

Subpart B—Classification and Foreign State Chargeability

below shall bear an appropriate visa symbol to show the classification of the alien.

§ 42.11 Classification symbols.

A visa issued to an immigrant alien within one of the classes described

IMMIGRANTS

Symbol	Class	Section of law
Immediate Relatives		
IR1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen	201(b).
IR2	Child of U.S. Citizen	201(b).
IR3	Orphan Adopted Abroad by U.S. Citizen	201(b).
IR4	Orphan Adopted Abroad by U.S. Citizen	201(b).
IR5	Parent of U.S. Citizen at Least 21 Years of Age	201(b).
CR1	Spouse of U.S. Citizen (Conditional Status)	201(b) & 216(a)(1).
CR2	Child of U.S. Citizen (Conditional Status)	201(b) & 216.
IW1	Certain Spouses of Deceased U.S. Citizens	201(b).
IW2	Child of IW1	201(b).
IB1	Self-petition Spouse of U.S. Citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iii).
IB2	Self-petition child of U.S. Citizen	204(a)(1)(A)(iv).
IB3	Child of IB1	204(a)(1)(A)(iii).
VI5	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, (P.L. 97–271).
Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants		
AM1	Vietnam Amerasian Principal	584(b)(1)(A), 584(b)(1)(B), and 584(b)(1)(C) of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1988 (As contained in section 101(e) of Public Law 100–102 as amended.
AM2	Spouse or Child of AM1	
AM3	Natural Mother of Unmarried AM1 (Spouse or Child of Such Mother) or Person Who has Acted in Effect as the Mother, Father, or Next-of-Kin of Unmarried AM1 (and Spouse or Child of Such Person).	
Special Immigrants		
SB1	Returning Resident	101(a)(27)(A).
SC1	Person Who Lost U.S. Citizenship by Marriage	101(a)(27)(B) & 324(a).
SC2	Person Who Lost U.S. Citizenship by Serving in Foreign Armed Forces	101(a)(27)(B) & 327.
Family-Sponsored Preferences		
Family 1st 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).
Family 2nd Preference (Subject to Country Limitations)		
F21	Spouse of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(A).
F22	Child of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(A).
F23	Child of F21 or F22	203(d).
F24	Unmarried Son or Daughter of Alien Resident	203(a)(2)(B).
F25	Child of F24	203(d).
C21	Spouse of Alien Resident (Conditional)	203(a)(2)(A) & 216.
C22	Child of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(2)(A) & 216.
C23	Child of C21 or C22 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216.
C24	Unmarried Son or Daughter of Alien Resident (Conditional)	203(a)(2)(B) & 216.
C25	Child of F24 (Conditional)	203(d) & 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	204(a)(1)(B)(ii).
B24	Self-petition Unmarried Son or Daughter of Lawful Permanent Resident	203(d).

