



TWIC Program – Eligible Immigration Categories

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. U.S. citizen or national (a citizen of the U.S., or a person who, though not a citizen, owes permanent allegiance to the U.S., as defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(22), and includes American Samoa and Swains Island.) 2. Lawful permanent resident (LPR) of the U.S. 3. Refugee admitted under 8 U.S.C. 1157. 4. Alien granted asylum under 8 U.S.C. 1158. 5. Alien in valid M-1 nonimmigrant status enrolled at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or a comparable State maritime academy. 6. Citizen of Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau. 7. Commercial driver licensed in Canada or Mexico to transport hazardous materials or admitted to U.S. to conduct business under 8 CFR 214.2(b)(4)(i)(E). (Note: these individuals are required to be Canadian or Mexican citizens, as well as holders of a Mexican or Canadian commercial driver's license.) 8. Alien with <u>unrestricted</u> authorization to work in the U.S. holding one of the following visas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A-1: Immediate family members of an Ambassador, Public Minister, Career Diplomat, Consular Officer, Head of State, with a bilateral agreement in place; ▪ A-2: Immediate family members of other foreign government officials or employees coming to the United States, including technical and support staff of A-1, with a bilateral agreement in place; ▪ A-13: Family unity; ▪ E-1: Spouse and dependent children of an treaty trader; ▪ E-2: Spouse of a treaty investor or employee of a treaty investor spouse; ▪ G-1: Immediate family member of a principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization and staff, with a bilateral agreement in place; ▪ G-3: Immediate family member of a representative of a non-recognized or nonmember foreign government to international organization, with a bilateral agreement in place; ▪ G-4: Immediate family member of an International organization officer or employee with a bilateral agreement; ▪ J-2: Spouse or minor child of exchange visitor; ▪ K-3: Spouse of U.S. Citizen (under LIFE Act provisions); ▪ K-4: Child of K-3; ▪ L-2: Spouse or child of L-1; ▪ N-8: Parent of alien classified SK-3 "special immigrant"; ▪ N-9: Child of N-8, SK-1, SK-2, or SK-4 "special immigrant"; ▪ Immediate family members of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) officials and representatives with a bilateral agreement in place for the following visa types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NATO-1 - NATO-2 - NATO-3 - NATO-4 - NATO-5 - NATO-6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ S-7: Spouse, unmarried sons and daughters, and parents of witness or informant; ▪ T-1: Victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons; ▪ T-2: Spouse of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons; ▪ T-3: Child of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons; ▪ T-4: Parent of victim of a severe form of trafficking in persons (if T-1 is under 21 years of age); ▪ T-5: Unmarried sibling under age of 18 of a T-1 under age of 21; ▪ U-1: Victim of certain criminal activity; ▪ U-2: Spouse of U-1; ▪ U-3: Child of U-1; ▪ U-4: Parent of U-1 (if U-1 is under 21 years of age); ▪ U-5: Unmarried sibling under age 18 of a U-1 under age 21; ▪ V-1: Spouse of an LPR who is the principal beneficiary of a family-based petition which was filed prior to December 21, 2000, and has been pending for at least 3 years; ▪ V-2: Child of an LPR who is the principal beneficiary of a family-based visa petition that was filed prior to December 21, 2000, and has been pending for at least 3 years; ▪ V-3: The derivative child of a V-1 or V-2; OR ▪ TPS: Temporary protected status (TPS). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Alien with <u>restricted</u> authorization to work in the U.S. holding one of the following visas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BBBCV: B-1/B-2 and Border Crossing Card (Mexicans only);¹ ▪ B1-OCS: Business visitor/outer continental shelf (OCS) (Note: only B-1/OCS visa holders are eligible; individuals who possess a B-1, B-2, or B-1/B-2 are NOT eligible for a TWIC); ▪ C-1/D: Combined transit and crewman visa (Note: only C-1/D visa holders are eligible; individuals who possess a C-1 or D-1 visa are NOT eligible for a TWIC); ▪ E-1 (Principal): Treaty trader or employee of treaty trader; ▪ E-2 (Principal): Treaty investor, or employee of treaty investor; ▪ E-3: Australian nationals working in specialty occupations, including spouse; ▪ H-1B: Specialty occupations; ▪ L-1A: Executive, managerial (intracompany transferee); ▪ L-1B: Specialized knowledge professionals; ▪ M-3: Canadian or Mexican national commuter student;² ▪ O-1A: Extraordinary ability in sciences, arts, education, business, or athletics; ▪ O-1B: Extraordinary achievement in motion picture and/or television productions; OR ▪ TN: Trade visas for Canadian and Mexican business persons seeking to engage in professional activities under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). <p>NOTE: The following visa types with unrestricted work authorization are <u>not</u> permitted to obtain a TWIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ S-5: Informant of criminal organization information; ▪ S-6: Informant of terrorism information; ▪ K-1: Fiancé or fiancée of U.S. citizen; OR ▪ K-2: Minor child of K-1.
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¹ This visa category (BBBCV) was **added** in the 12-15-08 version of the TWIC Immigration Reference Guide. This category will be added to the Disclosure Form during next revision.

² This visa category (M-3) is **NOT** eligible for a TWIC. This category will be removed from the Disclosure Form during the next revision.