

Life



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North American Company for Life and Health Insurance®



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At North American, we recognize the needs and challenges that residents from foreign countries encounter when purchasing life insurance in the United States. To make things easier, we've developed a clear and simple process to help these clients obtain life insurance protection. North American's experienced underwriting team is here for you and committed to helping make competitive offers on foreign nationals.

You can use our secure upload site to send any requirements listed below to the administrative office at the time of the application. The final decision is determined by the underwriter based on the information provided.

We want to help you with your foreign national business, and below are the guidelines to help you determine what information we need to proceed.

Who is a potentially eligible client?

- ☐ Past resident/citizen of a foreign country who permanently resides in the U.S.
- ☐ U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident card holder living abroad greater than 180 days annually

Note: Residents of Guam, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are U.S. citizens.

What sales practices do we require?

- ☐ The entire insurance process, including solicitation, to take place in the U.S. or a U.S. territory while the proposed insured and policyowner legally reside in the U.S. or U.S. territory.
- ☐ A U.S. financial presence including a U.S. bank account with premiums paid in U.S. currency in the name of the policyowner.
- ☐ The proposed insured to have a valid Social Security card number or an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN).

Note: We will only allow an ITIN if the applicant has an acceptable visa type.

Past resident/citizen of a foreign country who permanently resides in the U.S.

U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Permanent Resident Card Holder

We can consider foreign nationals who have either U.S. citizenship or a U.S. permanent resident card (green card) who permanently reside in the U.S. A green card is a document that provides legal proof that the applicant has permanent residence in the U.S.

Note: We will also allow pending green card holders on an individual basis.

Visa holders:

Under most circumstances, we can consider a foreign national who has an acceptable visa type (see chart below). A visa is a document that provides proof of the right to enter a country and is valid for a specific period of time.

Requirements to be sent to the administrative office at the time of the application:

- ☐ Foreign travel and residence questionnaire. *Please note: if an online part 2 or tele-interview is completed, the questionnaire is not required.*

Other underwriting requirements:

- ☐ Acceptable visa type (see chart below)
- ☐ An acceptable "valid date" on the visa that is not expired
- ☐ No intent to permanently reside outside the U.S.
- ☐ Age 18+
- ☐ Residence in the U.S. for at least 24 months**

***Please contact underwriting for residence less than 24 months. We will consider on an individual basis.*

Acceptable visa types:

North American's experienced underwriting team is here for you to make competitive offers on foreign nationals and accepts many visa types.

Proof of Documentation on Acceptable Visa Types:

- ☐ Copies of visas will not be required with residence in the US for 2+ years in most situations
- ☐ We will continue to require visa copies with <2 years of residence

Expired visa holders:

We can approve a foreign national who has an expired acceptable visa type (see chart above) with additional underwriting requirements demonstrating that they can remain in the U.S. We will consider foreign nationals with I-797 or employment authorization document (EAD) paperwork within certain parameters.

Acceptable visa types		
E1, E2, E2c, E3, Eb5	K1, K3	P1, P2, P3, P4
G1, G2, G3, G4, G5	L1A, L1B, L2	R1, R2
H1B, H1c, H4	M1, M2	T1, T2, T4, and TN/TNI
J1, J2	O1, O2, O3	U1, U2, U4
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I-797

I-797 is a form that notifies a person of a specific decision from the U.S. citizenship and immigration services related to a pending application for a visa.

Requirements to be sent to the administrative office at the time of the application:

- ☐ Copy of the expired visa, unless an acceptable visa type is listed on the I-797 paperwork
- ☐ Foreign travel and residence questionnaire. *Please note: if an online part 2 or tele-interview is completed, the questionnaire is not required.*
- ☐ Copy of I-797, notice of action or
- ☐ Copy of I-797A form

Other underwriting requirements:

- ☐ Acceptable visa type (see chart at bottom of page 2) on the expired visa or I-797 paperwork
- ☐ I-797 paperwork with an acceptable “valid date” that is not expired
- ☐ No intent to permanently reside outside the U.S.
- ☐ Residence in the U.S. for at least 24 months
- ☐ Employed for working visa types
- ☐ Age 18+

Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

We will consider EADs under the following 4 scenarios:

1. Expired acceptable visa holders
2. Asylum holders or refugees
3. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)
4. Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA)

Expired Acceptable visa holders

For expired acceptable visa holders - we will consider applicants with an expired acceptable visa type along with an EAD, which is a form that allows a person to work in the U.S. for a specific time period.

