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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  | 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. |
| 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 AOS 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.

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