

Pennsylvania Benefits Infographic – T Visa,
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T Visa Children¹

- All children are eligible for the **Post-Secondary In-State Tuition at Penn State University**.
- All persons are eligible for state funded **CHIP up to age 21**.
- All children are eligible for **K-12 public education regardless of immigration status**.

Zero Months: At Filing: **TANF, PRUCOL**

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, Medicaid², SSI³, TANF, Post-Secondary Education**

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 Months⁵ after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
- **SNAP (up to age 18)**

11 to 14 Years⁶ after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.7 to 14.7 Years⁷ after Filing For T Visa; 8.5 Months After Applying for Naturalization⁸:
Naturalization Approved

*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.

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

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⁸ Wait time is 8 months at the Philadelphia Field Office and 9 months at the Pittsburgh Field Office.

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T Visa Adults

- All adults are eligible for the Post-Secondary In-State Tuition at Penn State University.
- All pregnant persons are eligible for state funded medical assistance.

Zero Months: At Filing: **TANF, PRUCOL**

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, Post-Secondary Education**

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

11.7- to 14.7 Years¹⁵ after Filing For T Visa; 8.5 Months After Applying for Naturalization¹⁶: Naturalization Approved

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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.

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