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U.S. NONIMMIGRANT (TEMPORARY) VISAS

NONIMMIGRANT VISAS ALLOW PEOPLE TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, AND ARE ISSUED FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES: VACATIONS, STUDY OR EMPLOYMENT.

INTRA-COMPANY TRANSFEREE VISA (L-1) & LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENCE (GREEN CARD)

The Intra-Company Transferee Visa, "L-1", allows people who are employed as managers or executives in a corporation to be transferred to a business in the United States to assume the duties of an executive or manager.

The business in the United States may be a new or existing business, and must be an affiliate or subsidiary of the company overseas, or have commonality of control with the business abroad. The business in the U. S. may engage in any type of business related or unrelated to the business abroad.

REQUIREMENTS-Visa Applicants must:

- a) Have been employed by the overseas company for any one of the past three years as executive or manager
b) Assume duties of executive or manager in the U. S. business
c) Make an investment in the U.S. business; no specific amount of money required

BENEFITS-

- a) The Visa Applicant may work and collect a salary from U.S. business
b) May travel between U.S. & home country
c) May bring spouse and minor children to live in the U. S.
d) Applicant's spouse may obtain Employment Authorization
e) Children may attend school
f) May apply for Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card) when U.S. business you established has been in existence for more than one year, shows a profit, and has employees providing the same conditions exist in overseas business
g) If the business purchased in the U. S. has been in existence for more than one year, the applicant and family members may apply directly for Permanent Status (Green Card)

TREATY INVESTORS (E-2)

The E-2 Treaty Investor Visa is available to passport holders of countries with which the U.S. has a Treaty of Trade and Commerce.

REQUIREMENTS- The Applicant will:

- a) Start or buy a business
b) Invest a reasonable amount of money

- c) Own the majority of the business or own the business outright
d) Develop and direct US business
e) The business may not be passive, such as undeveloped land, condominiums & houses rented yearly

BENEFITS-

- a) Applicants may have their spouse and minor children enter the U.S. on an E-2 Visa
b) Applicant's spouse may obtain Employment Authorization
c) Applicant's children may legally attend school
d) Applicant's Visa is approved in a very short time
e) Applicant's Visa is issued for one year at a time, but may be extended as long as the business is active. Most people will receive a five year E-2 stamp in their passport.

TREATY TRADER (E-1)

The trade between the treaty country and the United States must be substantial in respect to the dollar volume, and the number of things traded between the two countries. The products traded from the treaty country must constitute at least 51% of the business in which the U. S. enterprise is engaged.

The E-1 Visa is renewable yearly, as long as the business continues in operation.

EXAMPLES OF OTHER NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

- Professional Workers Entertainers
Fiancés Religious Workers
Seasonal Workers Students

NEW IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

B-1 visitors for business must have definite dates for the beginning of the trip they make, the exact length of the trip, and documentation showing how you intend to spend that time on the B-1 visa.

CANCELLATION OF VISA – When you enter the U.S., if the computer shows you have overstayed on this visa, you will be denied admission.

BARS TO ADMISSIBILITY – A continuous uninterrupted "overstay" of one day more than 180 days after April 1, 1997 will trigger the bar to "admissibility" for three years the next time you attempt to reenter the U.S.

An uninterrupted overstay of one year after April 1, 1997 will trigger the bar to "admissibility" for 10 years the next time you attempt to reenter the U.S.