



*Embassy of the United States of America  
Bridgetown, Barbados*

## **Immigrant Visa Interview Instructions**

### **BRING PERMISSION FOR MINOR CHILDREN TO TRAVEL TO THE U.S.**

Any applicant under 16 needs permission from BOTH parents listed on the birth certificate to emigrate. A court may give custody to one parent, allowing that parent to take the child out of the country. But if there is no court order, then the other parent must send a notarized letter giving permission.

### **EVIDENCE OF RELATIONSHIP**

In addition to marriage and birth certificates, we may require more evidence of your relationship with the person who filed the petition for you. We are far more likely to issue your visa on the day of the interview if you bring us evidence of this relationship.

While it is not required, it is helpful to have both the petitioner and beneficiary at the interview.

Examples of evidence of relationship include the **originals** of the following documents:

#### **If your petition is based upon a MARRIAGE or FIANCE relationship:**

- Birth certificates of children you have together
- Photos of you and your spouse/fiance
- Photos of your marriage ceremony
- Receipts from money sent to you by your spouse/fiance
- Letters exchanged between you and your spouse/ fiancé

#### **If your petition is based upon a PARENT/CHILD or SIBLING relationship**

(With the petitioner or the biological parent in the case of a step-relationship)

- Family photos with applicant and petitioner, especially before the petitioner left the Caribbean
- Letters exchanged between applicant and petitioner
- Vaccination/growth certificate
- Anything else you think might be helpful. Remember, we want to work with you to help you to start your new life in the United States.

### **PASSPORT**

All visa immigrant applicants should bring a current valid passport and all previous passports, if applicable, at the time of the immigrant visa interview.

## **DNA EXAM**

In some cases, we may suggest to you that you undergo a DNA test to prove your relationship to the petitioner. This is most common when a birth certificate has a late registration, a late recognition of a child, or the name on the birth certificate has been changed. However, DNA may also be suggested when the applicant has no other proof of relationship with the petitioner.

DNA Genetic testing can be helpful to prove biological relationships. The laboratory that does the test must be approved by AABB ([www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org).) **In the case of a step-relationship with the petitioner, the DNA test should be with the biological parent.** Only the panel physician listed on the attached sheet is qualified to collect DNA samples for applicants applying at the U.S. Embassy in Barbados

The petitioner should contact the lab in the U.S. to obtain complete information on procedures and payment. You must then contact the panel physician to make an appointment to collect the DNA samples. The approximate cost is \$700.00 U.S. Dollars or \$1400.00 Barbados Dollars.



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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

This notice supersedes instruction No. 7 in form OF-169 and information contained in OF-167.

**Beginning December 19, 1997, U.S. immigration law will require all applications for immigrant visas in the categories listed below to be accompanied by a contractually binding Affidavit of Support (form I-864) which has been signed by the petitioner. All applicants in the specified categories who are scheduled for visa interviews on or after December 19, must submit a properly notarized I-864 in order to qualify for a visa.**

Petitioners and other inquirers may obtain additional information and copies of the I-864 through the Bureau of Consular Affairs Autofax Service (telephone no. 202-647-3000), the Bureau of Consular Affairs Web Site: <http://travel.state.gov/visaservices>. HTML or through their local immigration and naturalization service office.

The National Visa Center will include the new form with routine information packets. U.S. Embassies and Consulates will also distribute form I-864 in mailings to Visa Applicants prior to their visa interview date.

# **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **Change in Visa Passback Procedures**

Dear Visa Applicant:

Effective June 18, 2007 the Embassy can no longer provide same-day visa issuance. Instead, successful applicants will return home with their passport, and then send the passport back to the Consulate via courier service or mail. The Consulate will insert the visa in the passport and return it by the same means. The applicant will pay for the delivery of the passport. **Exceptions to this process will be made only in genuine emergencies.**

Beginning June 18, 2007 passports will be returned to all Immigrant Visa applicants after their interviews. Once they arrive at home, successful applicants will send the passport back to the Embassy, along with a prepaid courier service air waybill or stamped self-addressed envelope for the return delivery of the passport. Applicants may choose the delivery service they prefer; however, the Embassy has arranged with DHL that applicants will be able to send one or more passports round trip to the Consulate and back from anywhere in the Embassy's consular district for US \$38.00. For customer convenience, DHL will have a desk in the consular section lobby where applicants can pay for the service and obtain a two-way air waybill.

Barbados applicants will also receive their passports by mail or courier service. They may bring a stamped self-addressed envelope or prepaid courier air waybill to the interview, or arrange their passport return at the DHL desk in the consular lobby. DHL's cost for Barbados deliveries will be US \$9.00.

Given the new procedures, **please do not make advance arrangements to travel to the United States after the visa interview.**

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Regards,

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