

## **9 FAM 41.27 NOTES**

*(CT:VISA-1485; 08-31-2010)  
(Office of Origin: CA/VO/L/R)*

### **9 FAM 41.27 N1 OFFICIAL NONIMMIGRANT VISAS**

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Consular officers *should* issue a diplomatic visa rather than an official visa *when possible*.

#### **9 FAM 41.27 N1.1 Classification of Visa Determines Entitlement**

*(TL:VISA-162; 02-24-1997)*

The official visa is an adjunct of the diplomatic visa. It provides for officials who, for some reason—such as lack of a diplomatic passport—cannot qualify for diplomatic visas. As with the diplomatic visa, the official visa is designed to facilitate entry into the United States, but does not carry any privileges or immunities beyond those implicit in the visa classification itself.

#### **9 FAM 41.27 N1.2 Diplomatic Relations Required for Official Visas**

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As with diplomatic visas, *you should* submit to the Department visa cases of nationals of countries not having diplomatic relations with the United States. (See 9 FAM 41.26 *N3*.)

### **9 FAM 41.27 N2 NO FEES FOR DIPLOMATS**

*(TL:VISA-162; 02-24-1997)*

See 22 CFR 41.107(c).