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Labor dep't lists jobs in short supply here

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The Immigration and Naturalization Service requires in sixth preference applications a certification from the US Department of Labor that there are not sufficient US workers who are able, willing and qualified to perform the work which the alien applicants will do and that the employment of the aliens will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of US workers similarly employed.

There are, however, certain occupations which have already been predetermined by the US Department of Labor to be in short supply. These are called Schedule A occupations.

Aliens with Schedule A occupations are not required to undergo the basic labor certification application process. Their employers are not required to apply for labor certifications on their behalf. All they need is a prearranged employment.

Under the new rules and regulations of the Department of Labor that took effect on February 18, 1977, the following are the Schedule A occupations:

Dietetics: Persons who have received an advanced degree equivalent to an American Ph.D. or Master Degree. The degree must have been granted by an institute of higher learning accredited in the country where the degree was obtained. Dietetics, for the purposes of immigration, means the application of principals of nutrition to plan menus and diets and to direct the preparation and serving of meals. This includes programs designed to feed individuals and groups with special nutritional needs in schools, restaurants, or other institutions, or participation in research in the field of nutrition.

Physical Therapy: Persons who have received a degree equivalent to an American Bachelors degree from an

institute of learning accredited in the country where the degree was obtained. Physical therapy involves the treatment of persons with disabilities, disorders, and injuries, to relieve pain, develop and restore function, and maintain performance, using physical means.

Arts or Sciences: Persons, except for aliens in the performing arts, of exceptional ability in the arts or sciences. To qualify under this category, an alien must provide proof of exceptional ability or international acclaim. This might consist of evidence of receipt of international acclaim, awards, or prizes, affidavits, or published material by or about the alien or his technical training or specialized experience, documentary evidence of earning commensurate with his claimed level of ability, or documentation showing that his work experience during the last year and his intended work in the United States, requires exceptional ability.

Religious: Persons who seek to enter the United States in order to perform a religious occupation, such as preaching or teaching of religion, or aliens with a religious commitment who will work for a nonprofit religious organization. Such aliens must have been primarily engaged in the religious occupation or in working for the non-profit religious organization for at least two years, and intend to be principally engaged, (more than 50% of their working time) in performing the occupation under which the application is being made.

Intra-company transferees: Persons who have been admitted to the United States to work in a managerial or executive position with an international corporation or organization with which they have been employed for at least a year before coming to the United States, or persons coming to the United States to work for such a corporation or organization. (L-1's)