TN NAFTA Professionals

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) created special economic and trade relationships for the United States, Canada and Mexico. The *TN nonimmigrant classification permits* qualified Canadian and Mexican citizens to seek temporary entry into the United States to engage in business activities at a professional level.

Among the types of professionals who are eligible to seek admission as TN nonimmigrants are accountants, engineers, lawyers, pharmacists, scientists, and teachers. For more information about TN NAFTA Professionals please refer to the following website. https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/temporary-workers/tn-nafta-professionals

Quick Facts:

Canadian citizen, are not required to apply for a TN visa at a U.S. consulate.

A person may establish eligibility for TN classification at the time they seek admission to the United States by presenting required documentation to a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officer at certain CBP-designated U.S. ports of entry or at a designated pre-clearance/pre-flight inspection station.

They must provide the following documentation to the CBP officer:
- Proof of Canadian citizenship;
- Letter from your prospective employer detailing items such as the professional capacity in which you will work in the United States, the purpose of your employment, your length of stay, and your educational qualifications; and
- Credentials evaluation (if applicable), together with any applicable fees.

If a CBP officer finds them eligible for admission, they will be admitted as a TN nonimmigrant. Additionally, an employer may choose to file on behalf of a Canadian citizen who is outside the United States by submitting Form I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker to USCIS.

Initial period of stay is up to 3 years, U.S. immigration officials can decide to admit you for a shorter period. A request for an extension can be submitted six months prior to the date of expiration. The agency can request extensions, in up to 3-year increments for each extension, indefinitely.