



# U.S. Embassy

Yerevan, Armenia

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan, Armenia.

## Step 1: Register your appointment online

You need to register your appointment online. Registering your appointment provides us with the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview. Registration is free. Click the “Register” button below to register.

If you want to cancel or reschedule your appointment, you will be able to do so after you register your appointment.

[Register](#)

## Step 2: Get a medical exam in Armenia

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Armenia. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” link below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Armenia. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors before your interview.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

## Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

If your case is being processed online you are required to upload documents to your CEAC account online, please do so before the interview. If you fail to upload the proper documents your visa will be refused and your case delayed.

It is important that you bring all required original documents to your interview. We’ve created a checklist that will tell you what to bring. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

## Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

[Interview Guidelines](#)

## Contact information

U.S. Embassy  
1 American Avenue  
Yerevan 0082,  
Republic of Armenia

☎ Phone:  
(+37410) 464-700

📧 For visa related inquiries use:  
[Visa Navigator](#)

🌐 Website:  
[armenia.usembassy.gov](http://armenia.usembassy.gov)

☒ Cancel and Reschedule:  
[ais.usvisa-info.com](http://ais.usvisa-info.com)

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- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
- [After your interview](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Where to find civil documents](#)

## Social media



## Interview Preparation Video





## Medical Exam Instructions

All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination prior to the issuance of a visa. Only a physician accredited by the U.S. Embassy can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

### Approved physicians

#### **Dr. Kristine R. Khachatryan**

Normed Medical Center  
Yerevan, Zeytun district, Nersisyan 12/6 st.  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor examination room N2

Tel: (37410) 56-72-65 (work) or (37491) 20-51-43 (mobile)  
E-mail: [kristinekhachatryan@ymail.com](mailto:kristinekhachatryan@ymail.com)  
Hours for appointments and phone inquiries: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### **Dr. Anna Ayvazyan**

Normed Medical Center  
Yerevan, Zeytun district, Nersisyan 12/6 st.  
2nd floor examination room N3

Tel: (37455) 57-86-65 (mobile)  
E-mail: [annaayvazyanmed@yahoo.com](mailto:annaayvazyanmed@yahoo.com)  
Hours for appointments and phone inquiries: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

#### **Dr. Anush M. Ordyan**

Normed Medical Center  
Yerevan, Zeytun district, Nersisyan 12/6 st.  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor examination room N1

Tel: (37410) 55-69-06 (work) or (37491) 41-00-31 (mobile)  
E-mail: [anushordyan@mail.ru](mailto:anushordyan@mail.ru)  
Hours for appointments and phone inquiries: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

#### **Dr. Hasmik Ohanyan**

Normed Medical Center  
Yerevan, Zeytun district, Nersisyan 12/6 st.  
2nd floor examination room N3

Tel: (37493) 51- 55- 39 (mobile)  
E-mail: [oh.hasmik.71@gmail.com](mailto:oh.hasmik.71@gmail.com)  
Hours for appointments and phone inquiries: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

### Items to bring to your medical examination

You should bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your visa interview appointment letter
- Your passport
- Six (6) passport-sized color photographs, taken within the last six months
- A copy of your immunization records
- DS-260 confirmation page
- Home address; intended address in U.S; personal contact info: Email address, and phone number
- The basic examination fee charged to each applicant is 50 000 AMD.
- Chest X-ray and laboratory tests will be conducted for additional fee in accordance with age requirements.
- Applicants  $\geq 15$  years old must have chest radiography (chest x-ray). Chest X-ray in one position is 8 000 AMD, in two positions 12 000 AMD
- Applicants 2 to 14 years old must have an IGRA test. IGRA test fee is 35 000 AMD. In case of positive IGRA test results, an additional chest X-ray is required
- Applicants aged 18-24 are required to undergo testing for gonorrhea. Gonorrhea NAAT test is 10 000 AMD
- Applicants aged 18-44 are required to undergo testing for syphilis. Syphilis test is 2 000 AMD.



