

UNDERSTANDING U. S. FEDERAL REGULATIONS ABOUT “B” NONIMMIGRANT STATUS (rev. 01/01)

Instructions: All international applicants bearing B-1 or B-2 status must read the following information and sign this document.

“B” (B-1 and B-2) NONIMMIGRANT STATUS / VISA INFORMATION

I. U. S. Federal Law specifically defines the “B” nonimmigrant status in the Immigration and Nationality Act 101 - Definitions (INA 101(a)(15)(B)), as:

(B) an alien (other than one coming for the purpose of study or of performing skilled or unskilled labor or as a representative of foreign press, radio film, or other foreign information media coming to engage in such vocation) having a residence in a foreign country which he has no intention of abandoning and who is visiting the United States temporarily for business or temporarily for pleasure. . . .

II. The U. S. State Department, which issues U. S. visas, provides the following information about the B visas (from the U. S. State Department Web Site <<http://www.travel.state.gov/visa;visitors.html>>):

The "visitor" visa is a nonimmigrant visa for persons desiring to enter the United States temporarily for business (B-1) or for pleasure or medical treatment (B-2). Persons planning to travel to the U.S. for a different purpose such as students, temporary workers, crewmen, journalists, etc., must apply for a different visa in the appropriate category. . . . Applicants for visitor visas must show that they qualify under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. . . .

III. The U. S. State Department Foreign Affairs Manual, volume 9 (9 FAM) gives one exception, the main points of which are summarized below:

Individuals who plan to be F-1 students in the U. S. but who have not yet been accepted, have not yet received a Form I-20, or who wish to visit schools before choosing one to which they were already accepted, may request the Consul in the U. S. Embassy to make the notation, “Prospective Student,” on the B-2 visa.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

I have read and understood the above information regarding Federal Regulations regarding “B” (B-1 and B-2) status. I understand that the primary pursuit of study is not an activity defined as appropriate for holders of B status (except for individuals who have the “Prospective Student” notation on their visa). Knowing this, I still wish to apply / register for studies at Philadelphia Biblical University. I understand that I am responsible for obeying any Federal Regulations relating to my status in the United States.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (LAST, First, Middle) _____

For Administrative Reference Only: PLEASE RETURN TO PBU INTERNATIONAL OFFICE.