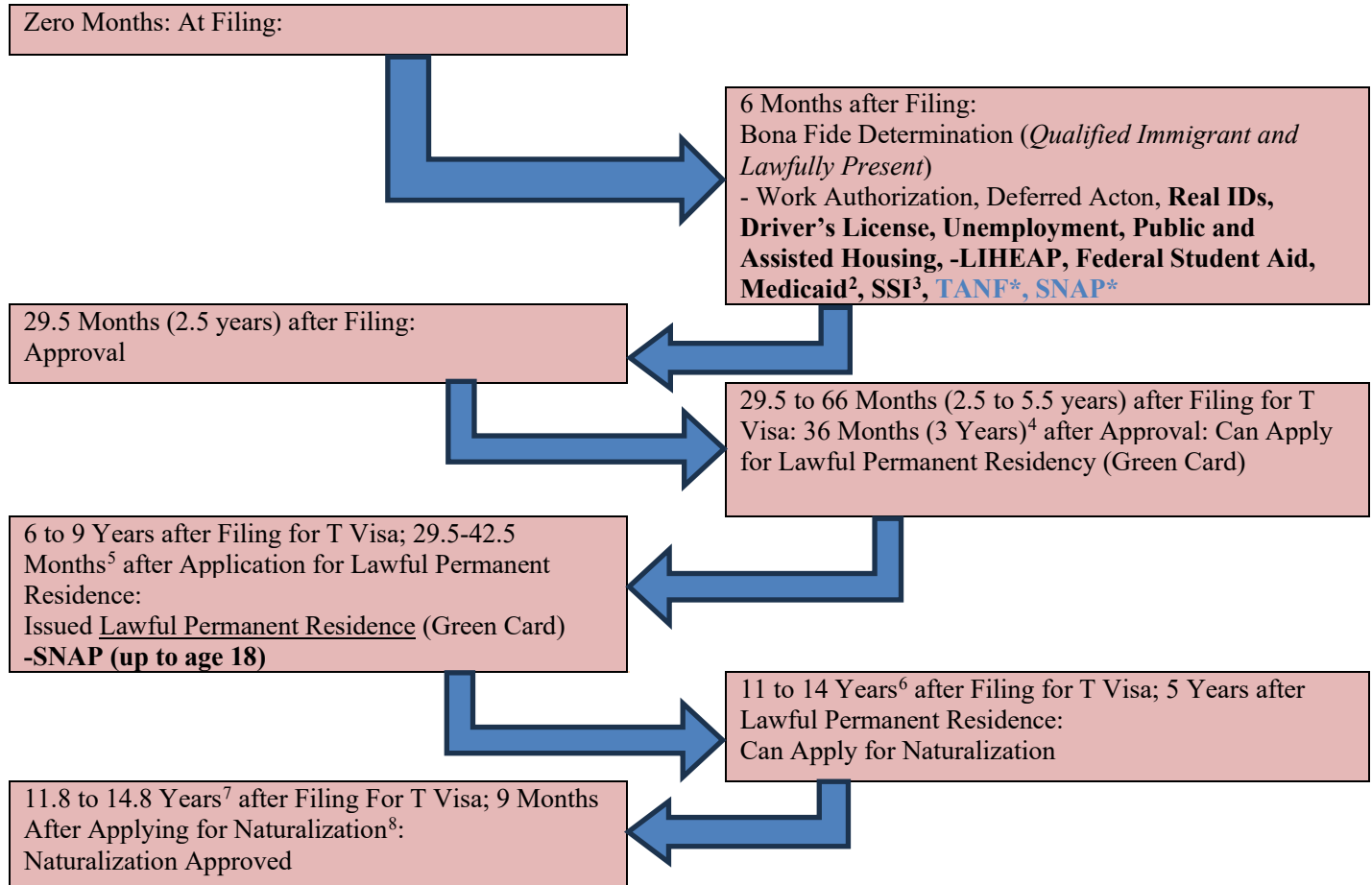


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## T Visa Children<sup>1</sup>

- **Eligible for Minnesota Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 3 years of high school in Minnesota and graduated from Minnesota high school, or received GED in state.**
- **All income-eligible Minnesota residents who are under 21 are eligible for Medical Assistance regardless of immigration status. )**
- **All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full-scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.**
- **All Minnesota residents are eligible for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.**
- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status.**



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<sup>1</sup> Child is up to age 21 under immigration law. For public benefits age limit varies by benefits program see state public benefits charts.

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup> Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.

<sup>4</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

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<sup>6</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

<sup>7</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

<sup>8</sup> Wait time is 9 months at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office.

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### T Visa Adults

- Eligible for Minnesota Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 3 years of high school in Minnesota and graduated from Minnesota high school, or received GED in state.
- All income-eligible Minnesota residents are eligible MinnesotaCare regardless of immigration status.
- All pregnant individuals are eligible for prenatal care, full-scope health care, 12 months post-partum care and newborn care without regard to immigration status.
- All Minnesota residents are eligible for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards.

Zero Months: At Filing:

6 Months after Filing:

Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant*)

- Work Authorization, Deferred Action, **Real IDs, Driver's License, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, -LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid<sup>9</sup>, SSI<sup>10</sup>, TANF\*, SNAP\***

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)<sup>11</sup> after Approval:  
Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months<sup>12</sup> after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:  
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)  
-SNAP<sup>13</sup>

11 to 14 Years<sup>14</sup> after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:  
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years<sup>15</sup> after Filing For T Visa; 9 Months After Applying for Naturalization<sup>16</sup>:  
Naturalization Approved

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<sup>12</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

<sup>13</sup> 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.

<sup>14</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

<sup>15</sup> Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.

<sup>16</sup> Wait time is 9 months at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Field Office.