## Medical Exam Instructions

### During the medical exam

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The medical examination includes a medical history review, physical examination, and chest x-ray, gonorrhea test, and blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older). The United States also requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants two years of age and older. Please be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments you are undergoing. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available via [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available via [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements via [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).

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### After the medical exam

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When your examination is completed, the doctor will send your exam results **directly to the U.S. Embassy**. Any x-rays taken will be given to you. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-ray results to your visa interview unless you suffer from tuberculosis (TB). However, you **must** carry the x-ray results with you when you travel to the United States for the first time. **The medical report must be dated no more than six months prior to the date of entry into the United States as an immigrant.**

## Pre-Interview Checklist



Please refer to the list below to identify the documents that you must upload to your online application and/or bring with you to the interview. Any document that is not in English must be accompanied by a notarized or a certified English translation.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All applicants - Read the below information carefully. If you do not bring all required documents to your appointment or upload those which require online submission your visa will be refused and your case delayed.

- A copy of your NVC interview letter (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- Unexpired passport valid for six (6) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page. Upload a copy for online cases.
- Two (2) color passport-size photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 inch x 2 inch). Please review our [online photo requirements](#). Upload a copy for online cases.
- Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at [ceac.state.gov/iv](https://ceac.state.gov/iv). Your entire employment history is required in DS-260 application.
- A resume or CV explaining your entire education and work history for Iranian applicants.
- Your **original** birth certificate, English translation, and a photocopy. Upload a copy for online cases.
- Medical examination results (sent directly to the Embassy by the panel physician prior to your interview).

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should upload and/or bring these additional documents to the interview:

*For family-based visa applications: IR1/CR1; IR2/CR2; IR5; K1/K2; F1; F2A; F3; F4*

- The appropriate [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) for **each** financial sponsor along with a photocopy of the sponsor's IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return, and any relevant W-2 forms (one set of documents for each family member). Upload for online cases
- Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card). Upload for online cases
- Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, or emails).
- The petitioner's **original** birth certificate is required for all family-based visa cases. Please bring your petitioner's **original** birth certificate to your interview. A copy should also be uploaded to the file.
- If you are married:* Your **original** marriage certificate, English translation, and a photocopy. Upload for online cases
- If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce or spouse's death certificate, English translation, and a photocopy. Upload for online cases is required.

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## Pre-Interview Checklist

- If you are older than 16 years of age:* The **original** police certificate from your country of current residence and country of previous residence. If any one or more of the following statements apply to you, then you must bring a police certificate to the interview. Upload a copy for online cases.

1. You are older than 16 years;
2. You obtained a police certificate more than two years ago.
3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.
4. You have obtained your spouse's surname after marriage.
5. You have changed your birth date in your birth certificate or in your passport
6. There was a change in the spelling of your patronymic name.

Please note: If you have ever been convicted of a crime, you must bring original court and criminal records, including the statute under which you were convicted, English translation, and a photocopy.

- For employment-based visa applications:* Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago. Upload a copy for online cases.
- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records or military card, the original, English translation, and a photocopy. *Military records must contain a complete record of the applicant's service and conduct while in the service. The record must show any convictions of crime before military tribunals.* Upload a complete copy for online cases.
- If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, English translation, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent. Upload a copy for online cases.

# Interview Guidelines



## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

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If you are unable to attend your appointment, please contact the Consular Section at: [IVyerevan@state.gov](mailto:IVyerevan@state.gov) to reschedule your appointment. **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so please attempt to attend the date already assigned. For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC. **There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview.** Please carefully consult the [Visa Bulletin](#) before you decide to reschedule your interview. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year.

