

Who is eligible to enter the United States under the NAFTA?

NAFTA facilitates the temporary entry of the following four categories of business persons:

- ◆ Business Visitors
- ◆ Professionals
- ◆ Intra-company Transferees
- ◆ Traders and Investors

Family Members

For all of the above four categories, **spouses** and **minor children** can accompany you in the United States. The spouses of two of the above categories (Intra-company Transferee, Trader or Investor) may be employed. They must obtain an Employment Authorization Document by submitting Form I-765.

What if I don't qualify for entry under the NAFTA?

If you have a job offer or signed contract from an employer in the U.S., but you do not qualify under the four categories of NAFTA business persons listed above, you may qualify for entry under U.S. general immigration provisions. Some occupations not covered under the NAFTA will require a different type of Temporary Worker Visa. These include athletes, agricultural workers, computer programmers, journalists, performers, tradespeople, trainees, students, and volunteers, among others. Information on the various processes for temporary entry into the U.S. is available on the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (USINS) Web site at www.ins.usdoj.gov

Before You Go, Don't Forget...

The provisions in Chapter 16 of the NAFTA:

- apply to citizens, not permanent residents of Canada, the U.S. or Mexico;
- facilitate temporary entry of only certain business persons, not all;
- complement existing temporary entry rules and regulations of Canada, Mexico or the U.S.; and
- do not affect these countries' existing immigration rules and regulations — you must still meet U.S. laws on national security, public health and safety.

More Information

For detailed information on Canadian business persons entering the United States and Mexico, and American or Mexican business persons entering Canada, please see the publication *Cross-Border Movement of Business Persons and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)*, available online at www.dfait-maeci.gc.ca/nafta-alena/cross-e.asp

For copies, contact

Enquiries Services
 Department of Foreign Affairs and
 International Trade (DFAIT)
 125 Sussex Drive
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0G2
 Tel.: (613) 944-4000 or
 1-800-267-8376 (in Canada)
 E-mail: enqserv@dfait-maeci.gc.ca

64289878