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### Immigration through Employment

One of the ways a foreign national (alien) can become a permanent resident is through a permanent employment opportunity in the United States. There are five employment-based preference categories.

- First preference is for priority workers including persons of extraordinary ability, outstanding professors and researchers, and multinational organization executives and managers.
- The Second preference is for physicians, members of the professions holding advanced degrees, and persons of exceptional ability.
- The Third preference is for professionals, skilled and other workers, including nurses and physical therapists.
- The Fourth preference provides for special immigrants including religious workers.
- The Fifth preference is an investor-related category, which grants permanent residency to persons who invest significant funds in the US and create 10 jobs for US workers.

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#### **Green Card:**

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