



YOUR IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEW DAY

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The appointment letter included in this packet lists the date of your Immigrant Visa (IV) interview and every member of the family immigrating to the United States. Each person in the list must be present on the interview date. We cannot issue a visa to anyone who is not physically present for a personal interview.

- The Immigrant Visa Unit is located in the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy near Leicester Peak. Taxi and poda-poda service is often limited, so you may need to walk from nearby IMATT.
- Enter through the door marked "CONSULAR SECTION."
- Present your appointment letter with your passport(s) for entry to our waiting room.
- The security guards will give you a numbered ticket based on when you arrive (if you are the first IV applicant of the day to arrive you will be number 1).
- You will pass through a security check, including a metal detector.
- **IMPORTANT: You may not bring large bags, electronic devices (laptop computers, cameras, telephones, music players, etc.), food, drink, or cigarette lighters into the Embassy.** You may check your mobile telephone with the security guards, who will give you a ticket to claim your phone when you leave. Please do not bring any other prohibited items with you on the day of your interview or the security guards may deny your entry.

THE CONSULAR SECTION WAITING ROOM AND THE INTERVIEW

1. After you go through security and receive your number, you will walk into the waiting room. Please have a seat.
2. We will call your number and ask you for your appointment letter at an interview window. We will give you a piece of paper that lists the order in which you should arrange your documents. We will also give you printed instructions to double-check one last time that you are qualified for the Immigrant Visa.
3. Please sit down, arrange your documents, and review the instructions.
4. When you are finished, we will call you back to a window to turn in your documents.
5. After you have turned in your documents, please be seated until the cashier calls you to pay your application fees. **A Consular Officer will not interview you before you pay your fees.**
6. After paying the cashier, take a seat, and wait for us to call you again, this time to take your fingerprint scans. This process is inkless. Please have a seat again.
7. The Consular Officer will call you and complete your interview at the window. Please appear before the Consular Officer window with all applying family members. The Consular Officer alone will decide whether you are eligible for a diversity visa.

NOTE: Each visa case is unique. The time required for the interview portion of the process alone can vary from five minutes to one hour. Your appointment could take all morning/afternoon and may involve long waits while your documents are examined. Please plan to spend up to three hours or more in the waiting room. We do not decide most cases on the first day of interview. We may need you to return another day with additional evidence, or we may need to do additional processing before deciding your case. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

AFTER THE INTERVIEW

If we approve your visa, we will inform you when to return to pick up your visa packet. Your immigrant visa packet will include the following:

1. The immigrant visa, an adhesive "foil" stuck onto a page in your passport; and
2. A sealed manila envelope containing most of the documents you presented at the time of your interview. **Do not open the sealed manila envelope! Only a U.S. Immigration Officer should open this envelope.**

The visa packet constitutes your permission to apply for entry to the United States as a lawful permanent resident (LPR). You must enter the United States before the expiration date printed on the visa, usually 6 months from the date of printing.