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T Visa Children[1]

- **All pregnant children are eligible for prenatal care through Soon-to-be-Sooner Services, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**

Zero Months: At Filing: **Prenatal care and 60 days of postpartum care.**

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)
- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, - LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid[2], SSI[3], TANF, CHIP and full healthcare while pregnant (up to age 19), State Financial Aid, In-State Tuition.**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing:
Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[4] after Approval: Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[5] after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP (up to age 18)

11 to 14 Years[6] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years[7] after Filing For T Visa; 10 Months After Applying for Naturalization[8]:
Naturalization Approved

*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and/or lawful permanent residence requirements.
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[1] Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.
[2] Victims with T visa bona fide determinations or T visas eligible with no 5-year bar. After October 1, 2026 will require lawful permanent residence.
[3] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[4] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[5] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[6] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[7] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[8] Wait time is 10 months at the Fort Smith Field Office.

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T Visa Adults

- **All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care through Soon-to-be-Sooner Services, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.**

Zero Months: At Filing: **prenatal care and 60 days of postpartum care.**

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)

- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, -LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid 19+[9], SSI[10], TANF, State Financial Aid, In-State Tuition.**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing:
Approval

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[11] after Approval:
Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6.0 to 9.0 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[12] after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP 18+[13]

11.0 to 14.0 Years[14] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years[15] after Filing For T Visa; 10 Months After Applying for Naturalization[16]:
Naturalization Approved

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[10] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[11] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval
[12] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[13] Must have met 5-year bar, be disabled, elderly if entered the US before 8/22/96, or earned 40 quarters (10 years) of work credit since work authorization.
[14] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[15] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[16] Wait time is 10 months at the Fort Smith Field Office.