

## VISA NATO

### Representantes NATO, Oficiales y Empleados

Visas aprobadas bajo la clasificación NATO en base a los acuerdos del Tratado de Organización Atlántico Norte.

<b>Países NATO:</b>	
Bélgica	Luxemburgo
Canadá	Países Bajos
República Checa	(Holanda)
Dinamarca	Noruega
Francia	Polonia
Alemania	Portugal
Grecia	España
Hungría	Turquía
Islandia	Reino Unido
Italia	Estados Unidos

An alien shall be classified under the symbol NATO-1, NATO-2, NATO-3, NATO-4, or NATO-5 if he or she is seeking admission to the United States under the applicable provision of the Agreement on the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, National Representatives and International Staff, or is a member of the immediate family of an alien classified NATO-1 through NATO-5.

However, many armed forces personnel are exempt from passport and visa requirements if they are either attached to NATO Allied Headquarters in the United States and are traveling on official business, or are entering the United States under NATO Status of Forces Agreement. In the case of the later, they must carry official military ID cards and NATO travel orders.

**Immediate family members** are defined as the spouse and unmarried sons and daughters of any age who are members of the household. Partners who are recognized as the principal alien's dependent by the sending government, while not eligible for derivative A visas, may apply for [B-1/B-2 visas](#), if otherwise qualified. Application procedures are the same as for the principal applicant.

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### Definition of N Visa?

Under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), certain representatives and staff from member countries can enter the US as temporary visas. Under the treaty, they are not subject to normal immigration inspections and documentary requirements. Instead, consular officials decide whether they are admitted. Admission is for as long as the Secretary of State recognizes their

status. Employment authorization is obtained through the State Department. An applicant is classified under the symbol NATO-1, NATO-2, NATO-3, NATO-4, NATO-5, or NATO-6 if seeking admission to the United States under the applicable provision of the Agreement on the Status of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters Set Up Pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty. This includes, national representatives, international staff and immediate family members of an individual classified NATO-1 through NATO-6.

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### **What are the different type of NATO Visa's?**

There are different type of NATO Visa can be issued to alien, these are:

- 1.- NATO-1 Representative of NATO and their immediate relatives.
- 2.- NATO-2 Representative of NATO and their immediate relatives other than NATO-1.
- 3.- NATO-3 Employees of NATO and their immediate relatives.
- 4.- NATO-4 Other employees of NATO and their immediate relatives.
- 5.- NATO-5 Engineers of NATO and their responsible families.
- 6.- NATO-6 Military workers of NATO and their responsible families.
- 7.- NATO-7 Maids of NATO-1 through NATO-6 and their immediate relatives.
- 8.- N-8 When G-4 employees under 21 get immigrant status, their parents become eligible.
- 9.- N-9 When G-4 employees get immigrants status, their brothers and sisters or children under 21 become eligible.

### **How to Apply- Required Documentation**

As part of the visa application process, an interview at the embassy consular section is required for most visa applicants. For those applying for, **NATO-1, NATO-2, NATO-3, NATO-4, NATO-5 and NATO-6 visas**, embassies and consulates generally do not require an interview; however, a consular officer can request an interview. Additionally, **NATO1-6** visa applicants are exempt from the fingerprint scan requirement.

Personal employees, attendants and servants of **NATO** visa holders, that is, applicants for **NATO-7** visas, are required to be interviewed. Additionally, as part of the visa interview, an ink-free, digital fingerprint scan will be quickly completed.

Please contact the [embassy or consulate](#) in your home country for more information. Visa application forms should be delivered to the embassy or consulate in the country in which you are a resident. Each applicant and any accompanying persons, must submit the forms and documentation as explained below:

- **An application, Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-156** , signed and completed. **The DS-156 must be the March 2006 date, electronic "e-form application."** Select [Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form DS-156](#) to access the electronic version of the DS-156.
- **An application for A, G, and NATO Visa, Form DS-1648 signed and completed** (*ONLY for G1-4 and NATO1-6 visa applicants applying in the U.S. in cases of change of status or those working at the United Nations; the DS-1648 should be submitted in lieu of the DS-156*). The non-electronic form DS-1648 will NOT be accepted, applicants must complete the electronic "e-form application", Select [Application for A, G, and NATO Visa, Form DS-1648](#) to access the electronic version.
- **A supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-157**, which provides additional information about your travel. Here is the [Form DS-157](#).
- **A diplomatic note**. The diplomatic note is written confirmation by the sending government of the applicant's status. **NATO-7** applicants must have a diplomatic note included with their applications to confirm the official status of employers. If entering the U.S. without a visa under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement or the Protocol on the Status of International Military Headquarters Set Up Pursuant to the North Atlantic Treaty, you must carry official military ID cards and NATO travel orders.
- **A passport valid for travel to the United States** and with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the United States.
- **One (1) 2x2 photograph**. See the required photo format explained in [Nonimmigrant Photograph Requirements](#).
- **Visa processing and issuance fees**. Diplomatic passport holders are exempt from paying visa fees for all types of visas. Official passport holders are not charged for official visas, but are required to pay visa application and reciprocal issuance fees, if applicable, for all non-official visas.

