

Humanitarian Division Overview

Nebraska Service Center
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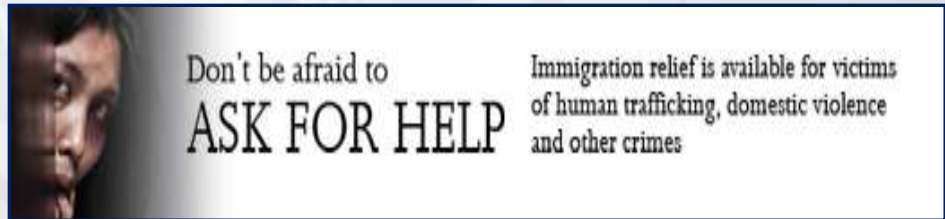
- With a pioneering spirit, the Nebraska Service Center provides quality immigration services to unite, strengthen and protect the United States of America.
- With empathy and integrity, the Humanitarian Division is dedicated to protecting the abused, victimized, and families facing extreme hardship. We provide rigorous review and accurate decisions **that improve people's lives and keep our country safe.**
- The Humanitarian Division adjudicates Forms I-918, I-601, I-212, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and I-360 Special immigrant visa (SIV).

The Purpose of the U Visa

Form I-918

U nonimmigrant status (U visa):

- Provides immigration benefits to victims of certain crimes.
- Strengthens **law enforcement's ability to investigate** and prosecute human trafficking and certain other crimes.
- Encourages trafficked, exploited, and abused victims to **report crimes, even if they don't have lawful** immigration status.





Basic U Visa Requirements

- Victim of qualifying criminal activity
 - Crime must have occurred in U.S. or violated U.S. law
- Victim has credible and reliable information about the qualifying crime
- Victim generally must have been, is being, or is likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the qualifying crime
- Victim suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of qualifying crime

U Visa Statutory List of Crimes

- Abduction
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Blackmail
- Domestic Violence
- Extortion
- False Imprisonment
- Felonious Assault
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting
- Hostage Taking
- Incest
- Involuntary Servitude
- Kidnapping
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Obstruction of Justice
- Peonage
- Perjury
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Exploitation
- Slave Trade
- Stalking
- Torture
- Trafficking
- Unlawful Criminal Restraint
- Witness Tampering



U Visa Qualifying Crimes

- Includes attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation to commit any crime on statutory list
- Substantially similar crimes may also qualify
- USCIS decides if a crime listed on the law enforcement certification is a **“qualifying” crime**



The U Visa

Applicants use Form I-918, Petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, to apply.

The U visa:

- Grants temporary status for up to 4 years (with the possibility for a Green Card)
- Allows temporary status for certain family members
- Provides a work permit

There is an annual cap of 10,000 visas that USCIS may issue per fiscal year.





