

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DAY OF YOUR INTERVIEW

Here are some tips to expedite your visit to the Embassy:

BEFORE ENTERING THE EMBASSY:

- **Location:** The Embassy is located in Bayan (block 6) near the intersection of Routes 206 (Khaled bin Abdul Aziz Street) and 302 (Masjed Al-Aqsa Street).
- **Parking:** In June, the Embassy opened a new 120-car parking lot for your convenience. During periods of high demand, however, you may be required to find on-street parking in the residential neighborhood surrounding the Embassy and walk to the main gate. Please plan accordingly.
- **Arrive early:** Arrive thirty (30) minutes prior to your interview time. Proceed to window #2 at the Embassy's main gate and present a copy of your appointment notice. You may have to wait for your personal interview so you are encouraged to bring reading material.
- **Identification:** Bring a second form of identification (for example, Kuwaiti civil id) to leave with the guard before entering the Embassy in addition to your passport.
- **Prohibited items:** You will pass through a security screening prior to entering the Embassy. Leave mobile phones, pagers, cameras and other electronic devices at home or in your vehicle. Visa applicants are *not* permitted to bring these items onto the Embassy compound.
- **Who may accompany the applicant:** Applicants should come to the interview only with those family members seeking an immigrant visa. Parents, however, may accompany children under 18. There is no need for an attorney to be present.
- **Applicants with physical disabilities:** Applicants with a physical disability may bring an escort. Those requiring special accommodation should notify the Embassy of their needs well in advance of the interview date.

ONCE INSIDE THE EMBASSY:

- **Take a number:** Once you enter the Consular Section, take a number from the machine and have a seat in the waiting room. Once your number is called, proceed to the appropriate window to begin processing.
- **Complete all forms:** Ensure that all required forms have been completed in their entirety before approaching the window. Have your photos and supporting documents in hand. **Note:** Incomplete or unsigned forms will *not* be accepted.

- **Interview:** Be prepared to present all the required and recommended documentation at the time of your interview. At the end of your interview, the Consular Officer will inform you whether your application has been:

APPROVED

Congratulations! Your immigrant visa has been approved.

- **Collect your visa:** Unless otherwise instructed by the Consular Officer, **your visa should be available the first Sunday after your interview at 12:30pm from window #4 inside the Consular Section.** At least one member from your party must be present to receive a briefing on the entry procedures for a landed immigrant.

Visit the Department of Homeland Security site to learn about [the inspection process](#) when you arrive at a U.S. port of entry. You will also be required to participate in [US-Visit](#), a program to verify your identity using electronic fingerprint data and digital photos.

We wish you the best in the United States.

HELD PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM YOU

The Consular Officer may require additional information from you in order to determine your immigrant visa eligibility. The Officer will inform you, in writing, what you need to provide to conclude your case. Once you have the requested information and/or documents, send an email to Kuwaitiv@state.gov to schedule a follow-up appointment. Please include your full name, date of birth and case number, if available.

Based on the additional information, the Consular Officer will decide whether your application is [approved](#), [held pending administrative processing](#) or [refused](#).

HELD PENDING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING

Your application may require additional administrative processing before the Consular Officer can decide whether to approve or refuse. The Officer will inform you, in writing, that your application is pending and will return your passport to you. The processing time lasts, on average, between two (2) and four (4) weeks.

The Consular Section will call you once the processing is completed and will inform you of the next steps. In most cases, applications are [approved](#), and you will be

asked to drop off your passport for visa issuance. In a minority of cases, applications are **refused** following administrative processing.

In either case, we appreciate your patience.

REFUSED

Unfortunately, your application has been refused. The Consular Officer will inform you, in writing, of the exact reason for your refusal.

Thank you for interest in immigrating to the United States.