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## Change/Extend Nonimmigrant Status

### → Who can, how long is the visa valid, and how much more time can I extend?

Type of Visa Issued	Length of Visa	How much more time can be extended	Notes
B Business or Pleasure	1 <sup>st</sup> time up to 1 year (usually 6 months)	Reapply in 6-month increments as long as your reasons are consistent with the terms and conditions of your original status.	
E Treaty Traders and Treaty Investors	No max. (usually 2 years)	Reapply in 2-year increments	E-visa holders can enter the US up to 10-days before their intended employment begins, and stay up to 10-days after their employment ends.
E-3 Australians in Specialty Occupation	No max (1 <sup>st</sup> time given 2 years)	Reapply in 2-year increments	
F Academic Students	"Duration of Status" (D/S) (means can remain in the US for as long as you remain enrolled, full-time, in an educational program at an approved school; making normal progress; and in compliance with all terms of F-1 visa.)	No extension needed	Allowed 60-days grace period to prepare to leave the US.
J Exchange Visitor	Depends on the type of program (sometimes D/S)	Allowed only on exceptional cases.	30-days added to beginning and end of program. Max time for J-1 scholar status is 5-years (Max. 6-months for short-term scholars)
K-1 Fiancé of US Citizen	90-days	No extensions	USCIS may accept green card application from K-1 applicant who is out of status but married the US Citizen as intended.
K-3 Spouse of US Citizen	1 <sup>st</sup> time up to 2 years OR until I-130 approved by USCIS	Allowed if I-130 not yet approved by USCIS	

### → Can my dependents change/extend their status as well?

Yes

### → Do my dependents need to file a separate application?

No. Only one application needed per family.

### → Can change of status to F-2 (dependent) be filed when F-1 (principal) is filed?

Yes.

### → My passport expires soon, can I still change/extend my status?

You MUST have a valid passport in order to change/extend your status. You should renew your passport at the consulate THEN apply to change/extend your status.