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Symbol	Class	Section of law
B25	Child of B24	203(d).
Family 2nd Preference (Exempt from Country Limitations)		
FX1	Spouse of Alien Resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A).
FX2	Child of Alien Resident	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(a)(2)(A).
FX3	Child of FX1 and FX2	202(a)(4)(A) & 203(d) 203(a)(2)(A).
CX1	Spouse of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 216.
CX2	Child of Alien Resident (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(A) & 216.
CX3	Child of CX1 & CX2 (Conditional)	202(a)(4)(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	203(d).
Family 3rd Preference		
F31	Married Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen	203(a)(3).
F32	Spouse of F31	203(d).
F33	Child of F31	302(d).
C31	Married Son or Daughter of U.S. Citizen (Conditional)	216(a)(1).
C32	Spouse of C31 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216.
C33	Child of C31 (Conditional)	203(d) & 216.
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).
Family 4th Preference		
F41	Brother or Sister of U.S. Citizen	203(a)(4).
F42	Spouse of F41	203(d).
F43	Child of F41	203(d).
Employment-Based Preferences		
Employment 1st Preference (Priority Workers)		
E11	Alien with Extraordinary Ability	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).
Employment 2nd Preference (Professionals Holding Advanced Degrees or Persons of Exceptional Ability)		
E21	Professional Holding Advanced Degree or of Exceptional Ability	203(b)(2).
E22	Spouse of E21	203(d).
E23	Child of E21	203(d).
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).
E35	Child of E31 or E32	203(d).
EW3	Other Worker (Subgroup Numerical Limit)	203(b)(3)(A)(iii).
EW4	Spouse of EW3	203(d).
EW5	Child of EW3	203(d).
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)
BC2	Accompanying spouse of a BC1	101(a)(27)(M)
BC3	Accompanying child of a BC1	101(a)(27)(M)
SD1	Minister of Religion	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4).
SD2	Spouse of SD1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4).
SD3	Child of SD1	101(a)(27)(C) & 203(b)(4).
SE1	Certain Employees or Former Employees of the U.S. Government Abroad.	101(a)(27)(D).
SE2	Spouse of SE1	101(a)(27)(D).
SE3	Child of SE1	101(a)(27)(D).
SEH	Employee of the Mission in Hong Kong or Immediate Family	101(a)(27)(D) & Section 152 of the Immigration Act of 1990.

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SF1	Certain Former Employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government.	101(a)(27)(E).
SF2	Spouse or Child of SF1	101(a)(27)(E).
SG1	Certain Former Employees of the U.S. Government in the Panama Canal Zone.	101(a)(27)(F).
SG2	Spouse or Child of SG1	101(a)(27)(F).
SH1	Certain Former Employees of the Panama Canal Company or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979.	101(a)(27)(G).
SH2	Spouse or Child of SH1	101(a)(27)(G).
SJ1	Certain Foreign Medical Graduates (Adjustments Only)	101(a)(27)(H).
SJ2	Accompanying Spouse or Child of SJ1	101(a)(27)(H).here
SK1	Certain Retired International Organization employees	101(a)(27)(I)(iii)
SK2	Spouse of SK1	101(a)(27)(I)(iv) & 101(a)(27)(L).
SK3	Certain Unmarried Sons or Daughters of an International Organization Employee.	101(a)(27)(I)(i) & 101(a)(27)(L).
SK4	Certain Spouses of a deceased International Organization Employee ...	101(a)(27)(I)(ii) & 101(a)(27)(L).
SL1	Juvenile Court Dependent	101(a)(27)(J).
SM1	Alien 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 the Date of Enactment)..	101(a)(27)(K).
SM2	Spouse of SM1	101(a)(27)(K).
SM3	Child of SM1	101(a)(27)(K).
SM4	Alien Recruited Outside the United States Who Has Served or is Enlisted to Serve in the U.S. Armed Forces for 12 Years (Became Eligible As of the Date of Enactment).	101(a)(27)(K).
SM5	Spouse or Child of SM4	101(a)(27)(K).
SN1	Certain retired NATO6 civilians	101(a)(27)(L)
SN2	Spouse of an immigrant classified SN1	101(a)(27)(L)
SN3	Certain unmarried sons or daughters of NATO6 civilian employees	101(a)(27)(L)
SN4	Certain surviving spouses of deceased NATO-6 civilian employees	101(a)(27)(L)
SP	Alien Beneficiary of a petition or labor certification application filed prior to September 11, 2001, if the petition or application was rendered void due to a terrorist act of September 11, 2001. Spouse, child of such alien, or the grandparent of a child orphaned by a terrorist act of September 11, 2001.	Section 421 of Public Law 107-56.
SR1	Certain Religious Workers	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III).
SR2	Spouse of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III).
SR3	Child of SR1	101(a)(27)(C)(ii)(II) & (III).
Employment 5th Preference (Employment Reaction Conditional Status)		
C51	Employment Creation <i>OUTSIDE</i> Targeted Areas	203(b)(5)(A).
C52	Spouse of C51	203(d).
C53	Child of C51	203(d).
T51	Employment Creation <i>IN</i> Targeted Rural/High Unemployment Area	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 (P.L. 102-395)
Other Numerically Limited Categories		
Diversity Immigrants (Beginning in FY 1995)		
DV1	Diversity Immigrant	Section 203(c).
DV2	Spouse of DV1	Section 203(c).
DV3	Child of DV1	Section 203(c).
Diversity Transition for Natives of Certain Adversely Affected Foreign States (Fiscal Years 1992-1995)		
AA1	Diversity Transition Immigration	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990.
AA2	Spouse of AA1	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990.
AA3	Child of AA1	Section 132 of the Immigration Act of 1990.