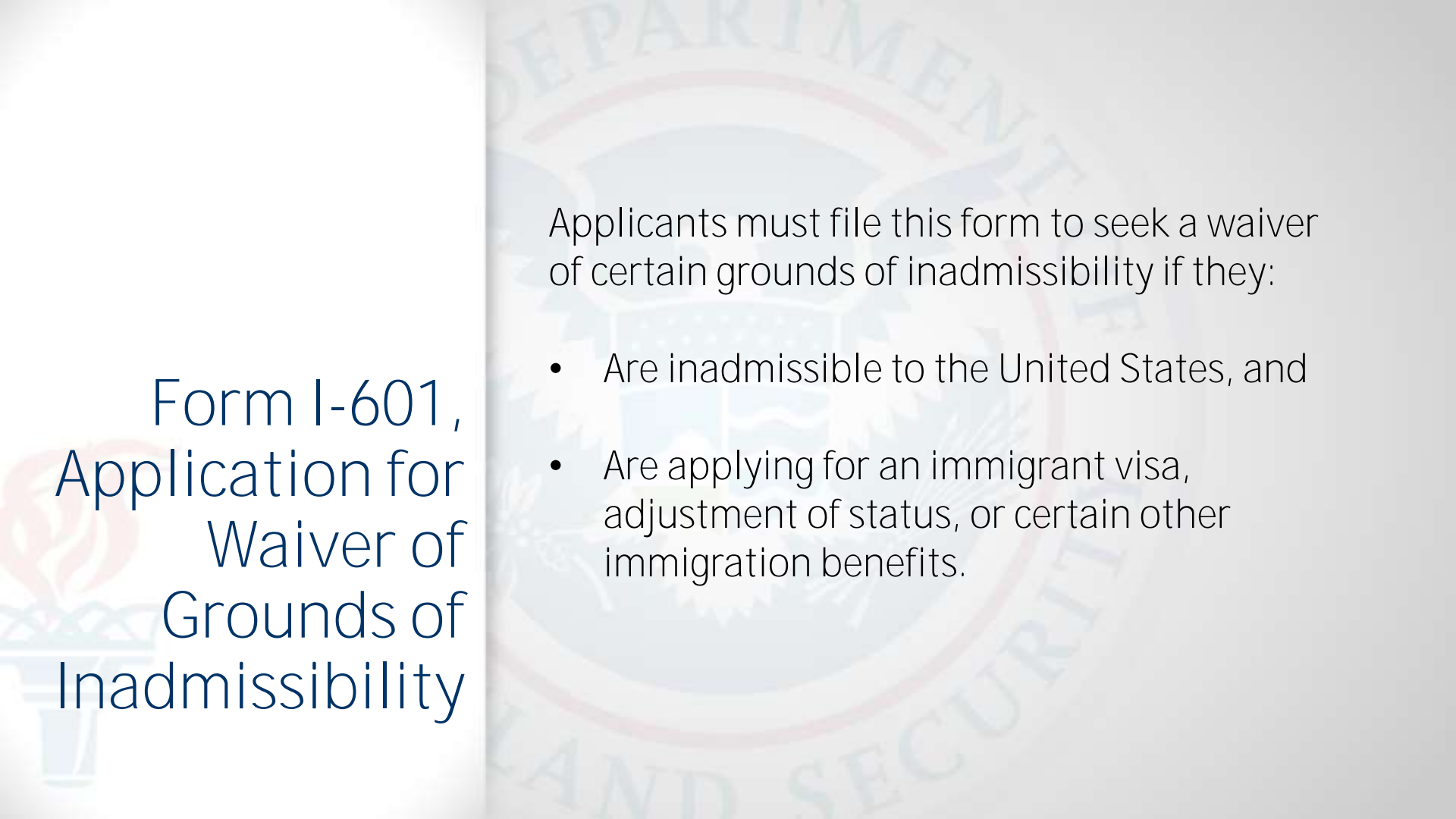
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nsc.i-918inquiries@uscis.dhs.gov

Written inquiries with original signatures may be sent through the US Postal Service to:

USCIS
Nebraska Service Center
PO Box 87918
Lincoln NE 68501-7918



Form I-601, Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility

Applicants must file this form to seek a waiver of certain grounds of inadmissibility if they:

- Are inadmissible to the United States, and
- Are applying for an immigrant visa, adjustment of status, or certain other immigration benefits.

Process for Form I-601

- Applicant goes to the consular interview at an overseas office.
- After the consular officer determines that the applicant is inadmissible and that a waiver is available, the applicant will file Form I-601 at the Phoenix Lockbox.
- The lockbox will route the file to the NSC.
- The NSC will process the Form I-601 and notify the Department of State electronically of its decision.



Filing Tips Form I-601

Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-601
2025 (Rev. 10/27/2024)
Expires 10/27/2025

For USCIS Use Only	Fee Stamp	Initial Receipt	Retained Receipt	Action Book
			Received	Issued

Benefit Category:
 Immigrant Adjustment of Status YES
 Temporary Resident Nonimmigrant

Excluded/Ineligible Status:
 H1B1B1 H1B1B2 H1B1B3 H1B1B4
 H1B1B5 H1B1B6 H1B1B7 H1B1B8 Other

To be completed by an Attorney or Accredited Representative (if any):
 Select this box if Form G-28 is attached.
Attorney State Bar Number (if Applicable): _____
Attorney or Accredited Representative USCIS ELSA Account Number (if any): _____

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Part 1. Information About You

1. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) (if any)
▶ A: _____

2. USCIS ELSA Account Number (if any)
▶ _____

Enter Full Name

3a. Family Name (Last Name) _____
3b. Given Name (First Name) _____
3c. Middle Name _____

Other Names Used
List all other names you have ever used, including maiden names, aliases, and nicknames. If you need extra space to complete the section, use the space provided at Part 1b. Additional Information: _____

4a. Family Name (Last Name) _____
4b. Given Name (First Name) _____
4c. Middle Name _____

Mailing Address

NOTE: If you are outside of the United States, provide a U.S. mailing address, if available. If a U.S. mailing address is not available, provide your mailing address abroad.

