

Green Cards Through Employment

140,000 persons are permitted to become green card holders through the following employment-based (EB) preference categories each year:

The **EB-1 preference category** consists of:

1. Persons of Extraordinary Ability
2. Outstanding Professors and Researchers
3. Executives and Managers of Multinational Employers

The **EB-2 preference category** consists of:

1. Persons of Exceptional Ability
2. Persons whose jobs require an advanced university degree or its equivalent. Most EB-2 petitions require that an employer obtain the approval of a PERM Application from the U.S. Department of Labor before sponsoring the person for lawful permanent residence

The **EB-3 preference category** consists of:

1. Professionals
2. Skilled workers
3. Unskilled workers

Most EB-3 petitions require that an employer obtain the approval of a PERM Application from the U.S. Department of Labor before sponsoring the person for permanent residence.

The **EB-4 preference category** consists of:

1. Religious Workers
2. Other “Special Immigrants”

The **EB-5 preference category** consists of:

1. Investors

For more information visit:

<http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/USCIS/Resources/E2en.pdf>