



U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status

Alert: We may reject your Form I-918 or your Form I-918 Supplement A if you leave a field blank, unless the field is optional. Optional fields include the safe mailing address as well as fields you should only complete if you answered yes to a previous question. You must provide a response to all other questions, even if the response is “none,” “unknown” or “n/a.” We will reject a Form I-918 or a Form I-918 Supplement A that has, for example, an empty field for middle name, for current immigration status, or for information pertaining to a spouse or child.

If you are an alien and are a victim of a qualifying criminal activity, use this form to petition for temporary immigration benefits for yourself and your qualifying family members, as appropriate.

[Form I-918 \(PDF, 626 KB\)](#)

[Instructions for Form I-918 and Form I-918, Supplement A \(PDF, 300 KB\)](#)

[Form I-918, Supplement A, Petition for Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient \(PDF, 626 KB\)](#)

[Form I-918, Supplement B, U Nonimmigrant Status Certification \(PDF, 384 KB\)](#)

[Instructions for Form I-918, Supplement B \(PDF, 224 KB\)](#)

Number of Pages

Form: 11; instructions: 17.

Supplement A: form 12.

Supplement B: form 5; instructions: 6.

Edition Date

04/24/19. Starting Jan. 1, 2020, we will only accept the 04/24/19 edition. Until then, you can use the 02/07/17 edition. You can find the edition date at the bottom of the page on the form and instructions.

Where to File

Send your completed Form I-918 to:

Vermont Service Center
75 Lower Welden St.
St. Albans, VT 05479

Don't forget to sign your form! We will reject and return any unsigned form.

Filing Fee

\$0 (Biometrics services may be required at no cost to you.)

Checklist of Required Initial Evidence (for informational purposes only)

Please do not submit this checklist with your Form I-918. It is an optional tool to use as you prepare your form, but does not replace statutory, regulatory, and form instruction requirements. We recommend that you review these requirements before completing and submitting your form. Do not send original documents unless specifically requested in the form instructions or applicable regulations.

If you submit any documents (copies or original documents, if requested) in a foreign language, you must include a full English translation along with a certification from the translator verifying that the translation is complete and accurate, and that they are competent to translate from the foreign language to English.

Did you provide the following?

- Your completed Supplement B Certification
- Evidence you are the victim of qualifying criminal activity
- Evidence you have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse
- Evidence you possess information concerning criminal activity, and that the criminal activity is qualifying and violated United States law or occurred in the United States
- Evidence you have been, are being, or are likely to be helpful to a certifying official in the investigation or prosecution of qualifying criminal activity
- A personal statement
- If you are inadmissible, an application for a waiver of inadmissibility on Form I-192, with appropriate fee or request for a fee waiver
- If you are filing Form I-918, Supplement A for a qualifying family member:
 - Credible documentation of the claimed relationship
 - An explanation of why required documents are not available (if applicable)
 - If your qualifying family member is inadmissible, an application for a waiver of inadmissibility on Form I-192, with appropriate fee or request for a fee waiver.

Special Instructions

Principal U Nonimmigrants: You are authorized to work once we have approved your underlying petitions for U nonimmigrant status. We will automatically issue an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) when we approve your petition. You do not need to file a separate Form I-765, Application for Employment Authorization.

Derivative U Nonimmigrants: If you reside inside the U.S., you are authorized to work once we approve the derivative petition for U nonimmigrant status. However, you will not automatically receive an EAD. You must file Form I-765 to request an EAD. Employment authorization for principals and derivatives can only be issued after the underlying U nonimmigrant status petition is approved, regardless of when the Form I-765 is filed.

We can only issue employment authorization for principals and derivatives after we approve the underlying U nonimmigrant status petition, regardless of when you file Form I-765.

Statutory Cap

If the statutory cap is reached in a fiscal year and we use the waiting list process described at 8 CFR 214.14(d)(2), petitioners for U nonimmigrant status and derivatives in the U.S. can apply for an EAD based on deferred action. We will only approve these EADs after DHS has deferred action in your case, regardless of when you file Form I-765.

Related Links

- [U Nonimmigrant Status Program Updates](#)
- [USCIS Update: U Nonimmigrant Interim Relief Recipients Reminded to Apply for U Visa](#)
- [USCIS Publishes Rule for Nonimmigrant Victims of Criminal Activity](#)

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