

## **9 FAM 41.32 NOTES**

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*(Office of Origin: CA/VO/L/R)*

### **9 FAM 41.32 N1 NONRESIDENT ALIEN MEXICAN BORDER CROSSING CARDS (BCC); COMBINED BORDER CROSSING IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND B-1/B-2 VISAS (B-1/B-2-BCC)**

#### **9 FAM 41.32 N1.1 Authorization for Issuance**

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The B1/B2-BCC may be in the form of a card (BBBCC) or a Lincoln Foil (BBBCV), the *former* of which is issued more frequently. A valid Mexican passport is required at the time of application. With a valid passport, the BBBCV or BBBCC is valid for entry regardless of the point of origin of travel. The BCC aspect of a BBBCC or BBBCV can still be used for land border entry into the border zone (25 miles in TX, CA, & NM; 70 miles in AZ) without obtaining a new passport if the original passport is expired. You may issue a BBBCC or BBBCV to a nonimmigrant alien who:

- (1) Is a citizen and resident of Mexico;
- (2) Seeks to enter the United States as a temporary visitor for business or pleasure as defined in INA 101(a)(15)(B) for periods of stay not exceeding six months; and
- (3) Is otherwise eligible for a B-1 or a B-2 temporary visitor visa.

*The Mexico residency requirement does not prohibit BCC holders from retaining the card and using it to travel to the United States after taking up residence in another country subsequent to receiving the BCC, although DHS or a consular officer are authorized to revoke the card as a result of abandonment of Mexican residency.*

#### **9 FAM 41.32 N1.2 Application Procedure**

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- a. Mexican applicants must apply for a B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC at any U.S. consular office in Mexico designated by the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Visa

Services to accept such applications.

- b. The application must be submitted electronically on Form DS-160, Electronic Nonimmigrant Visa Application. It must be signed electronically by clicking the box designated "Sign Application" in the certification section of the application.

## **9 FAM 41.32 N1.3 Personal Appearance**

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Each applicant must appear in person before a consular officer to be interviewed regarding eligibility for a visitor visa, unless the consular officer waives personal appearance (*see 9 FAM 41.102 N3*).

## **9 FAM 41.32 N1.4 Issuance and Format**

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A B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC issued on or after April 1, 1998, *consists* of a card or a foil, Form DSP-150, B-1/B-2 Visa and Border Crossing Card, containing a machine-readable biometric identifier. It must contain the following data:

- (1) Number of the card or foil;
- (2) Date of issuance;
- (3) Indicia "B-1/B-2 Visa and Border Crossing Card";
- (4) Name, date of birth, and sex of the person to whom issued; and
- (5) Date of expiration.

## **9 FAM 41.32 N1.5 Validity**

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The Department intends that the Mexican B-1/B-2—BCC card or foil be used in place of the B-1/B-2 visa and that full validity be given in all cases where applicants are qualified to receive B-1/B-2 visas. If an applicant under age 15 pays the reduced fee for a BCC or BBBCV, it *must* be valid until the day prior to the applicant's fifteenth birthday. No annotations other than "DSP-150 US B1/B2 Visa/BCC" are permitted on a B-1/B-2 BCC foil. If additional annotations are required, or validity must be limited due to a waiver approval, a B1/B2 visa must be issued instead of a B-1/B-2 BCC foil. Applicants may not be issued concurrently valid B1/B2 foils and B-1/B-2--BCC cards or foils.

## **9 FAM 41.32 N2 REPLACEMENT**

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When a B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC card or foil has been lost, mutilated, destroyed, or expired, the person to whom such card *or foil* was issued may apply for a new B-1/B-2 Visa/BCC card or foil as provided in this section. *BCC cards recovered by post or submitted by an applicant applying for a replacement card or B-1/B-2 visa should be handled following the procedures outlined in 9 FAM 41.32 PN4.*