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§ 42.12 Rules of chargeability.

(a) *Applicability.* An immigrant shall be charged to the numerical limitation for the foreign state or dependent area of birth, unless the case falls within one of the exceptions to the general rule of chargeability provided by INA 202(b) and paragraphs (b) through (e) of this section to prevent the separation of families or the alien is classifiable under:

- (1) INA 201(b);
- (2) INA 101(a)(27) (A) or (B);
- (3) Section 112 of Public Law 101-649;
- (4) Section 124 of Public Law 101-649;
- (5) Section 132 of Public Law 101-649;
- (6) Section 134 of Public Law 101-649;

or

(7) Section 584(b)(1) as contained in section 101(e) of Public Law 100-202.

(b) *Exception for child.* If necessary to prevent the separation of a child from the alien parent or parents, an immigrant child, including a child born in a dependent area, may be charged to the same foreign state to which a parent is chargeable if the child is accompanying or following to join the parent, in accordance with INA 202(b)(1).

(c) *Exception for spouse.* If necessary to prevent the separation of husband and wife, an immigrant spouse, including a spouse born in a dependent area, may be charged to a foreign state to which a spouse is chargeable if accompanying or following to join the spouse, in accordance with INA 202(b)(2).

(d) *Exception for alien born in the United States.* An immigrant who was born in the United States shall be charged to the foreign state of which the immigrant is a citizen or subject. If not a citizen or subject of any country, the alien shall be charged to the foreign state of last residence as determined by the consular officer, in accordance with INA 202(b)(3).

(e) *Exception for alien born in foreign state in which neither parent was born or had residence at time of alien's birth.* An alien who was born in a foreign state, as defined in § 40.1, in which neither parent was born, and in which neither parent had a residence at the time of

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the applicant's birth, may be charged to the foreign state of either parent as provided in INA 202(b)(4). The parents of such an alien are not considered as having acquired a residence within the meaning of INA 202(b)(4), if, at the time of the alien's birth within the foreign state, the parents were visiting temporarily or were stationed there in connection with the business or profession and under orders or instructions of an employer, principal, or superior authority foreign to such foreign state.

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Subpart C—Immigrants Not Subject to Numerical Limitations of INA 201 and 202

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§ 42.21 Immediate relatives.

(a) *Entitlement to status.* An alien who is a spouse or child of a United States citizen, or a parent of a U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age, shall be classified as an immediate relative under INA 201(b) if the consular officer has received from INS an approved Petition to Classify Status of Alien Relative for Issuance of an Immigrant Visa, filed on the alien's behalf by the U.S. citizen and approved in accordance with INA 204, and the officer is satisfied that the alien has the relationship claimed in the petition. An immediate relative shall be documented as such unless the U.S. citizen refuses to file the required petition, or unless the immediate relative is also a special immigrant under INA 101(a)(27) (A) or (B) and not subject to any numerical limitation.

(b) *Spouse of a deceased U.S. citizen.* The spouse of a deceased U.S. citizen, and each child of the spouse, will be entitled to immediate relative status after the date of the citizen's death provided the spouse or child meets the criteria of INA 201(b)(2)(A)(i) or of section 423(a)(1) of Public Law 107-56 (USA Patriot Act) and the Consular Officer has received an approved petition from the INS which accords such status, or official notification of such approval, and the Consular Officer is satisfied that the alien meets those criteria.