

Appendix D

Immigrant and Nonimmigrant Visa Symbols

The following symbols were used during Fiscal Year 2000 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
Immigrants		
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)
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 (C) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (as contained in Sec. 101(e) of Pub. L. 100-202), as amended
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)	
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
Family-Sponsored Immigrants		
First Preference		
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
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
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)		
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, 1991	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
SR-1	Certain religious workers (subgroup numerical limit)	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III) as amended, & 203(b)(4)
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)		
C51	Employment creation outside targeted area	203(b)(5)(A)
C52	Spouse of C51	203(d)
C53	Child of C51	203(d)

Visa Symbol	Class	Section of Law
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, 1993 (Pub. L. 102-395) as amended
R52	Spouse of R51	
R53	Child of R51	
I51	Investor pilot program, targeted area	
I52	Spouse of I51	
I53	Child of I51	

Other Numerically Limited Categories

Diversity Immigrants

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-1A	Temporary worker performing services as a registered nurse	101(a)(15)(H)(i)(a)
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-1A/B, 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)
K-2	Child of fiance(e) of U.S. citizen	101(a)(15)(K)
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
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)