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Nonimmigrant Employment in the U.S.

Maximum Stay Information for Temporary Employment Visas

Class	Initial Stay	Extension of Stay
E-1	Two (2) years	Up to 2 years per extension. No maximum number of extensions, with some exceptions.
E-2	Two (2) years	Up to 2 years per extension. No maximum number of extensions, with some exceptions.
H-1B1	Up to 3 years	Increment of up to 3 years. Total stay limited to 6 years.
H-1B2	Up to 3 years	Increment of up to 3 years. Total stay limited to 6 years, with some exceptions.
H-1C	Up to 3 years	Total stay limited to 3 years.
H-2A and H-2B	Validity of labor certification, with maximum of 1 year.	Same as validity of labor certification (increments of up to 1 year). Total stay limited to 3 years.
H-3	Special Education Training-up to 18 months. Other Trainee-up to 2 years	Special Education Trainee-total stay limited to 18 months. Other Trainee-total stay limited to 2 years.
L-1A	Coming: to existing office-up to 3 years; to new office-up to 1 year.	Increments of up to 2 years. Total stay limited to 7 years.
L-1B	Coming: to existing office-up to 3 years; to new office-up to 1 year.	One increment of up to 2 years. Total stay limited to 5 years.
O-1 and O-2	Up to 3 years	Increments of up to 1 year
P-1, P-2, P-3 and support personnel	Individual athlete-up to 5 years. Athletic groups and Entertainment groups-up to 1 year.	Individual athlete-Increments of up to 5 years. Total stay limited to 10 years. Athletic groups and entertainment groups-Increments of 1 year.
Q-1	Up to 15 months.	Total stay limited to 15 months
R-1 and R-2	Up to 3 years	Increments of up to 2 years. Total stay limited to 5 years.

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