

## **9 FAM 41.27 NOTES**

*(CT:VISA-1761; 10-27-2011)  
(Office of Origin: CA/VO/L/R)*

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

*(CT:VISA-1485; 08-31-2010)*

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**

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- a. The official visa type is for officials who would normally qualify for the diplomatic type visa under 22 CFR 41.26 (c) in the A or G classification, but cannot be issued a diplomatic type visa because they do not possess a diplomatic passport as required by 9 FAM 41.26 N1.1 paragraph a.*
- b. For issuance of A or G visa classifications, a consular officer may place an official type of visa in an official passport or a regular passport. For example, if a member of the national legislature of a country that has diplomatic relations with the United States is traveling to the United States on official business, but only possesses an official or regular passport, then the member could be issued an A-2 official type visa. The regular and official passports must have 6 months of validity left on them at time of issuance (see 9 FAM 41.104 Notes, Procedural Notes, and Exhibit I).*

#### **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).