

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

U nonimmigrant status: certification, USCIS decision and any visa stage

Does a law-enforcement certification approve U nonimmigrant status?

No. A certification has a defined evidentiary role, while USCIS decides the U petition. The Department of State describes a separate visa stage for relevant people abroad after petition approval. Certification, petition adjudication, visa issuance and admission should remain distinct.

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

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ Preserve the document and identify the certifying institution.
- ☐ Keep USCIS requests and decisions in order.
- ☐ Store relevant personal records privately and with their original context.
- ☐ Identify any later visa-related communication separately.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

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

USCIS: Form I-918: U nonimmigrant petition and certification distinctions

<https://www.uscis.gov/I-918>

U.S. Department of State: U-related petition, visa and admission distinctions

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/other-visa-categories/visas-for-victims-of-criminal-activity.html>

Immigrant Insider: Editorial policy and verification status

<https://immigrantinsider.com/editorial-policy/>

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