

U-Visa & T-Visa

A U-Visa and T-Visa are temporary visas allowing immigration protections for victims of qualifying crimes, who are helpful to law enforcement in the detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal activity. These are temporary visas that can be valid up to four years, and in some cases may be extended.

A victim of a qualifying crime that occurred in the City of Bellevue may submit the following documents to the Bellevue Police Department for law enforcement certification review:

- Completed I-918B documents for certification from the Chief of Police, or the Chief's designee;
- Evidence of the applicant's cooperation with law enforcement and prosecution; and
- Please **clearly** note on the request for certification if the applicant is in federal immigration removal proceedings to ensure the packet is processed within 14 days of receipt.

Before the Chief certifies the application, the packet will be reviewed with the investigating officers or detectives on the case, and the prosecutor's office (if applicable), to discuss whether the U or T-Visa applicant has both cooperated with law enforcement and will cooperate in any subsequent prosecution.

The Bellevue Police Department is under no legal obligation to sign off on the Certification and may do so at its sole discretion. The Bellevue Police Department does not grant or guarantee an immigration benefit by signing the law enforcement certification. Only the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service may grant or deny a U-Visa after a full review of the entire application.

By law, the Bellevue Police Department will review and respond to victim certification requests within 90 days of receipt of the request. If the victim is in federal immigration removal proceedings, it will be no later than 14 days.

Requests and status updates should be forwarded to the Bellevue Police Department Record's Unit at BPDRecords@bellevuewa.gov. Processed files will then be forwarded to the Chief for final determination on law enforcement certification.

For more information on the process and forms required, please visit <http://www.uscis.gov/i-918>

Hardcopy requests in lieu of electronic copies may be sent to the following address:

Bellevue Police Department
c/o UVISA Certification Designee
450 110th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

For questions email BPDRecords@bellevuewa.gov or telephone: 425-452-6917

Additional Resources:

To find out if someone is in immigration custody:

<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>

To find out more about safety and access for immigration victims, please see the WA State Department of Commerce:

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/crime-victims-public-safety/office-of-crime-victims-advocacy/safety-and-access-for-immigrant-victims/>

Other Resources:

<https://www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/victims-human-trafficking-other-crimes/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status/victims-criminal-activity-u-nonimmigrant-status>
<https://www.nwirp.org/resources/know-your-rights/>

About the many VISAs available:

For a comparison chart of the different visas available to victims of crime, [click here](#)

For an interactive graphic describing the different VISAs available, [click here](#)