### **Immediate Family Members**

Immediate family members are defined as the spouse and unmarried sons and daughters of any age who are members of the household. Application procedures are the same as for the principal applicant. If accompanying or following to join a military member on NATO travel orders, the spouse and children should apply for NATO-2 visas. An unmarried partner, even if recognized as the principal applicant's dependent by the sending government or international organization, would not be eligible for a derivative visa (G or NATO), but may apply for a B visa, if otherwise qualified.

### **Personal Employees**

Personal employees, attendants, domestic workers, or servants of individuals who hold a valid NATO-1 through NATO-6 visa, may be issued a NATO-7 visa, if he/she meets the requirements. As part of the application process an interview at the embassy or consulate is required. Proof that you will receive a fair wage, sufficient to financially support yourself, comparable to that being offered in the area of employment in the U.S. is required. In addition, you'll need to demonstrate that you will perform the contracted employment duties. The consular officer will determine whether you are eligible for the NATO-7 visa.

**To apply for a NATO-7 visa, the visa applicant must submit each of the items explained in the How to Apply - Required Documentation section above.**

**Employment Contract** - In addition to the above, accompanying the visa application and supporting documents, an employment contract is required, which must be signed by both the employer and the employee. The contract must include each of the following items:

- The contract must be in English and also in a language understood by the employee to ensure the employee understands his or her duties and rights regarding salary and working conditions;
- A guarantee the employee will be compensated at the state or federal minimum or prevailing wage, whichever is greater. Any money deducted for food or lodging, is limited to that which is considered reasonable. (Note: Fair prevailing wage is determined by the consular officer using the [Department of Labor](#) Alien Labor Certification/Occupational Employment Survey prevailing wage statistics by occupation and metropolitan area.)
- A statement by the employee, promising not to accept any other employment while working for the employer;
- A statement by the employer, promising to not withhold the passport of the employee; and
- A statement indicating that both parties understand that the employee cannot be required to remain on the premises after working hours without compensation.

The employer must pay the domestic's initial travel expenses to the United States, and subsequently to the employer's onward assignment, or to the employee's country of normal residence at the termination of the assignment

**Important Notices - for Employers and Personal Employees/Domestic Workers** - Personal employees are advised to keep your passport and a copy of your contract in your possession. Your contract and your passport should not be surrendered to your employer. Personal employees and domestic workers are advised that they will be subject to U.S. law while in the United States and that their contracts provide working arrangements that the employer is expected to respect.

The U.S. Government considers "involuntary servitude" of domestic workers, as defined under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), to be a severe form of trafficking in persons (TIP) and a serious criminal offense, and that victims of involuntary servitude are offered protection under the TVPA. "The term 'involuntary servitude' includes a condition of servitude induced by means of any scheme, plan, or pattern intended to cause a person to believe that, if the person did not enter into or continue in such condition, that person or another person would suffer serious harm or physical restraints, or the abuse or threatened abuse of the legal process." While in the U.S., domestic workers are advised that the telephone number for police and emergency services is 911, and that the Department of Health and Human Services maintains a telephone hotline for reporting abuse of domestic employees and other TIP-related crimes, 1-888-373-7888.

### **Additional Information**

- No assurances regarding the issuance of visas can be given in advance. Therefore final travel plans or the purchase of nonrefundable tickets should not be made until a visa has been issued.
- Unless previously canceled, a visa is valid until its expiration date. Therefore, if the traveler has a valid U.S. visitor visa in an expired passport, do not remove the visa page from the expired passport. You may use it along with a new valid passport for travel and admission to the United States.

## Entering the U.S. - Port of Entry

Applicants should be aware that a visa does not guarantee entry into the United States. The visa allows a foreign citizen to travel to a port-of-entry in the United States, such as an international airport, a seaport or a land border crossing, and request permission to enter the U.S. Immigration inspectors with the Department of Homeland Security's, Customs and Border Protection, will permit or deny admission to the United States, and determine your length of stay in the U.S., on any particular visit. Upon arrival, NATO-7 visa holders will be enrolled in the [US-VISIT](#) entry-exit program. NATO 1-6 visa holders are exempt from entry into the US-VISIT program. In addition, some NATO-7 travelers will also need to register their entry into the U.S. and departure. Select [Special Registration](#) to learn more. If allowed to enter, the U.S. immigration official will authorize the traveler's admission to the U.S. with a Form I-94, Record of Arrival-Departure. The Form I-94 documents your authorized stay in the U.S. and notes the length of stay permitted; it is very important to keep the Form I-94 in your passport. To find out more detailed information about admissions and entry in the U.S., select [Admissions](#) to go to the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Internet site.

## Further Visa Inquiries

- Questions on visa application procedures and visa ineligibilities should be made to the American consular office abroad by the applicant. Before submitting your inquiry, we request that you carefully review this website and also the Embassy Consular web site abroad. Very often you will find the information you need.
- If your inquiry concerns a visa case in progress overseas, you should first contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate handling your case for status information. Select [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) , and you can choose the Embassy or Consulate Internet site you need to contact.