

Crime-Related Grounds of Inadmissibility INA § 212

Moral turpitude

Crime involving moral turpitude

Exception when a person under 18 commits one crime five years before application for the visa

Petty crime Exception: Exception when one crime committed and the maximum sentence does not exceed one year and the alien's sentence did not exceed six months

Drugs

Controlled substance violation - admission or conviction

Controlled substance trafficker – no conviction needed

Multiple criminal convictions

Two or more crimes (other than purely political offenses) and the aggregate sentence actually imposed is five years or more.

Prostitution and Commercialized Vice – no conviction needed

Engaged in prostitution within ten years of application for a visa – no conviction needed – no conviction needed

Procured a prostitute, attempted to procure, imports person for prostitution or received the proceeds of prostitution within ten years of application – no conviction needed

Coming to the United States to engage in commercialized vice – no conviction needed.

Terrorist activity - no conviction needed

Seeks to enter to engage in espionage or sabotage – no conviction needed

Alien smuggling – no conviction needed

Crime-Related Grounds of Deportability INA § 237

Moral turpitude

One crime of moral turpitude committed within 5 years of admission and a sentence of one year or longer may be imposed

Two or more crimes of moral turpitude not arising out of a single scheme Alien smuggling - no conviction needed

Drugs

Controlled substance violation conviction – other than one single offense of 30 grams or less of marijuana

Drug abuser or addict

Terrorist activity^{*} - no conviction needed

Alien smuggling – no conviction needed

Firearms offenses

Aggravated felonies

Crime of domestic violence, stalking, violating a protective order (dealing with threats, violence, harassment, bodily injury), child abuse

High speed flight

* Terrorist grounds have been expanded.