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TN Visas

TN Visas are nonimmigrant work visas granted under NAFTA, the North American Free Trade Agreement. The TN allows citizens of Canada or Mexico, who belong to certain professions, to work in the United States on a temporary basis. The NAFTA professional must be coming to the United States to work for a US employer (self-employment is prohibited). Canadian citizens can apply for TN status at the border. Mexican citizens can apply for TN status at a US consulate in Mexico.

TN Visas are good for one year and must be renewed annually (either by returning to Canada or Mexico or through a petition filed at a USCIS Service Center). Although the number of renewals that can be granted is not limited, TN renewals can be denied if the government believes the applicant has the intent to become a permanent resident of the United States.

Below is a list of qualifying positions under NAFTA:

PROFESSION

MINIMUM EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ALTERNATIVE CREDENTIALS

GENERAL

Accountant

Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or C.P.A.,
C.A., C.G.A., C.M.A.

Architect

Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or
state/provincial license

Computer System Analyst

Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or Post-
Secondary Diploma or Post Secondary Certificate
and three years experience

Disaster Relief Insurance Claims Adjuster
(Claims Adjuster employed by an insurance
company located in the territory of a Party, or an
independent claims adjuster)

Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree and
successful completion of training in the
appropriate areas of insurance adjustment
pertaining to disaster relief claims; or three years
experience in claims adjustment and successful

	completion of training in the appropriate areas of insurance adjustment pertaining to disaster relief claims
Economist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree;
Engineer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state/provincial license
Forester	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state/provincial license
Graphic Designer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or post-secondary diploma and three years experience
Hotel Manager	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree in hotel/restaurant management; or post-secondary diploma or post-secondary certificate in hotel/restaurant management and three years experience in hotel/restaurant management
Industrial Designer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or post-secondary diploma or post-secondary certificate, and three years experience
Interior Designer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or post-secondary diploma or post-secondary certificate, and three years experience
Land Surveyor	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state/provincial/federal license
Landscape Architect	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Lawyer (including Notary in the province of Quebec)	L.L.B., J.D., L.L.L., B.C.L., or Licenciatura degree (five years); or membership in a state/provincial bar
Librarian	M.L.S. or B.L.S. (for which another Baccalaureate or Licenciatura degree was prerequisite)
Management Consultant	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or equivalent professional experience as established by statement or professional credential attesting to five years experience as a management consultant, or five years experience in a field of

	specialty related to the consulting agreement
Mathematician (including statistician)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Range Manager/Range Conservationist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Research Assistant (working in a post-secondary educational institution)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Scientific Technician/Technologist	Possession of (a) theoretical knowledge of any of the following disciplines: agricultural sciences, astronomy, biology, chemistry, engineering, forestry, geology, geophysics, meteorology, or physics; and (b) the ability to solve practical problems in any of those disciplines, or the ability to apply principles of any of those disciplines to basic or applied research
Social Worker	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Sylviculturist (including forestry)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Technical Publications Writer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or post-secondary diploma or post-secondary certificate, and three years experience
Urban Planner (including Geographer)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Vocational Counselor	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
MEDICAL/ALLIED PROFESSIONALS	
Dentist	D.D.S., D.M.D., Doctor en Odontologia or Doctor en Cirugia Dental or state/provincial license
Dietitian	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state/provincial license
Medical Laboratory Technologist (Canada)/Medical Technologist (Mexico and the United States)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or post secondary diploma or post secondary certificate, and three years experience
Nutritionist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Occupational Therapist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state provincial license

Pharmacist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state provincial license
Physician (teaching or research only)	M.D., Doctor en Medicina; or state/provincial license
Physiotherapist/Physical Therapist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree; or state provincial license
Psychologist	State/provincial license; or Licenciatura degree
Recreational Therapist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Registered Nurse	State/provincial license; or Licenciatura degree
Veterinarian	D.V.M., D.M.V., or Doctor en Veterinaria; or state/provincial license

SCIENTIST

Agricultural (Agronomist)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Animal Breeder	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Animal Scientist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Apiculturist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Astronomer	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Biochemist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Chemist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Dairy Scientist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Entomologist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Epidemiologist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Geneticist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Geochemist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Geophysicist (including Oceanographer in Mexico and the United State)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Horticulturist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree

Meteorologist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Pharmacologist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Physicist (including Oceanographer in Canada)	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Plant Breeder	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Poultry Scientist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Soil Scientist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Zoologist	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
TEACHER	
College	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
Seminary	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree
University	Baccalaureate or Licenciatura Degree