

8 C.F.R. § 214.2(m)(17) – Students in established vocational or other recognized nonacademic institutions, other than in language training programs

(17) Spouse and children of M-1 student . The M-2 spouse and minor children of an M-1 student shall each be issued an individual SEVIS Form I-20 in accordance with the provisions of § 214.3(k) . (Paragraph (m)(17) revised effective 1/1/03; 67 FR 76256)

(i) Employment . The M-2 spouse and children may not accept employment.

(ii) Study . (A) The M-2 spouse may not engage in full time study, and the M-2 child may only engage in full time study if the study is in an elementary or secondary school (kindergarten through twelfth grade). The M-2 spouse and child may engage in study that is avocational or recreational in nature.

(B) An M-2 spouse or M-2 child desiring to engage in full time study, other than that allowed for a child in paragraph (m)(17)(ii) of this section, must apply for and obtain a change of nonimmigrant classification to F-1, J-1, or M-1 status. An M-2 spouse or child who was enrolled on a full time basis prior to January 1, 2003, will be allowed to continue study but must file for a change of nonimmigrant classification to F-1, J-1, or M-1 status on or before March 11, 2003.

(C) An M-2 spouse or M-2 child violates his or her nonimmigrant status by engaging in full time study except as provided in paragraph (m)(17)(i) and (ii) of this section.

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