



TN CANADIAN AND MEXICAN PROFESSIONALS

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The TN visa was created by the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and applies to Canadian and Mexican professionals entering the United States temporarily to work in a designated professional capacity. The category also applies to Canadian and Mexican management consultants.

What foreign workers qualify?

The foreign worker must meet all of the following criteria:

1. must be a citizen of either Canada or Mexico;
2. must intend to work in the United States temporarily; *and*
3. must work in a designated professional capacity or as a management consultant.

What is a designated professional capacity?

To qualify for a TN Visa, Canadian and Mexican citizens must engage in activities at a professional level or work as management consultants. Generally, this involves performing work which requires at least a baccalaureate degree or other appropriate credential demonstrating professional status. Specifically, Canadian and Mexican citizens must work in an occupation listed in Appendix 1603D.1 of NAFTA.

A list of qualifying occupations appears on the reverse side of these materials.

How long may a foreign national work in the U.S. on a TN visa?

TN visas are initially granted for 3 years and are extendable indefinitely. However, because the visa is temporary, TN visa holders may wish to consider pursuing permanent residency if they wish to remain in the United States long-term.

What is the cost to sponsor a foreign worker for a TN visa?

Applicants for an initial TN visa must only pay the visa issuance fee of \$131 at a United States port of entry (for Canadian citizens) or at a United States consulate (for Mexican citizens). Once granted TN Status, applicants may request an extension of TN status from inside the United States. In that case, the petition filing fee is \$320. Note a \$1,000 premium processing fee will result in government action on the extension petition in 15 days.

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VISA INFORMATIONAL SERIES

QUALIFYING TN OCCUPATIONS

Below is a job series listed by qualifying profession. With limited exception, each profession requires a baccalaureate degree as an entry-level requirement. If a baccalaureate degree is required, experience may not be substituted for the degree. In some professions, alternative criteria to a baccalaureate degree are required. And, for some positions, experience is required in addition to the degree.

- Accountant
- Agronomist
- Animal Breeder
- Animal Scientist
- Apiculturist
- Architect
- Astronomer
- Biochemist
- Biologist
- Chemist
- College Teacher
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Dairy Scientist
- Dentist
- Dietician
- Disaster Relief Insurance Claims Adjuster
- Economist
- Engineer
- Entomologist
- Epidemiologist
- Forester
- Geneticist
- Geochemist
- Geologist
- Geophysicist
- Graphic Designer
- Horticulturist
- Hotel Manager
- Industrial Designer
- Interior Designer
- Land Surveyor
- Landscape Architect
- Lawyer
- Librarian
- Management Consultant
- Mathematician
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Meteorologist
- Nutritionist
- Occupational Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Pharmacologist
- Physicist
- Physiotherapist
- Physical Therapist
- Plant Breeder
- Poultry Scientist
- Psychologist
- Range Conservationist
- Range Manager
- Recreational Therapist
- Registered Nurse
- Scientific Technician
- Seminary Teacher
- Social Worker
- Soil Scientist
- Statistician
- Sylviculturist
- Teaching or Research Physician
- Technical Publications Writer
- University Research Assistant
- University Teacher
- Urban Planner
- Veterinarian
- Vocational Counselor
- Zoologist

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