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# U Visa Certification Through the Department of Labor

## U or T Visa Certification Requests from the DOL

### U Visas

### Forms

Form I-918

Form I-918 Supplement B

## Requesting U Visa Certification from the NYS DOL

The U Visa provides immigration status for victims of certain serious crimes, who have suffered substantial physical or mental harm, and are helpful to law enforcement, including the NYS DOL, in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of the criminal activity. The U Visa was created to encourage immigrants who may be wary of interacting with law enforcement to come forward and

report when they have been a victim of a crime.

U visa eligibility criteria can be found on the [USCIS website U Visa page](#). An applicant must submit certification from a law enforcement agency establishing that they:

- were helpful, or
- are helpful, or
- will be helpful to law enforcement in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of the crime (unless the applicant is under the age of 16 or unable to provide information due to a disability).

## T Visas

The T visa provides immigration status to victims of severe forms of human trafficking who assist law enforcement in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of human trafficking cases.

A law enforcement certification **is not** required in a T visa application, however it is considered very helpful as evidence of a victim's cooperation.

For questions about T visa endorsements call the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs at 877-466-9757 or E-mail [trafficking@labor.ny.gov](mailto:trafficking@labor.ny.gov).

## Requesting U or T Visa Certification

For questions about U or T visa certification or endorsements, please call the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs at 877-466-9757 or E-mail [uandtvvisa@labor.ny.gov](mailto:uandtvvisa@labor.ny.gov).

Please note that while the Department may issue U or T Visa certifications, the certification is one piece of the entire application which must then be submitted to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), who will determine whether or not to approve the application and grant immigration status.

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