Requirements to be sent to the administrative office at the time of the application:

- ☐ Copy of the expired visa or
- ☐ Copy of I-797 notice of action or copy of I-797A form (if available)
- ☐ Foreign travel and residence questionnaire. *Please note: if an online part 2 or tele-interview is completed, the questionnaire is not required.*
- ☐ Copy of EAD

Other underwriting requirements:

- ☐ Acceptable visa type (see chart at top of page 2) on the expired visa copy or I-797 paperwork
- ☐ EAD with an acceptable “valid date” that is not expired
- ☐ No intent to permanently reside outside the U.S.
- ☐ Residence in the U.S. for at least 24 months
- ☐ Employed for working visa types
- ☐ Age 18+

DACA

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) are allowed under certain parameters -- please call your underwriter.

NACARA

Nicaraguan Adjustment and Central American Relief Act (NACARA) are eligible under certain parameters:

- NACARA must meet the following criteria:
 - ☐ Age 18+
 - ☐ Copy of EAD with category C10 that is not expired
 - ☐ No intent to permanently reside outside the U.S.
 - ☐ Has resided in the U.S. for at least 7 years

Granted asylees/asylum holders and refugees

Granted asylees/asylum holders and refugees must meet the following criteria:

- ☐ Age 18+
- ☐ Employed
- ☐ EAD with category A3 or A5 that is not expired
- ☐ No intent to permanently reside outside the U.S.
- ☐ Has resided in the U.S. for at least 3 years
- ☐ Medical records required

U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident card holder living abroad greater than 180 days annually

We can approve many U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent resident card holders (green card) who are living in a foreign country for greater than 180 days annually within certain parameters.

Requirements to be sent to the administrative office at the time of the application:

- ☐ Foreign travel and residence questionnaire. *Please note: if an online part 2 or tele-interview is completed, the questionnaire is not required.*

Other underwriting requirements:

- ☐ Living in an "A" country (see chart below), or major city in China
- ☐ Age 18-75
- ☐ No private aviation outside the U.S.
- ☐ Ongoing health maintenance with the most recent visit within three years of the application date
- ☐ Occupation must be a business owner, U.S. military member, or professional, working in a non-hazardous occupation such as education, finance, medicine, engineering, science, technology, or similar fields. Immediate families living within the same residence could also qualify.

"A" countries or islands					
American Samoa	Bulgaria	France	Latvia	Netherlands Antilles	San Marino
Andorra	Canary Islands	French Polynesia	Liechtenstein	New Caledonia	Serbia
Anguilla	Cayman Islands	Germany	Lithuania	New Zealand	Singapore
Antigua & Barbuda	Chile	Greece	Luxembourg	Northern Mariana Islands	Sint Maarten
Argentina	Cook Islands	Greenland	Macau	Norway	Slovakia
Aruba	Costa Rica	Grenada	Macedonia	Oman	Slovenia
Australia	Croatia	Guadeloupe	Malaysia	Palau	South Korea
Austria	Curacao	Hungary	Malta	Panama	Spain
Bahrain	Cyprus	Iceland	Marshall Islands	Poland	Sweden
Barbados	Czech Republic	Ireland	Martinique	Portugal	Switzerland
Belgium	Denmark	Israel*	Mauritius	Qatar	Taiwan
Bermuda	Dominica	Italy	Monaco	Romania	Turks and Caicos
Bosnia & Herzegovina	Estonia	Japan	Montenegro	Saint Kitts & Nevis	United Kingdom
British Virgin Islands	Falkland Islands	Kosovo	Montserrat	Saint Lucia	Uruguay
Brunei	Finland	Kuwait	Netherlands	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	

*excluding Gaza and West Bank

This chart is subject to change.

Note: Certain rating limits and face amount limits may apply. Please contact underwriting for cases outside of these parameters.

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