

Pathways to Permanent Residence for Immigrant Entrepreneurs

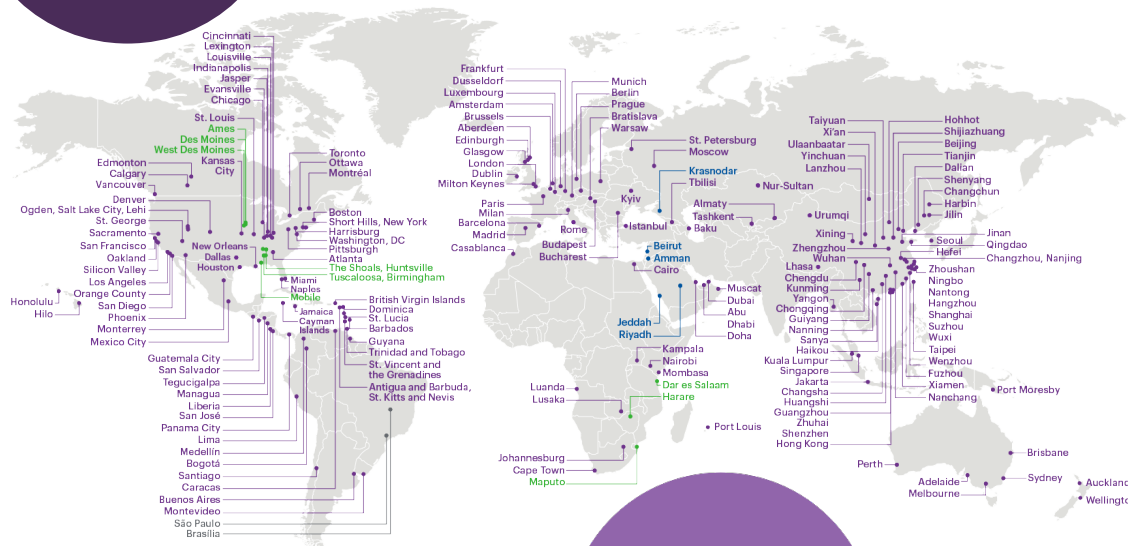
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198
locations



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77
countries

February 2021

Lawyer numbers



11,000+
Total number of lawyers

14,000+
All timekeepers

19,000+
Total number of people

*Figures reflect combinations proposed in 2019-2020.

Foreign Students (F-1 Visa)

Business
ownership/investment

Curricular Practical
Training

Optional Practical
Training

STEM OPT

H-1B “Specialty Occupation” Visas

Ownership of business – possible?

Beneficiary of H-1B petition

- Basic requirements
- Process
- Timing/costs

H-1B “cap”/quota

E-2 “Treaty Investor” Visa

Ownership of
business

Other
requirements

How much
money
needs to be
invested?

Immigration
process

Not a path to
a green card

Other Potential Nonimmigrant (Temporary) Visa Categories

TN (Trade NAFTA)

L-1 (Intracompany Transfer)

O-1 ("Extraordinary Ability")



