



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Israeli Nationals Eligible for Treaty Investor Visas

Certain Israeli nationals who are lawfully present in the United States will soon be able to request a change of status to the E-2 treaty investor classification. Beginning May 1, eligible Israeli nationals already in the United States in a lawful nonimmigrant status can file [Form I-129, Petition for a Nonimmigrant Worker](#), to request a change of status to E-2 classification, or a qualifying employer can file the petition on their behalf. Spouses and unmarried children under 21 years of age of treaty investors and employees who are already in the United States may also seek to change status to E-2 classification as dependents by filing [Form I-539, Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status](#).

The E-2 nonimmigrant classification allows citizens of countries with which the United States has a treaty of commerce and navigation to be admitted to the United States when they are investing substantial capital in a U.S. business. E-2 status is also available to certain employees of such investors or qualifying organizations.

For more on the E-2 classification, see our [E-2 Treaty Investors](#) page.

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