CAREERS BEYOND BORDERS
Global Pathways for All Professionals

PATHWAY GUIDE

USA green card: EB-2 National Interest Waiver

The EB-2 National Interest Waiver lets a professional with an advanced degree or exceptional ability ask USCIS to skip the usual job offer and labour certification. You can file the petition yourself. USCIS first checks that you qualify for EB-2, then applies the three-part test from Matter of Dhanasar.

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Decided by
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

Leads to
Immigrant petition (I-140), then green card

Our support
Permanent residence (Canada Express Entry and PNP together, Australia PR or USA EB-2 NIW)

Our fee
$2,000 USD ($1,000 upfront, then two payments of $500)

Who it's for

Physicians, researchers and other health professionals whose work has national importance in the US. A green card does not license you to practise; clinical practice needs state licensing and usually US residency training.

EB-2 NIW

Physicians and other professionals with an advanced degree or exceptional ability whose work benefits the United States. You can petition for yourself, without an employer.

What you'll need

- You qualify for EB-2 first: an advanced degree (or foreign equivalent) or exceptional ability.
- Your proposed work has substantial merit and national importance.
- You're well positioned to advance it, and waiving the job offer benefits the US.

Your next three steps

1. Write down your proposed endeavor in the US in plain terms.
2. Collect evidence: degrees, publications, letters, impact of your work.
3. Book a consultation: we prepare and file the petition with you.

Documents checklist

- [ ] Degree certificates and a credential evaluation

- [ ] Detailed CV
- [ ] Recommendation letters from people who know your work
- [ ] Evidence of your impact: publications, citations, grants, programmes you've led
- [ ] A clear written plan of your proposed work in the US

Step by step

1. Confirm you qualify for EB-2 (advanced degree or exceptional ability).
2. Define your proposed endeavor and why it matters to the US.
3. Collect evidence for each of the three Dhanasar prongs.
4. File Form I-140 with the evidence.
5. After approval, apply for the green card when your priority date is current.

Costs

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Paid to Careers Beyond Borders for our advice and preparation only.

Paid separately to others

- Government application and processing fees
- Language tests and educational credential or skills assessments
- Medical exams and police certificates
- Fees of a licensed immigration representative, where the law requires one

Official fees change from time to time. We confirm the current amounts with you before you pay.

What's included in our service

- [ ] Eligibility evaluation and route choice
- [ ] Document checklist and review
- [ ] Express Entry profile or provincial nomination application prepared with you
- [ ] Support getting a job offer or letter of support from a health authority, where your route uses one
- [ ] Full application, medicals and police checks, through to the decision

One fee of $2,000 USD covers your whole PR case. For Canada that means Express Entry and the Provincial Nominee Program together: $1,000 upfront, then two payments of $500.

From our experience

- The proposed endeavor is the heart of the petition. A general wish to 'work as a doctor' is rarely enough; be specific about the work and its impact.

How we work with you

1. **Start with the Pathway Finder.** It's free and takes a few minutes. You see which routes suit your profile and what you'll need, before we ask for anything.

2. **Talk it through.** In a 30-minute consultation we go through your Finder results, your documents and your priorities, and agree the route that makes sense.
3. **Get a written plan.** You leave with the order of steps: verification, exams, applications and job search.
4. **We prepare the application with you.** If you choose a pathway package, we work through the checklist with you, review your documents and CV, and prepare each application before you submit it.
5. **Job search and interviews.** We help you target the right employers, write a CV that fits the country, and prepare for interviews.
6. **Stay with you to the next milestone.** We keep working with you until the step the package covers is done, and we tell you plainly when something is outside our control.

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