Green Cards – General



Standard process

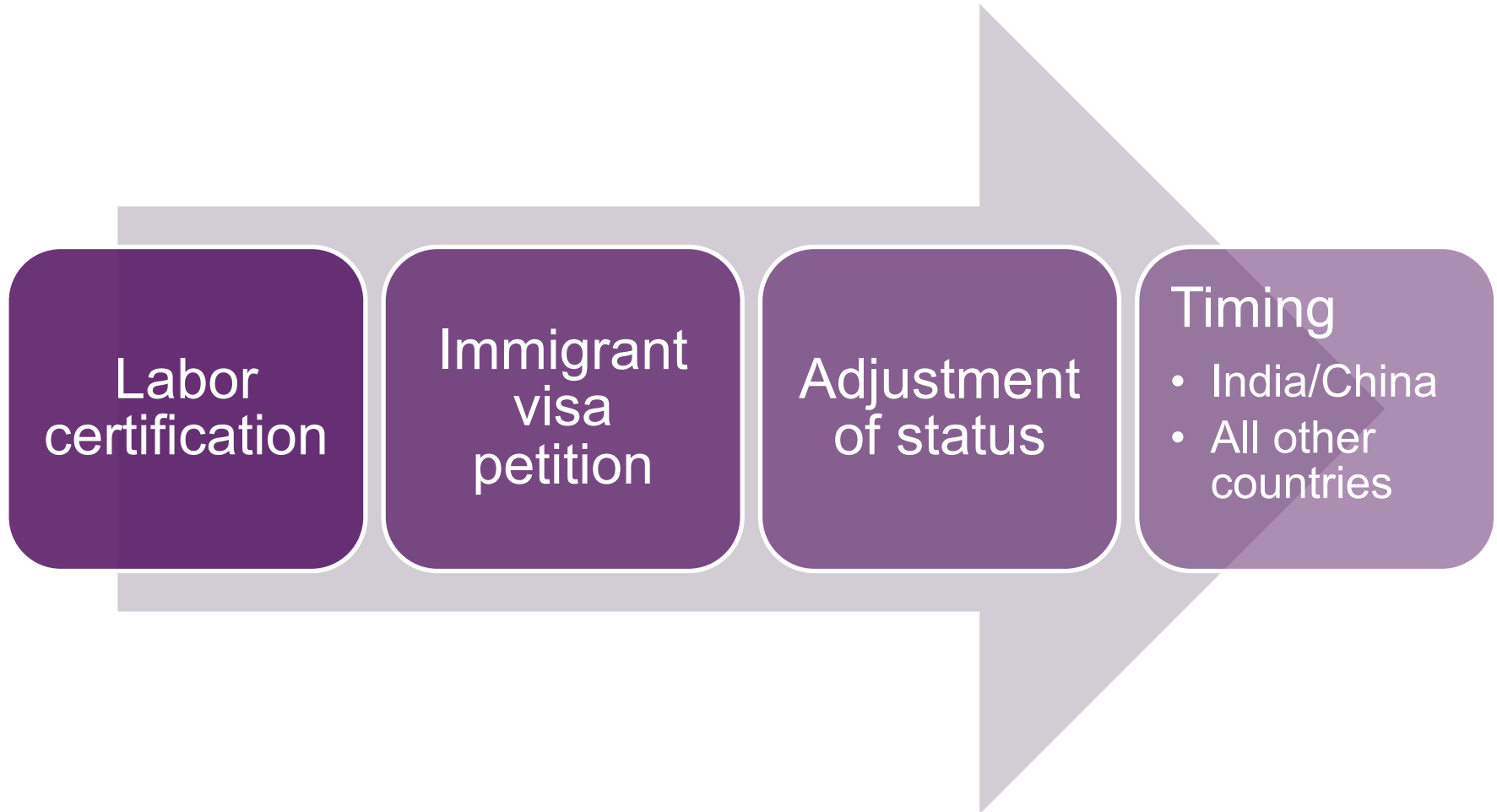
Expedited process

Self-petition – possible?

Business/employment-
related issues

Other things to
know/consider

Standard Process



Expedited Processes

EB-1A (“Extraordinary Ability”)

EB-2/NIW (“Advanced Degree Professional” and “National Interest Waiver”)

EB-5 (Investor visa)

Business-related factors for each

Entrepreneurial Visa Status/Options



Impacts of Trump Administration

Overall anti-immigrant sentiment impacted all aspects of U.S. immigration

Particular impact on F-1 students

Possible elimination of several benefits

Things could have been/would have been much worse

Anticipated Changes Under Biden Administration

Return to “normalcy”

Consistent interpretation of rules/regulations based in the law

Will NOT be easy—but a lot better

Possible return of REAL benefits, e.g., entrepreneurial parole for students/entrepreneurs





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