

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Special-immigrant residence: legal bases and category-specific steps

Is special immigrant a general category for any deserving worker?

Special-immigrant residence concerns specific legal bases rather than a general alternative for any worker. EB-4 includes distinct groups with different evidence, petitioner and procedural rules. Identify the actual statutory category before assuming that I-360, a religious affiliation or U.S.-government work establishes eligibility.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Name the exact special-immigrant legal basis.
- ☐ Check the subgroup's actual petition procedure.
- ☐ Separate temporary work and immigrant classification.
- ☐ Verify numerical and legislative availability.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

U.S. Department of State: Employment-based immigrant visas: process categories

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/employment-based-immigrant-visas.html>

U.S. Department of State: Department of State Visa Bulletin

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-lawO/visa-bulletin.html>

U.S. Department of State: October 2026 Visa Bulletin: chart definitions and adjustment-chart instruction

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/legal/visa-lawO/visa-bulletin/2027/visa-bulletin-for-october-2026.html>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/immigration-paths/permanent-work/special-immigrant/>

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