5a. Is Care of Home? _____
5b. Street Number and Name _____
5c. Apt. #, Box #, P.O. # _____
5d. City or Town _____
5e. State _____ EE ZIP Code _____
5f. Province _____
5g. Postal Code _____
5h. Country _____

6. Is your mailing address the same address where you currently live (physical address)? Yes No

If your mailing address and the address where you currently live (physical address) are not the same, provide your current physical address in the next section.

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The applicant must:

- Sign the application. A copy of the applicant's signature can be accepted.
- Sign the Form G-28 (if applicable). A copy of the applicant's signature is not acceptable.

Filing Tips Form I-601

Application for Waiver of Grounds of Inadmissibility
Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

USCIS
Form I-601
2018 (Rev. 10/10/2019)
Form I-601-011

Fee	Fee Stamp	Initial Stamp	Restricted	Action Block
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Benefits Category:		Excluded		
<input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant <input type="checkbox"/> Adjustment of Status <input type="checkbox"/> YES		Ineligible		
<input type="checkbox"/> Transient <input type="checkbox"/> Nonimmigrant				
Inadmissible Under:				
<input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(b) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(c) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(d) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(e)				
<input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(f) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(g) <input type="checkbox"/> INA 214(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other				
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5a. In Care Of Name _____

5b. Street Number and Name _____

5c. Apt. Box P.O. _____

5d. City or Town _____

5e. State EE ZIP Code _____

5f. Province _____

5g. Postal Code _____

5h. Country _____

6. Is your mailing address the same address where you currently live (physical address)? Yes No

If your mailing address and the address where you currently live (physical address) are not the same, provide your current physical address in the next section.

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The applicant must:

- Include documentary evidence to support statement.
- Provide a U.S. mailing address in Part 1, if possible.

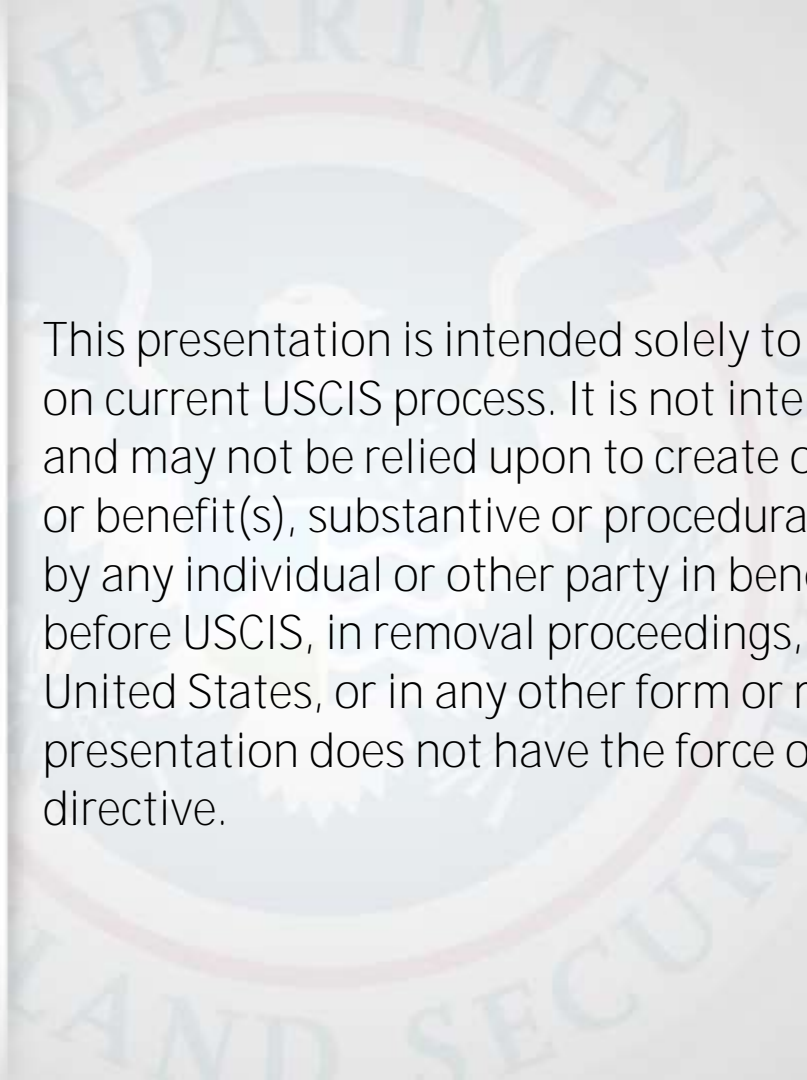


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