Marrying Internationally?

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THREE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR SPOUSAL PETITION

- * The Spouse is over seas and wants to immigrate to the United States.
- * The Spouse is in the United States but entered the United States with a visa.
- * The Spouse is in the United States but entered the United States without a visa and is in the United States illegally.





- When Spouse is over seas and wants to immigrate to the United States.

THREE STEP PROCESS FOR SPOUSE TO RECEIVE A GREEN CARD

- 1. File a petition with the United States Custom Immigration Services.
- 2. Visa approved by the U.S. Consulate.
- 3. Adjust Status once Spouse is in the United States.



File a Petition with the United States Custom Immigration Services

Evidence that you will need

- 1. Certified copy of Marriage Certificate.
- 2. Certified copy of Birth Certificate from both the U.S. Citizen and the immigrant spouse.
- 3. Two Passport photos of the U.S. Citizen and the immigrant spouse.
- 4. Certified copy of any Divorce Certificate.
- 5. Last three tax returns from the U.S. Citizen.
- 6. All Foreign documents must be translated into English.



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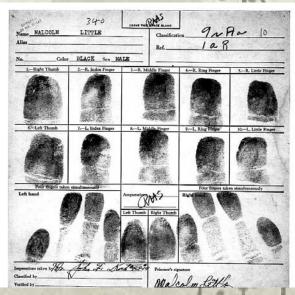


Once the petition is approved, the international spouse will have some additional work to do.

- 1. Fingerprinted at the U.S. Consulate
- 2. Physical from a Doctor appointed by the U.S. Consulate
- 3. Interview with the U.S. Consulate.
 - If successful the international spouse will be issued a visa to come to America

Adjust Status once Spouse is in the United States

- 1. Resubmit the evidence of the petition.
- 2. Additional Forms to fill out.
- 3. If medical exam is less than a year old then a new one is not needed.
- 4. Fingerprints.
- 5. Interview in Boston.





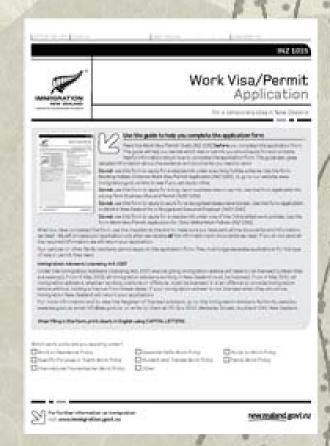
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COMMON TYPES OF VISAS

Student Visa

Tourist/Vacation Visa

Work Visa



Please Note:

In order to stay in the U.S. and adjust the status of the immigrant spouse, that person must have entered the U.S. legally. Even though that person has overstayed his or her visa, he or she can stay in the U.S. and receive their GREEN CARD.

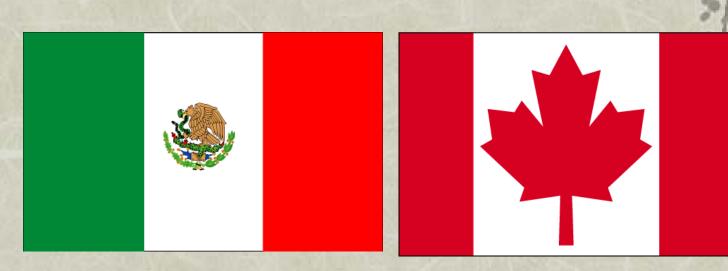
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OVERSTAYING YOUR VISA AND ENERING THE U.S. ILLEGALLY

- When you entered the U.S. with a visa, you are inspected by Customs. Therefore, if you overstay your visa, you can adjust your immigrant spouse without leaving the country.



ENTERED THE U.S. THROUGH CANADA OR MEXICO WITHOUT A VISA

- Because your immigrant spouse entered the U.S. without a visa or by being inspected by USCIS, he or she must return to their native country.



ADJUST YOUR IMMIGRANT STATUS IF YOU ENTERED THE U.S. WITHOUT A VISA

- 1. File a petition for U.S. Citizen
- 2. At some point the immigrant spouse with be deported or voluntarily leave prior to deportation.
- 3. File waiver with the U.S. Consulate in Immigrant Spouse country.
- 4. Obtain visa from U.S. Consulate in immigrant Spouse country. (estimated time 6 months)
- 5. Once in the U.S., adjust immigrant spouse to receive a green card.

