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Entering U.S. on Blanket L

If you received an L-1 visa based on a Blanket Approval, please read this carefully:

- You may apply for entry into the U.S. only while the L-1 visa in your passport is valid. Note that the visa has an expiration date. If that date has passed, you may not use the visa to apply to enter the U.S. and must obtain a new visa.
- You will present the passport, visa and the a copy of the blanket approval (Form I-797) and a Form I-129s from your employer when you enter the United States.
- You will retain a copy of the I-797 and the I-129s which you will use when you leave, and to reenter the U.S.
- **ADMISSION** When you are admitted to the U.S. your form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Card) will be stamped by the officer, and it will be annotated with the date you are admitted, the class of admission, and the date you are supposed to leave. You must check this document before you leave the inspection area:
 - Date of admission will be the date you arrive in the U.S.
 - Class of admission should be L-1, or L-1a, or L-2
 - For an initial admission under an L blanket visa, the date you are supposed to leave should be three years from the date you are admitted, or the date your passport expires, if earlier.
 - It is not uncommon for an officer to admit you only until the date your visa expires rather than for three years. That is not correct for an L-1 admission under a blanket petition, and must be corrected at the port of entry.

If there are mistakes in any of these areas, politely ask the officer to review the document again. If the officer does not agree that a mistake has been made, politely ask to speak with a supervisor.

8 CFR 214.2(L)(10): The beneficiary of a blanket petition may be admitted for three years even though the initial validity period of the blanket petition may expire before the end of the three-year period.....