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Tahreem Kalam Attn. Dr. Khan

Re: Visitor to the US

Dear Dr. Khan;

I spoke to you the other day regarding whether individuals in the United States on visitor's visa can participate in a short course of study. The normal visa for studying in the US is the student visa, the F-1 but the F-1 visa is for academic students entering a full-time program, usually at a college or university, which must have received U.S. government certification through the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP). The lesser-known M-1 visa, for vocational students, also requires full-time study at an approved program. My understanding is that this is not a full time study program and is not certified.

An individual coming to the United States on B-1/B-2 visa is for business or tourism or family visits. Permitted activities include:

- Medical reasons;
- Participation in social events such as conventions, conferences, or convocations of fraternal, social, or service organizations;
- Armed Forces dependents of an alien member of any branch of the US Armed Forces temporarily assigned for duty in the United States;
- Dependents of crewmen, D visa crewmen who are coming to the US for the sole purpose of accompanying the principal D visa holder;
- Individuals attending a short course of study. This would cover individual coming to the US primarily for tourism but the individual is allowed to partake in a short course of study for less than 18 hours a week and the program is recreational or vocational in nature;
- Amateur entertainers and athletes: An amateur is by definition not a professional in their activity. Therefore, an amateur is someone who normally performs the activity without payment. An amateur (or group of amateurs), who will not be paid for any performances they make, may perform in the US for social/charitable reasons or as a competitor in a talent show, contest, or athletic event under B-2 visa status.



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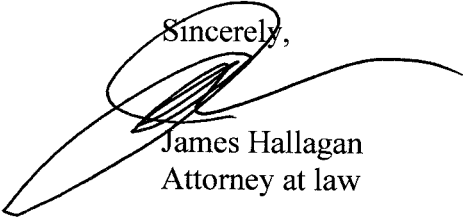
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If an individual is being trained for echocardiography and is not being paid, it should not violate their status as a visitor as long the training is for less than 18 hours per week. The classes being taken would fall under the category of recreational or vocational in nature. An individual would be unable to obtain a student visa for this type of program and would only be able to do this on visitor's visa.

Should you have any questions, please advise me. Your attention in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Hallagan', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

James Hallagan  
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