

Form I-918

Eligibility for U visas is governed by the VTVPA and determined by USCIS. Under those federal provisions, individuals without authorized immigrant status are eligible to apply for a U visa if they: 1) are victims of specified qualifying crimes, (2) have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity, (3) have specific knowledge and details of a qualifying crime committed within the United States, and (4) are currently assisting, have previously assisted, or are likely to be helpful in the detection, investigation or prosecution of the qualifying crime.

Under the relevant state and federal laws, qualifying crimes include rape, torture, human trafficking, incest, domestic violence, sexual assault, abusive sexual conduct, prostitution, sexual exploitation, female genital mutilation, being held hostage, peonage, perjury, involuntary servitude, slavery, kidnapping, abduction, unlawful criminal restraint, false imprisonment, blackmail, extortion, manslaughter, murder, felonious assault, witness tampering, obstruction of justice, fraud in foreign labor contracting and stalking.

U VISA REQUEST INFORMATION

1. The Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office will review U visa certifications on cases that are or were prosecuted by this office. If the case was not referred for prosecution, or the case was rejected for prosecution, the certification request should be directed to the police agency that took the report on the offense.
2. Please email the U visa application in PDF format directly to Cesar Contreras at ccontreras@contracostada.org.
3. I-918 Supplement B forms must be completely and accurately filled out with the exception of the signature line and date.
4. Any form that is not completely and accurately filled out will be returned to the submitting party.
5. Information that will be needed for cases where the offender was an adult or juvenile.
 - Name of Certifying Agency: Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office
 - Name of Certifying Official: Daniel J. Cabral
 - Title and Division: Assistant District Attorney
 - Name of Head of Certifying Agency: Mark Peterson, District Attorney
 - Agency Address: 900 Ward St., Martinez, CA 94553
 - Phone (925) 957-8601
 - Agency Type: Local
 - Certifying Agency Category: Prosecutor

6. Other information that will facilitate the certification process
 - Copy of police reports
 - Any other supporting documents regarding the crime
 - Copies of any subpoenas received
 - Any other reliable documents that support the cooperation with the prosecution or law enforcement

U VISA REQUEST FOR RE-CERTIFICATION

1. Please follow the above procedures
2. Please include a copy of the original certification
3. Please include a new completed Form i-918 Supplement B with the signature lines blank

The USCIS web site includes useful information regarding U-visa eligibility, qualifying criminal activities and applying for a U visa. See <http://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-human-trafficking-other-crimes/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status>.

The **Form i-918 Supplement B Certification** can be found here: <http://www.uscis.gov/i-918>