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## **Article: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ) ABOUT BUSINESS (B1) VISAS**

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### **What activities are acceptable to do on a B-1 visa?**

Here is a list of the legitimate activities you can engage in on a B-1 visa:

- Meet with potential business partners
- Negotiate and sign contracts
- Purchase supplies or materials
- Attend business meetings
- Attend/exhibit at a convention
- Hold or attend short-term training or a company course

### **Can I work or study on a B-1 visa?**

No, you may not work or study on B-1 visa.

### **How long can I stay in the U.S. on B-1 visa?**

You may stay in the U.S. on a B-1 visa up to 6 months, depending on the purpose of your trip and the amount of time you are permitted to stay upon entry into the U.S.

### **Can I apply for extension on B-1 visa?**

You may apply for extensions up to 6 months each

### **What if the passport containing my B-1 visa is expired?**

You must remember that your visa is valid only until its expiration date unless previously canceled. Therefore, if you have a valid U.S. visitor visa in an expired passport, you may use it along with a new valid passport for travel and admission to the U.S.

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