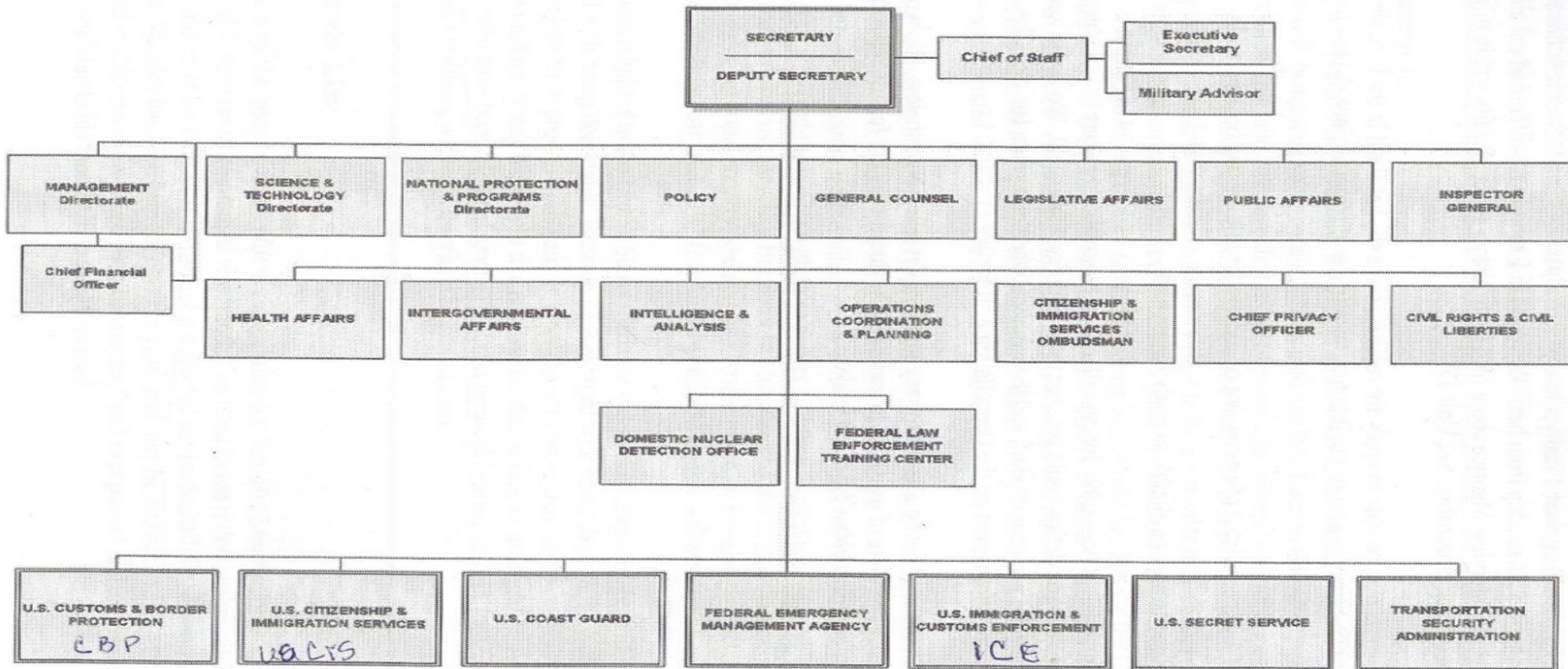


What I Am Learning About Immigration

By Pat Levy

Who's in Charge?

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY



Chain Migration?

Family-Sponsored Preferences

- **First: (F1) Unmarried Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens:** 23,400 plus any numbers not required for fourth preference.
- **Second: Spouses and Children, and Unmarried Sons and Daughters of Permanent Residents:** 114,200, plus the number (if any) by which the worldwide family preference level exceeds 226,000, plus any unused first preference numbers:
 - **A. (F2A) Spouses and Children of Permanent Residents:** 77% of the overall second preference limitation, of which 75% are exempt from the per-country limit;
 - **B. (F2B) Unmarried Sons and Daughters (21 years of age or older) of Permanent Residents:** 23% of the overall second preference limitation.
- **Third: (F3) Married Sons and Daughters of U.S. Citizens:** 23,400, plus any numbers not required by first and second preferences.
- **Fourth: (F4) Brothers and Sisters of Adult U.S. Citizens:** 65,000, plus any numbers not required by first three preferences.

Why Does it Take So Long?

Final Action Dates for Family-sponsored Preference Cases

Visa Bulletin For July 2018

Family-Sponsored	All Chargeability Areas Except Those Listed	CHINA-mainland born	INDIA	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
F1	22APR11	22APR11	22APR11	01AUG97	01JUN06
F2A	22JUN16	22JUN16	22JUN16	08JUN16	22JUN16
F2B	15AUG11	15AUG11	15AUG11	08MAR97	01FEB07
F3	01MAY06	01MAY06	01MAY06	01DEC95	15APR95
F4	15NOV04	15NOV04	22MAR04	15JAN98	22MAR95

Source: Visa Bulletin For July 2018, <https://travel.state.gov>

Government Benefits?

2018 HHS Poverty Guidelines for Affidavit of support

2018 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia		
Persons in Family/Household	Poverty Guideline	125% of Poverty Guideline (OCS/CED)
1	\$12,140	\$15,175
2	\$16,460	\$20,575
3	\$20,780	\$25,975
4	\$25,100	\$31,375
5	\$29,420	\$36,775
6	\$33,740	\$42,175
7	\$38,060	\$47,575
8	\$42,380	\$52,975

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,320 for each additional person. Then multiply by 1.25 for 125% of Poverty Guidelines (for OCS/CED).

Source: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/ocs/2018_hhs_poverty_guidelines.pdf

If You are Interested

“Refugee Resettlement under the Current Administration” seminar:

- Date: Tuesday, August 14th, 2018
- Time: 6:00-8:00pm
- Location: Minnesota Literacy Council, 700 Raymond Ave., Ste. 180, St. Paul, MN

What's Happening at TMC?