Texas Benefits Infographic – T Visa

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T Visa Children[1]

- **All children are eligible for K-12 public education regardless of immigration status.**
- **Pregnant people are entitled to prenatal care and two post-partum visits regardless of immigration status.**

Zero Months: At Filing

6 Months after Filing:
Bona Fide Determination (*Qualified Immigrant and Lawfully Present*)
- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, CHIP[2], SSI[3], Driver's License, In-State Tuition[4]**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing: Approval **TANF & TANF-Funded Childcare[5]**

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[6] after Approval: Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[7] after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP (up to age 18)

11 to 14 Years[8] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years[9] after Filing For T Visa; 9.1 Months After Applying for Naturalization[10]:
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] Child must be income-eligible, meaning their family income less than or equal to 201% of the federal poverty level.
[3] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[4] Available at some public institutions.
[5] T visa holders and bona fide applicants are only eligible for TANF during the first 4 years after obtaining status.
[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] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[9] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[10] Wait time is 9.10 months on average at the Texas Field Offices.

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T Visa Adults

- **Pregnant people are entitled to prenatal care and two post-partum visits regardless of immigration status.**

Zero Months: At Filing:

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

- Work Authorization, **Real IDs, Unemployment, Public and Assisted Housing, LIHEAP, Federal Student Aid, Medicaid[11], SSI[12], TANF, Driver's License, In-State Tuition[13], SNAP**

29.5 Months (2.5 years) after Filing: Approval
TANF & TANF-Funded Childcare[14], Medicaid[15]

29.5 to 66 Months (2.5 to 5.5 years) after Filing for T Visa: 36 Months (3 Years)[16] after Approval:
Can Apply for Lawful Permanent Residency (Green Card)

6 to 9 Years after Filing for T Visa; 29.5-42.5 Months[17] after Filing for T Visa; 42.5 Months after Application for Lawful Permanent Residence:
Issued Lawful Permanent Residence (Green Card)
-SNAP[18]

11 to 14 Years[19] after Filing for T Visa; 5 Years after Lawful Permanent Residence:
Can Apply for Naturalization

11.8 to 14.8 Years[20] after Filing For T Visa; 9.10 Months After Applying for Naturalization[21]:
Naturalization Approved

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

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[11] 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.
[12] Eligible only for the first 7 years after T visa receipt or bona fide determination.
[13] Available at some public institutions.
[14] T visa holders and bona fide applicants are only eligible for TANF during the first 4 years after obtaining status.
[15] Eligible only for the first 7 years after obtaining status with T visa receipt or bona fide determination unless 40 quarters of work credit after green card obtained, or veteran family.
[16] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval
[17] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[18] 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.
[19] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[20] Can be in the earlier range if trafficking investigation is completed prior to 3 years after Approval.
[21] Wait time is 9.10 months on average at the Texas Field Offices. .