

9 FAM 41.32 NOTES

*(CT:VISA-1751; 10-21-2011)
(Office of Origin: CA/VO/L/R)*

9 FAM 41.32 N1 NONRESIDENT ALIEN MEXICAN BORDER CROSSING CARDS (BCC); COMBINED BORDER CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND B-1/B-2 VISAS (B-1/B-2-BCC)

9 FAM 41.32 N1.1 Authorization for Issuance

(CT:VISA-1504; 09-07-2010)

The B1/B2-BCC may be in the form of a card (BBCC) or a Lincoln Foil (BBBCV), the latter of which is issued more frequently at interior posts in Mexico (Mexico City, Guadalajara, Merida). A valid Mexican passport is required at the time of application. With a valid passport, the BBBCV or BBCC is valid for entry regardless of the point of origin of travel. The BCC aspect of a BBCC or BBBCV can still be used for land border entry into the border zone (25 miles in TX, CA, & NM; 70 miles in AZ) without obtaining a new passport if the original passport is expired. You may issue a BBCC or BBBCV to a nonimmigrant alien who:

- (1) Is a citizen and resident of Mexico;
- (2) Seeks to enter the United States as a temporary visitor for business or pleasure as defined in INA 101(a)(15)(B) for periods of stay not exceeding six months; and
- (3) Is otherwise eligible for a B-1 or a B-2 temporary visitor visa.

9 FAM 41.32 N1.2 Application Procedure

(CT:VISA-1504; 09-07-2010)

- a. Mexican applicants must apply for a B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC at any U.S. consular office in Mexico designated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa Services to accept such applications.
- b. The application must be submitted electronically on Form DS-160,

Electronic Nonimmigrant Visa Application. It must be signed electronically by clicking the box designated "Sign Application" in the certification section of the application.

9 FAM 41.32 N1.3 Personal Appearance

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Each applicant must appear in person before a consular officer to be interviewed regarding eligibility for a visitor visa, unless the consular officer waives personal appearance.

9 FAM 41.32 N1.4 Issuance and Format

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A B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC issued on or after April 1, 1998, shall consist of a card or a foil, Form DSP-150, B-1/B-2 Visa and Border Crossing Card, containing a machine-readable biometric identifier. It *must* contain the following data:

- (1) Number of the card or foil;
- (2) Date of issuance;
- (3) Indicia "B-1/B-2 Visa and Border Crossing Card";
- (4) Name, date of birth, and sex of the person to whom issued; and
- (5) Date of expiration.

9 FAM 41.32 N1.5 Validity

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The Department intends that the Mexican B-1/B-2—BCC card or foil be used in place of the B-1/B-2 visa and that full validity be given in all cases where applicants are qualified to receive B-1/B-2 visas. If an applicant under age 15 pays the reduced fee for a BCC or BBBCV, it shall be valid until the day prior to the applicant's fifteenth birthday. No annotations other than "DSP-150 US B1/B2 Visa/BCC" are permitted on a B-1/B-2 BCC foil. If additional annotations are required, or validity must be limited due to a waiver approval, a B1/B2 visa must be issued instead of a B-1/B-2 BCC foil.

Applicants may not be issued concurrently valid B1/B2 foils and B-1/B-2--BCC cards or foils.

9 FAM 41.32 N2 REPLACEMENT

(CT:VISA-1355; 10-21-2009)

When a B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC card or foil has been lost, mutilated, destroyed,

or expired, the person to whom such card was issued may apply for a new B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC card or foil as provided in this section.