5) & Sec. 610 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1993 (Pub. L. 102–

I53

Child of I51

395), as amended
203(d) & 203(b)(5)
& Sec. 610 of the
Departments of
Commerce, Justice,
and State, the
Judiciary and
Related Agencies
Appropriations Act,
1993 (Pub. L. 102–
395), as amended

Other Numerically Limited Categories

Diversity Immigrants

DV1 Diversity Immigrant
DV2 Spouse of DV1
DV3 Child of DV1

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