

DEPENDENT VISA TYPES CHART

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DEPENDENT VISA TYPE	DEPENDENT SPOUSES ELIGIBLE FOR WORK AUTHORIZATION DOCUMENT?	ADDITIONAL NOTES
L-2	Yes.	Time spent in L-2 status does not count against the five/seven-year limitation on L-1 status. Dependent can attend school.
O-3	No.	Dependent can attend school.
H-4	Only in limited circumstances.	Time spent in H-4 status does not count against the six-year limitation on H-1B status. The H-4 dependent can attend school.
J-2	Yes, as long as employment is not for support of the principal J-1. EAD will be granted for the length of the J-1's stay or four years, whichever is shorter.	Dependent can attend school.
F-2	No.	F-4 may accompany F-1 spouse while the F-1 is engaged in a full course of study or approved practical training (or within thirty days of this). Dependent children can attend elementary and secondary school. Dependent spouse may not enroll in a full course of study but may participate in avocational or recreational programs.
P-4	No	Dependent can attend school.
M-2	No.	Dependent must obtain separate SEVIS I-20. Dependent may not engage in full-time study unless child is attending primary or secondary school.
E-2	Yes.	Dependent can attend school.
TD	No.	Dependent can attend school.
E-3D	Yes.	Dependent can attend school.