APPOINTMENT INFORMATION FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

This document is intended for applicants who have received a letter from the National Visa Center (NVC) scheduling an appointment for their visa interview. This document will assist you in preparation for your visa interview. Please read in its entirety.

Important Note: We strongly recommend that you NOT make non-refundable flight arrangements or other travel plans, dispose of any property, or give up employment until and unless you actually receive your visa.

For additional information on the immigrant visa process, as well as answers to any questions not addressed in this document, visit http://travel.state.gov

Prepare for your interview by obtaining the rest of the items listed in this document. All original documents must be accompanied by a legible photocopy.

Interview Preparation Checklist

On the day of your interview, present the documents listed below for each visa applicant. Place the documents in the order listed below and be ready to submit them to the Embassy staff in this order. Use the tick boxes on the left side of this page to be sure that you have collected all the required documents. All documents that are not in English must be translated into English by a competent translator.

- **PASSPORTS**: Present your current passport and all former or expired passports. Your current passport should be valid for at least eight months from the date of your interview and should reflect your correct name and date of birth.

- **PHOTOGRAPH**: You will need two color copies of your photograph in front of a white background that are 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) in size. Review Photograph Requirements for more information.

- **MEDICAL REPORT**: All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age or gender, must complete their medical examination with an authorized panel physician, before attending
their scheduled interview. Medical forms can only be obtained from the panel physicians. 
Click here for a .pdf of their contact information.

☐ POLICE CERTIFICATE: Police certificates are required from every Belizean citizen age 16 or older residing in Belize. This certificate is valid for six months from the date of issuance. If you already submitted a police clearance certificate to NVC, please check if it has expired. If so, bring a new certificate to the visa interview. Persons who have been arrested for any reason in any country (including the United States) or who have any judicial/prison record must present copies of ALL documents related to the case even if there was an amnesty or other act of clemency or if the person was found innocent or the charges were dropped. Police certificates are also required from all other countries (except the United States) where the applicant has resided for at least six months. For more information on how to get a police certificate from another country, visit travel.state.gov.

☐ FEES: Most applicants will have paid their immigrant visa application fee through NVC before the interview. However, applicants for the following types of visas will have to pay fees at the Embassy:

  o K Visas (fiancé visas): $265
  o Diversity Visa: $330 per person
  o Widow(ers) of American citizens filing form I-360 at the Embassy: $405

Applicants who must pay fees can pay in US Dollars or Belize Dollars, cash only.

☐ BIRTH CERTIFICATE: Present your original birth certificate, as well as a clear photocopy. If it is in any language other than English, provide a notarized English translation.

☐ MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE: If you are or were ever married, you must present your original marriage certificate, as well as a clear photocopy. If it is any language other than English, provide a notarized English translation.

☐ DIVORCE CERTIFICATE OR DEATH CERTIFICATE OF A SPOUSE: If you ever had a marriage end through divorce or the death of your spouse, present the original death certificate or divorce decree (a certified copy from the court of jurisdiction for a divorce is also accepted), as well as one photocopy. If it is any language other than English, provide a notarized English translation.
EVIDENCE OF ECONOMIC SOLVENCY: You must demonstrate that you will have adequate means of financial support after immigration to the United States. If you are not certain that the sponsor (and joint sponsor, if necessary) already submitted the most recent tax return (IRS Form 1040), and either W-2 wage stubs or an IRS tax transcript to NVC, please bring copies of these documents to the interview. (This is an issue that causes delays and return trips to the Embassy for many applicants. Please be sure to have your supporting financial documents in order).

PROOF OF RELATIONSHIP: If you are immigrating on a family-based petition, submit documentary evidence demonstrating your relationship to the petitioner. If you are immigrating with family members such as a spouse or children, submit documentary evidence showing that you are a family unit. The type of documentation you present will depend on your particular circumstances. Please bring any evidence you feel convincingly shows that you are in an ongoing relationship.

OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS: If you have had any previous U.S immigration violations, present all documents relating to those violations.

We strongly recommend that you view important information for new immigrants at this address: [https://www.uscis.gov/tools/green-card-resources/welcome-united-states](https://www.uscis.gov/tools/green-card-resources/welcome-united-states)

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I need to reschedule my visa interview appointment?

If you cannot keep your scheduled visa appointment, please notify this office by email at consulbelize@state.gov. We will give you further information on how to reschedule your appointment.

Who can attend my visa interview?

Generally, you may be accompanied inside the building by anyone else, other than the U.S. citizen or Legal Permanent Resident relative who has petitioned for you, to your interview. We do make the following exceptions to this policy:

- Applicants under age 18 may be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Elderly applicants or applicants with disabilities may be accompanied by a helper.
- Applicants who do not speak English or Spanish may bring an interpreter.
What should I carry to the interview?

You should bring only the required documents in an unsealed plastic bag or folder. Mobile phones and most purses/bags are not permitted.

Am I guaranteed a visa?

We cannot guarantee in advance that your visa will be approved. Do not make any travel arrangements, dispose of your property, or give up your job until you have received your visa.

How will I receive my visa? Under normal circumstances, your visa will be ready the Tuesday after your interview. We will notify you if that will not be the case.

What will my visa look like? The visas will be affixed inside your passport and you will be given a sealed envelope with additional documents which should be carried in your hand luggage, UNOPENED, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry.

How long will my visa be valid for? Your visa will generally be valid for six months or until the date your medical exam results expire, whichever is shorter.

How quickly do I need to apply for my visa? You generally have one year to pursue your visa application from the date we notify you to start the application process. The appointment letter serves as the official notice. Your immigrant visa registration and petition will be cancelled if you fail to apply within one year of receiving this letter. If you are required to submit additional documents after your visa interview, you have one year to submit those documents or your immigrant visa registration and petition will be cancelled.

If you have any additional questions, please contact us at consulbelize@state.gov

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