**Please note:** *You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it.* (see [Step 1](#)).

## Security screening procedures

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All visitors to the U.S. Embassy must adhere to security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and the entry of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. Please review forbidden items under "[Visiting the Embassy.](#)"

## Accompanying persons

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Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview. Only the following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Assistance: Applicants who are elderly, disabled, or a minor child requiring assistance may be accompanied by one additional person. The Embassy should be notified in advance who is accompanying the applicant. Non-parents accompanying minor children must bring notarized permission from the parents to apply for the visa on behalf of the minor.
- K (Fiancé) cases: Petitioners may accompany their fiancé(e) to the visa interview.
- IR1/CR1 cases: Petitioners may accompany their spouse to the visa interview.

## Immigrant visa fees

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If you have not paid all required fees to either the National Visa Center or via the appointment website, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview. All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars or Armenian Dram equivalent. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found via [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Armenia

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If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the Embassy while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. We will return your passport to you later via courier services only (see [Step 1](#)). Please note it often takes 1-2 weeks after visa approval to receive your passport and packet.

## After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application, requested documents, and interviewing the applicant. ***There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa.*** Do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received the visa.

### If more information is needed

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There are only two possible outcomes for U.S. visa applications. The consular officer will either issue or refuse the visa. If a visa applicant has not established that he or she is eligible for a visa, the consular officer must refuse that application. However, some refused visa applications may require further administrative processing.

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because he/she needs to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. *When additional documents are requested*, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents. The letter will include instructions on how to send those documents to the Embassy.

When administrative processing is required, the consular officer will inform the applicant at the end of the interview. The duration of the administrative processing will vary based on the individual circumstances of each case. At the conclusion of the administrative processing period, the consular officer may conclude that an applicant is now qualified for the visa for which he or she applied. The officer may conclude that the applicant remains ineligible for a visa. *Except in cases of emergency travel (i.e. serious illnesses, injuries, or deaths in your immediate family), before making inquiries about status of administrative processing, applicants should wait at least 180 days from the date of interview or submission of supplemental documents, whichever is later.*

### What happens after visa approval

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**Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet** – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no errors. We will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. ***Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage.*** If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an [Immigrant Fee](#)** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) ***prior to traveling*** to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: adopted children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a fiancé(e) K visa.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas.

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## After Your Visa Interview



**Getting a Green Card** – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you provide in your visa application form. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. **before** your green card arrives, please consult USCIS and CBP websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the United States. We recommend you check with your airline on any specific rules they may have for travelers without a green card. Note: if you remain outside of the United States for more than one year you may lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

**Children’s Issues** – – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child’s complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custody papers from the appropriate court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) for issues such as school enrollment and medical care.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication “[Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#)” online



## Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all of the above instructions apply to you. Please schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview. You must also enroll in the required courier service, and gather the documents listed below. Any documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a notarized or a certified English translation.

*Below are additional instructions that apply **only** to DV applicants.*

### Bring to your interview

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In addition to the documents listed on the Pre-Interview Checklist in this package, DV applicants should also bring the following items to your visa interview:

- Appointment information printed from the “Entrant Status Check” on the [E-DV website](#).
- Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education **OR** two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the five (5) years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only).
- Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for each family member.

### Review your DV Lottery entry

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Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Failure to list your eligible spouse or listing someone who is not your spouse will result in disqualification as the Diversity Visa principal applicant and refusal of all visa applications connected with your case at the time of the visa interview.

Your application may be disqualified and/or refused at any time prior to selection, after selection, or during the visa application process if lacking any required information.

All DV applications must include the name, photograph, date and place of birth of the principal applicant, the applicant’s spouse and all children who are unmarried and under the age of 21 as of the date of the initial entry. This includes your natural children, your spouse’s children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

NOTE: Failure to list an existing spouse or child at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family. Fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you submitted your DV entry, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements via [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)

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## Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



In order to demonstrate qualification for entry at the time of visa adjudication, diversity visa applicants must demonstrate to a consular officer that they possess the financial resources to pay for reasonably foreseeable

living and medical costs. Visa applicants must establish that they would not become a public charge after entering the United States. That determination is based on a consular officer's assessment of the totality of the circumstances, including the age; health; family status; assets, resources, and financial status; and education and skills.