PAYMENTS THAT CAN BE ISSUED TO FOREIGN NATIONALS BY VISA TYPE

WSA CLASSIFICATION	DEFINITION OF VISA	U.S. EMPLOYED	INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR	HONORARIUM	SCHOLARSHIP & FELLOWSHIP	PRIZES / AWARDS	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
B-1	Visitor for Business	NO	NO	YES with restrictions ¹	NO	YES with restrictions ²	YES
Visa Waiver Business	Visa Waiver for Business (VWB)	NO	NO	YES with restrictions ¹	NO	YES with restrictions ²	YES with restrictions ¹
B-2	Visitor for Tourism	NO	NO	YES with restrictions ¹	NO	YES with restrictions ²	YES with restrictions ¹
Visa Waiver Tourism	Visa Waiver for Tourism (VWT)	NO	NO	YES with restrictions 1	NO	YES with restrictions ²	YES with restrictions ¹
F-1 (Sponsored)	Student	YES – restrictions off-campus	NO	YES with restrictions ³	YES	YES	YES
F-1 (Not-sponsored)	Student	YES – with restrictions ⁴	NO	YES with restrictions 4	YES	YES	YES
H1-B, O-1 & E-3 (Sponsored)	Temporary Worker in Specialty Occupation	YES, only at sponsoring institution	NO	YES with restrictions ⁵	NO	YES	YES
H1-B, O-1 & E-3 (Not-Sponsored)	Temporary Worker in Specialty Occupation	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

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- 2 RESTRICTIONS: Payment automatically subject to 30% U.S. federal tax withholding.
- 3 RESTRICTIONS: Requires written authorization from the University's Office or Unit that support international students and scholars.
- 4 RESTRICTIONS: Requires written authorization from the international student and scholar office at the sponsoring university.
- 5 RESTRICTIONS: The payment is allowable if it is for work relevant to primary position at the University.

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J-1 Scholar (Sponsored)	Exchange Visitor (Scholar)	YES	YES with restrictions3	YES with restrictions ³	NO	YES	YES
J-1 Scholar (Not-Sponsored)	Exchange Visitor (Scholar)	YES with restrictions ^{3,4}	YES with restrictions4	YES with restrictions ⁴	NO	YES	YES
J-1 Student (Sponsored)	Exchange Visitor (Student)	YES	NO	YES with restrictions ³	YES	YES	YES
J-1 Student (Not-Sponsored)	Exchange Visitor (Student)	YES with restrictions ⁴	NO	YES with restrictions ⁴	YES with restrictions ⁴	YES with restrictions ⁴	YES
TN (Sponsored)	Trade NAFTA (for Canada & Mexico)	YES, only at UW	NO	YES with restrictions ⁵	NO	YES	YES
TN (Not-Sponsored)	Trade NAFTA (for Canada & Mexico)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

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DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED FOR PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN NATIONALS

FORM #	DOCUMENT #	PURPOSE				
US/IRS						
<u>515</u>	Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities					
<u>8233</u>	Exemption From Withholding on Compensation for Independent (and Certain Dependent) Personal Services of a Nonresident Alien Individual					
<u>W-4</u>	Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate					
W-8BEN	Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding	Used to claim an exemption from federal withholding tax due to a tax treaty.				
W-8EXP	Certificate of Foreign Government or Other Foreign Organization for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting					
USCIS Form I-9	Employment Eligibility Verification					

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