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#### **Nonimmigrant Visas:**

General Nonimmigrant Visa <sup>[2]</sup>

I-94 <sup>[3]</sup>

#### **Agency:**

CSC <sup>[4]</sup>

CBP <sup>[5]</sup>

USCIS <sup>[6]</sup>

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