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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has issued new immigration policy changes for P-1 work visa/petition for: (a) P-1A: internationally recognized athlete, or a member of an internationally recognized athletic team; or (b) P-1B: entertainer of an internationally recognized entertainment group.

USCIS immigration policy changes for P-1B entertainer work visa/petition classification states that P-1B work visa/petition should include individual entertainers coming to the United States to join U.S.-based internationally recognized entertainment groups, and should not be limited to individual entertainers coming to the United States to join only foreign-based entertainment groups.

The relevant regulation at **8 CFR 214.2(p)(3)** focuses on whether the group is “internationally recognized”: “having a high level of achievement in a field evidenced by a degree of skill and recognition substantially above that ordinarily encountered, to the extent that such achievement is renowned, leading, or well-known in more than one country.”

Individuals with P visas/status may consider green card/permanent residence sponsorships such as by employer, family and/or self, and eventually U.S. citizenship. Individuals who do not readily qualify for P-1 visas/status may consider other work visas and/or green card options.

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