

Except as noted below, H-2B petitions may only be approved for nationals of countries that the Secretary of Homeland Security has designated, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, as eligible to participate in the H-2B program.

The Department of Homeland Security publishes the list of H-2A and H-2B eligible countries in a Federal Register notice. Designation of eligible countries is valid for one year from publication.

Effective Jan. 19, 2019, nationals from the following countries are eligible to participate in the H-2B program:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andorra • Argentina • Australia • Austria • Barbados • Belgium • Brazil • Brunei • Bulgaria • Canada • Chile • Colombia • Costa Rica • Croatia • Czech Republic • Denmark • Ecuador • El Salvador • Estonia • Fiji 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finland • France • Germany • Greece • Grenada • Guatemala • Honduras • Hungary • Iceland • Ireland • Israel • Italy • Jamaica • Japan • Kiribati • Latvia • Lichtenstein • Lithuania • Luxembourg • Macedonia • Madagascar • Malta 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mexico • Monaco • Mongolia • Montenegro • Mozambique • Nauru • The Netherlands • Nicaragua • New Zealand • Norway • Panama • Papua New Guinea • Peru • Poland • Portugal • Romania • Samoa • San Marino • Serbia • Singapore 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovakia • Slovenia • Solomon Islands • South Africa • South Korea • Spain • St. Vincent and the Grenadines • Sweden • Switzerland • Taiwan* • Thailand • Timor-Leste • Tonga • Turkey • Tuvalu • Ukraine • United Kingdom • Uruguay • Vanuatu
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