



# U.S. Consulate General Surabaya, Indonesia

## INFORMATION SHEET FOR TEMPORARY WORK VISAS

The Immigration and Nationality Act provides several categories of nonimmigrant visas for a person who wishes to work temporarily in the United States. The most common of these categories are specialty occupations (H) and Intra-company transfers (L) visas:

**H-1B** classification applies to persons in a specialty occupation that requires the theoretical and practical application of a body of highly specialized knowledge requiring completion of a specific course of higher education. This classification requires a temporary labor certification issued by the Secretary of Labor.

**H-2A** classification applies to temporary or seasonal agricultural workers.

**H-2B** classification applies to temporary or seasonal nonagricultural workers. This classification requires a temporary labor certification issued by the Secretary of Labor (66,000 per year).

**H-3** classification applies to trainees other than medical or academic. This classification also applies to practical training in the education of handicapped children.

**L-1** classification applies to persons to intra-company transferees who, within three preceding years, have been employed abroad continuously for one year, and who will be employed by a branch, parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of that same employer in the U.S. in a managerial, executive, or specialized knowledge capacity.

### **Petitions:**

In order to be considered as a non-immigrant under the above classifications the applicant's prospective employer must file Form I-129, Petition for Nonimmigrant Worker, with the United States Immigration Service (INS) in the United States. Once approved, the employer is sent a notice of approval, Form I-797. Please note that the approval of a petition shall not guarantee visa issuance to an applicant found to be ineligible under the provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

### **How to Apply:**

Persons wishing to apply for a Non-Immigrant, temporary work visa, should make an appointment for an interview (by telephone at 031-5682287 ext. 110, or by e-mail to [sbyvisa@indosat.net.id](mailto:sbyvisa@indosat.net.id)), and submit the following during the interview:

- 1) An application FORM DS-156, completed and signed, with photo attached. Blank application forms are available online or from the U.S. Consulate General Surabaya. The completed form must be printed back-to-back on A3 or A4 paper; 2-page application forms will not be accepted. NOTE: By signing the visa application form, the applicant is certifying that all information contained in it is true and correct.
- Male applicants aged 16 to 45 years at the time of applying for a visa must also complete application FORM DS-157;
- 2) A passport valid for travel to the U.S. with a validity date at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the U.S
- 3) One black-white or color photo (5 cm X 5 cm). The applicant's face, eyes and ears must be clearly visible, and the photograph should be taken against a light-coloured background.
- 4) Notice of Approval FORM I-797

Applicants must also pay a non-refundable application fee of US\$100.00, payable in rupiah at the current exchange rate. This is payable at the Consulate Cashier Booth located at the front of the Consulate Building.



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