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# WORKING IN THE USA

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*This chapter is very important for anyone who is thinking of going to work in the USA. This chapter also outlines the different visas available if you want to move to the USA temporarily to work or if you want to move to the USA permanently to work.*

### **Should I travel without a visa?**

No you should not travel to the USA without a visa if you intend to work. You can travel to the USA on the Visa Waiver program without a visa only for a holiday. **You do not have permission to work in the USA on a visa waiver.**

### **How difficult is it to obtain a visa?**

The USA is a popular destination and many people want to live and work there. As a result visa regulations are strict and while there is a variety of visa programmes available, the criteria is very strict. There is no 1 Year Working Holiday visa programme for Irish people to go and work and holiday in the USA.

## What are the different types of visas?

There are 2 main categories of visas (discussed in detail in the next chapter):

- **Immigrant Visas**, granted to lawful permanent residents, allowing them to live and work in the USA indefinitely, subject to few restrictions
- **Non-immigrant Visas**, which allow an immigrant to come to the USA for a limited amount of time for a specific purpose.