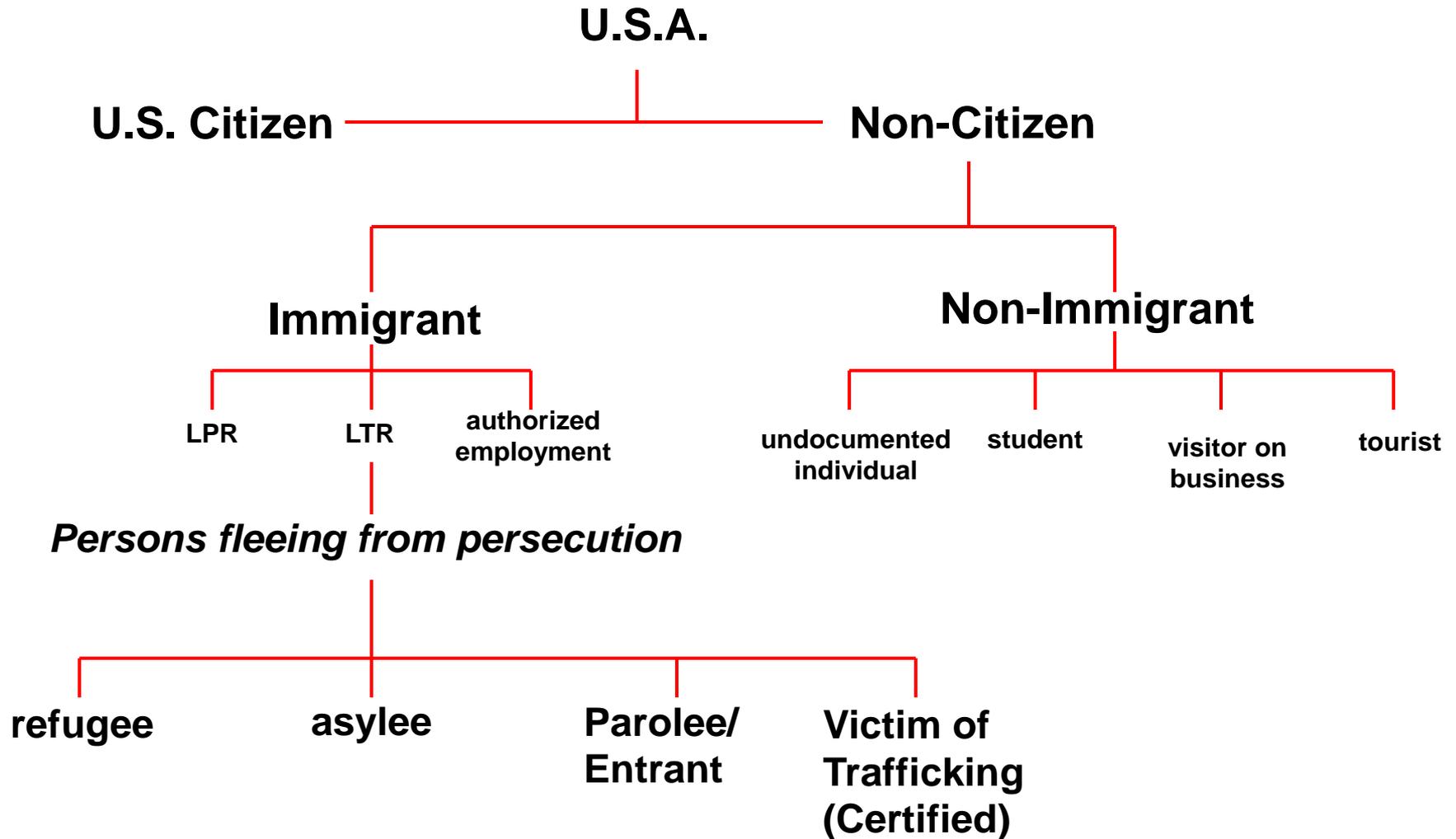


U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Visa Designations

Persons Fleeing Persecution or Lawful
Temporary Residents

USCIS Designations



What is a refugee?

Foreign-born resident who:

- ☑ is not a United States citizen
- ☑ cannot return to his or her country of origin because of a **well-founded** fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group

Refugee status is generally given:

- ☑ **prior to** entering the United States
- ☑ by the State Department or US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

What is an immigrant?

Foreign-born resident who:

- ☑ is not a United States citizen
- ☑ is defined by U.S. immigration law as a person lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States
- ☑ either arrives in the U.S. with an immigrant visa issued abroad, or adjusts their status in the U.S. from temporary to permanent resident
- ☑ may be subjected to a numerical cap

What is an asylee?

Foreign-born resident who:

- ☑ is not a United States citizen
- ☑ cannot return to his or her country of origin because of a **well-founded** fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group

Asylee status is generally given:

- ☑ **after** entering the United States
- ☑ by the State Department or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Derivative Asylee status is generally given:

- ☑ **before** entering the United States
- ☑ For individuals sponsored by refugees or asylees; by the State Department or the (USCIS)

What is a parolee/entrant?

Foreign-born resident who:

- ☑ is not a United States citizen
- ☑ has been given special permission to enter the

United States:

- under emergency conditions *or*
- when that person's entry into the U.S. is considered to be in the public's interest

What is an Amerasian?

Foreign-born resident who:

- ☑ is not a United States citizen
- ☑ Meets the criteria established in Public Law 97-359 (Act of 10/22/82)
- ☑ Must have been born in Cambodia, Korea, Laos, Thailand, or Vietnam after December 31, 1950, and before October 22, 1982, and have been fathered by a U.S. citizen

What is a Victim of Trafficking?

- ❖ PUBLIC LAW 106 – 386 – October 28, 2000
- ❖ Sex trafficking in which a commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such act has not attained 18 years of age

OR

- ❖ The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a persons for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

Primary Refugees

- ❖ Foreign-born persons who arrive directly from overseas to resettle in Minnesota
- ❖ Arrival notification to Minnesota from CDC

Secondary Refugees

- ❖ Refugees who settled initially in one state but have moved to another
- ❖ Health information can be requested from refugee's initial arrival state
- ❖ Good practice to complete health screening **if** refugee has insurance coverage

Persons arriving with the following visa designations qualify for benefits including health insurance and a health screening exam.

- ❖ Refugees*
- ❖ Asylees
- ❖ Parolees/entrants
- ❖ Amerasians
- ❖ Victims of Trafficking

*For monitoring/reporting purposes, the MDH definition of “refugee” includes primary refugees, asylees, parolees/entrants, Amerasians and Victims of trafficking who initially resettle in Minnesota.