

## How to apply for a U-VISA:

- Report qualifying crime to NYPD
- Submit the I-918B certification request and required documentation, by mail, to NYPD DVU.
- If certification request approved, submit completed form I-918B with form I-918 to USCIS.

### The mailing address is as follows:

New York Police Department  
Domestic Violence Unit  
Re: U-Visa Certification  
1 Police Plaza Room 501  
New York, NY 10038

### Required for filing:

- A cover letter listing:
  - The victim's first, middle and last name,
  - Date of Birth,
  - Updated contact information for both the victim and their attorney/advocate.
  - Information regarding the crime; date, time, location, crime classification, complaint number, domestic incident report number and any injuries suffered.
- Copy of Petitioner's identification
- Copy of the I-918 filled out with the petitioner's pedigree information.
- Any other supporting documents such as; hospital record, aided report, photos, etc.

## Resources:

- I-918 forms available at [www.USCIS.gov/I-918](http://www.USCIS.gov/I-918)
- Information on completing the I-918 form available at [www.1.nyc.gov](http://www.1.nyc.gov) (type I-918 in the search box)
- NYPD documents (i.e. Complaint reports, etc.) at [www.1.nyc.gov](http://www.1.nyc.gov) (type NYPD FOIL in the search box)

## DVU Contact Information:

Domestic Violence Unit/U-VISA  
1 Police Plaza Rm 501  
New York, NY 10038  
Our telephone number is  
(646) 610-7615

Our e-mail is  
[uvisacertification@nypd.org](mailto:uvisacertification@nypd.org)



# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

***U-VISA CERTIFICATION***

Have you been the  
victim of a crime?

Know your rights  
when it comes to your  
immigration status.



# Preserve Your Immigration Status

## What is a U-VISA Form I-918 Supplement B?

If you are a non-immigrant and are a victim of a qualifying crime, use the I-918 to petition for temporary immigration benefits for yourself or your qualifying family members.

## Who qualifies for U-VISA I-918?

Victims of crimes listed in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

## Who is a Victim of Qualifying Activity?

- Direct Victim: The person who the crime was perpetrated against.
- Indirect Victim: A family member of a direct victim and the victim meets all eligibility criteria but is unable to assist.
- Bystander Victim: Bystanders who suffer an unusually direct injury (trauma, etc.) as a result of a qualifying crime may also qualify.

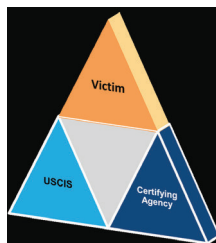
## What is a Qualifying Crime?

Designated crimes are defined as being the victim of one or more of the following or any similar offense in violation of Federal, State, or Local Criminal Law:

- Abduction
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Hostage
- Blackmail
- Domestic Violence
- Extortion
- False Imprisonment
- Felonious Assault
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting

- Incest
- Involuntary Servitude
- Kidnapping
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Obstruction of Justice
- Peonage (Forced Labor to Pay Off Debt)
- Perjury
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual Assault or Sexual Exploitation
- Slave Trade
- Stalking
- Torture
- Trafficking
- Unlawful Criminal Restraint
- Witness Tampering

\*Attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the named crimes.



**The certifying agency, USCIS, and the victim each have different roles and responsibilities related to U-VISAs.**

**New York City Police Department, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and the Victim** each have a role and responsibility related to U-VISAs:

## NYPD

- Detect, investigate and prosecute the allegations of the qualifying crimes.

- Determines whether to complete and sign the form I-918B pursuant to the NYPD procedures and designated signing authority that the victim is complying with reasonable requests for assistance.
- Maintains communication with the victim and USCIS in regards to the processing of the form I-918B.

## USCIS

- Receives and adjudicates U-VISA petitions.
- Determines eligibility for U-VISA based on a complete filing, a criminal history background check, and an immigration status check.
- Requests additional information from the Victim, if necessary to make eligibility determination.
- Coordinates with the NYPD to verify accuracy of form I-918B submissions, as well as any other evidence submitted with the U-VISA petition.
- Provides non-immigrant status to eligible victims.

## VICTIM

- A victim seeking a U-VISA must provide ongoing assistance with the investigation and, if an arrest is made, the prosecution, when reasonably requested.

**\*\*ATTENTION:** The NYPD certification expires 6 months after certifying signature and must be resubmitted for update.