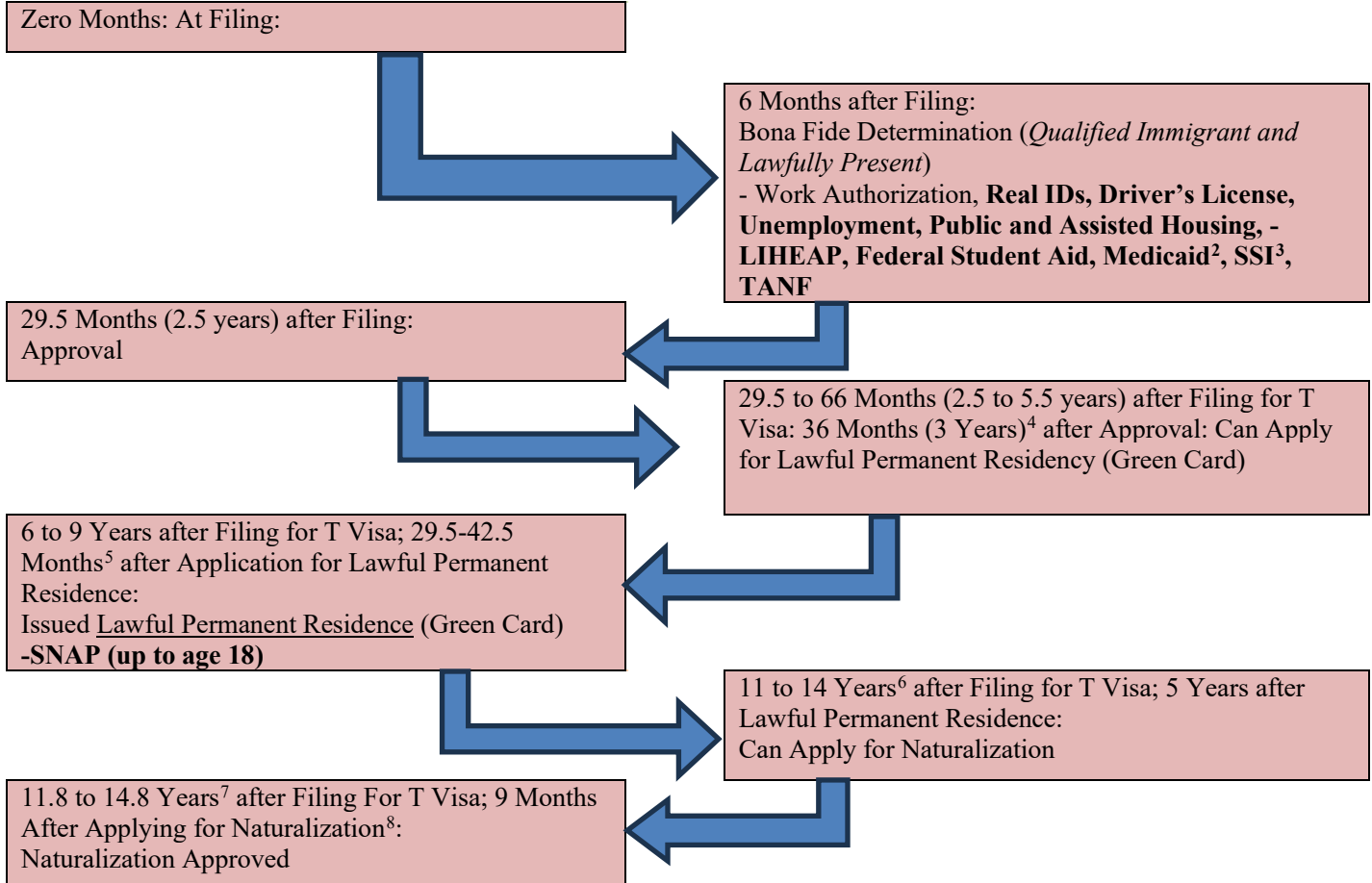


New Mexico Benefits Infographic – T Visa,
Sarah Register, Suzana Coelho and Leslye Orloff (May 19, 2026)

T Visa Children¹

- All children up to age 21 are eligible for full-scope medical coverage regardless of immigration status.
- Eligible for New Mexico Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 1 year of high school in New Mexico and graduated or GED.
- All New Mexico residents are eligible for state issued driver's licenses and IDs.
- All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status



*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and/or lawful permanent residence requirements.

State funded blue font – State benefits charts <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts/>

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

²Victims 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 9 months at the Albuquerque Field Office.

NIWAP, American University, Washington College of Law

4300 Nebraska Avenue NW N100B · Washington, D.C. 20016

(o) 202.274.4457 · niwap@wcl.american.edu · [wcl.american.edu/niwap](https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/) · <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/>

New Mexico Benefits Infographic – T Visa,
Sarah Register, Suzana Coelho and Leslye E. Orloff (May 19, 2026)

T Visa Adults

- All children up to age 21 are eligible for full-scope medical coverage regardless of immigration status.
- Eligible for New Mexico Student Aid, Grants and Loans if attended 1 year of high school in New Mexico and graduated or GED.
- All New Mexico residents are eligible for state issued driver's licenses and IDs.

Zero Months: At Filing:

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, Medicaid⁹, SSI¹⁰, TANF**

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 Residence (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months¹² after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card) -SNAP¹³

11 to 14 Years¹⁴ after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years¹⁵ after Filing For T Visa; 9 Months After Applying for Naturalization¹⁶:
Naturalization Approved

*State funded available prior to meeting federal: 5-year bar, 40 quarters, and lawful permanent residence requirements.
State funded blue font – State benefits charts <https://niwaplibrary.wcl.american.edu/all-state-public-benefits-charts/>

⁹Victims with T visa bona fide determinations or T visas eligible with no 5-year bar. After October 1, 2026 will require lawful permanent residence.

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 9 months at the Albuquerque Field Office.