2008 POVERTY GUIDELINES

Sponsor's Household Size

125% of Poverty Line

2

4

5

6

7

8



\$17,500

\$22,000

\$26,500

\$31,000

\$40,000

\$44,500



SPONSORS DO NOT HAVE THE ASSETS

- If the sponsor's spouse does not make enough money or does not have any assets, then you can get co-sponsors.





- Same as sponsor's spouse.

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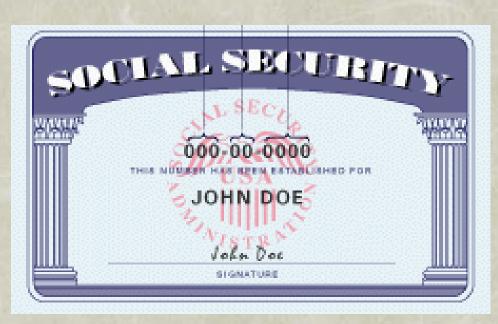
the immigrant spouse seeks

governmental aid.



ADDITIONAL FACTS

- If the immigrant spouse is in the U.S. with a visa or overstayed visa, you can apply for a social security card.



MARRYING A U.S. CITIZEN



- The Immediate relatives of U.S. citizens are not counted under the Family-Sponsored preference category. The immediate family members include spouses, children, and parents.
- The law establishes four preferences for persons who are eligible for permanent immigrant visas to the U.S. based upon family relationships. The total numbers of visas under this category is 480,000 visas.

First Preference

Unmarried sons and daughters of U.S. Citizens

The first preference comprises persons who are the unmarried sons and daughters of U.S. Citizens. This preference is allotted 23,000 visas annually and includes adult, divorced sons and daughters of U.S. Citizens.

Second Preference

Spouse and unmarried sons and daughters of lawful permanent resident aliens

This preference is allotted a minimum total of 114,200. If a permanent resident alien of the U.S. marries a foreign person, the U.S. residents' foreign spouse does not receive permanent resident status until his or her priority date is current.

Third Preference

Married sons and daughters of United States
Citizens

This preference provides for a total of 23,400 visas, plus any visas that have not been used by the first two family-sponsored preference groups.

Fourth Preference

Brothers and sisters of United States citizens

The fourth preference provides for a total of 65,000 visas or twenty-four percent of the worldwide annual quota plus any visas that have not been utilized by the first three family-sponsored preference groups and benefits qualified persons who are the siblings of United States Citizens.

REASONS A PETITION WOULD BE DENIED

Criminal Record with Serious Crimes



Sham Marriage



SHAM MARRIAGE

The immigrant spouse pays the citizen money in order to obtain a green card.

YOU MUST MARRY FOR LOVE!!!!



TYPES OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR THAT THE PETITION WILL BE DENIED FOR

- 1. Conviction or admission of a crime of moral turpitude or a crime involving a drug offense. This designation refers to those crimes that are indicative of bad moral character, such as crimes of theft, assault and battery, murder, rape and the like.
- 2. Conviction of two or more crimes if the combined custodial sentence imposed is for five years or longer regardless of whether or not the crime arose form a single stream of events or whether or not the crimes were of moral turpitude.
- 3. When the consular or immigration officer knows or has reason to believe that the alien is or was a drug trafficker or was a person who aided, abetted, or conspired in drug trafficking.

TYPES OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR THAT THE PETITION WILL BE DENIED FOR

- 4. Any alien who was involved in prostitution or is coming to the United States to engage in any other unlawful commercialized vice.
- 5. Aliens involved in serious criminal activity that have asserted immunity from prosecution and departed.
- 6. Aliens who have been convicted of aggravated felonies as that term is defined by law.



GUILTY = CONTINUED WITHOUT A FINDING WITH A YEAR PROBATION OR SENTENCES

POST GREEN CARD

- Once the petition is approved, the immigrant spouse will receive a two year conditional green card.



EVIDENCE OF A REAL MARRIAGE

Within two years, you and your immigrant must provide evidence to the USCIS of a real marriage.

- 1. Provide joint ownership in real estate.
- 2. Joint ownership with savings and checking accounts.
- 3. Joint Health, Life Insurance and Auto Insurance.
- 4. Two Affidavits from two people that have witnessed the marriage over the past two years.
- 5. Photos of the marriage.



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