DESCRIPTIONS OF VISAS AND REQUIREMENTS

A brief description of the visa categories mentioned in the Payments to Foreign Nationals at NYU Policy is below.

**B-1 – Temporary Visitor Visa for Business**

A short-term business visitor - useful for short-term visits by professors and scholars. Visitors who are nationals of 36 countries, including Australia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Singapore, Spain and the United Kingdom, may qualify for the Visa Waiver Program if travelling to the United States for 90 days or less. Examples of acceptable activities include consultations with business associates, travel for a scientific, educational, professional or business convention or conference on specific dates, or negotiation of a contract.

**Requirements:** DS-160


**B-2 – Temporary Visitor Visa for Pleasure, Tourism, or Medical Treatment**

Similar to a B-1 visa, the B-2 is issued when a temporary visitor enters the United States for pleasure, tourism, or medical treatment. Non-business visitors are also eligible for the Visa Waiver Program described above.

**Requirements:** DS-160


**E-3 – Australian Nationals in a Specialty Occupation**

A “specialty” occupation is one that requires the attainment of at least a bachelor’s or high degree in a specific specialty that is a minimum requirement for entry into the occupation in the United States. For instance, someone with a PhD. in Chemistry may apply for an E-3 visa to work as a chemist, but not as a secretary.

**Requirements:** Labor Condition Application (employer), academic credentials /
education & experience, certified copy of any required license or other official permission required to practice the occupation in the state of the employer


**E-3D – Dependent Visa**

Provided to child or spouse of E-3 applicant.

Requirements: Birth or marriage certificate

**F-1 – Non-immigrant Academic & Language Student**

Given to students enrolled in the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).


**H-1B – Persons in Specialty Occupation**

Provided to individuals with highly specialized knowledge, requiring completion of higher education courses. Also includes Government-to-Government research project employees authorized by the Department of Defense.

Requirements: USCIS I-129 (employer), DS-160


**J-1 Exchange Visitor Program**

Provided to participants in particular categories (such as students in college, short-term scholars, international interns, professors, or research scholars).


**O-1 Persons with Extraordinary Ability or Achievement**

Provided to standouts in the sciences, arts, education, business, athletics, or in the motion picture and television field.

Requirements: DS-160


**TN – NAFTA Professional Visa**

For Mexican or Canadian professionals seeking employment as NAFTA professionals.

Requirements: DS-160, Letter from employer indicating the position requires an individual in a professional capacity

For More Information:  http://www.nyu.edu/life/student-life/international-students-
Further Resources

If you have legal questions about visa descriptions and their requirements, you can find a member of the Office of General Counsel who practices in this area by visiting our practice areas page and scrolling to “Immigration.”