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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS SCHEDULED FOR IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEWS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

After you have received the date and time of your immigrant visa interview from the National Visa Center (NVC), read these instructions for information on what is required before and during the interview. Each applicant must appear in person. During the interview, the consular officer will take ink-free, digital fingerprint scans.

Items You Must Bring to Your Visa Interview

You must bring the below documents to the visa interview for the consular officer to review *even if you submitted a photocopy of them to NVC*. Please keep in mind:

- Documents must be new originals or notarized copies of the original.
- All civil documents (individual and family records, birth certificates, marriage certificates, divorce decrees, and police certificates) must be accompanied by a sworn English translation.
- There is no need to certify the documents with the Lebanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- If you do not bring all required documents to the scheduled interview, visa processing will be delayed and your interview may be rescheduled.

List of Required Documents:

1. Valid **passport**
2. **Confirmation page of DS-260 Application** for an Immigrant Visa that you submitted on ceac.state.gov
3. Civil Documents (please ensure documents are valid and not expired). For country-specific guidelines on how to obtain civil documents, review the Country Documents section at [Reciprocity by Country](#).
 - a. Original **Individual Record/Extract** (expires after 1 year)
 - b. Original **Family Record/Extract** (expires after 1 year)

- c. Original **Police Record** (required for applicants 16 years old and above) for each country in which you lived for six months or more. Note Lebanese police records expire after 6 months.)
 - i. If you were convicted of a crime, you must obtain a **certified copy of each court and prison record**, regardless of the fact that you may have been granted amnesty, a pardon, or other act of clemency.
 - d. Original **Birth Certificate**
 - e. Original and executed **Marriage Certificate** (issued by the government in the country where the marriage took place)
 - i. Religious contracts are not accepted except as required for Syrian CR1, F21, and IR1 cases.
 - ii. Please provide marriage certificates for all current and prior marriages for both the petitioner and the beneficiary.
 - f. Original and executed **Divorce Decree** for all previous marriages, if any (issued by the government in the country where the divorce took place)
 - i. Religious contracts are not accepted.
 - g. **Death Certificate** of late spouse, if applicable
 - h. Certified copies of **military records**, if applicable
4. **Two color passport photos** (5 cm X 5 cm)
5. **Affidavits of Support**
- a. The petitioner must provide an original, signed Form I-864 Affidavit of Support for each case. This must be accompanied by his/her proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status and his/her 2016 tax returns and W2s or an IRS-certified 2016 tax return transcript.
 - i. For IRS transcripts: www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript
 - ii. I-864 instructions: www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-864instr.pdf
 - b. If the petitioner does not meet Department of Health and Human Services' Poverty Guidelines set forth in Form I-864P (www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-864p.pdf), s/he may submit one of the following:
 - i. An original, signed Form I-864A from a household member (listed on the same tax return as the petitioner), including that person's proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent resident status and their 2016 W-2s. Form I-864A must be signed by the sponsor/petitioner and the household member.
 - 1. I-864A Instructions are available online at www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-864ainstr.pdf

- ii. An original, signed Form I-864 from a joint sponsor. This must be accompanied by his/her proof of U.S. citizenship or legal permanent residence and his/her 2016 tax returns and 2016 W-2s. Joint sponsors must meet requirements set forth in Form I-864P.
 - c. For K1 fiancé(e) visa cases, the affidavit(s) of support should be form I-134 and accompanied by 2016 tax returns, W-2s, and verification of employment.
- 6. **Medical Exam Report** submitted by one of our Accredited Panel Physicians
 - a. 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.
 - b. Please visit http://lebanon.usembassy.gov/medical_examinations.html for a list of approved physicians.
- 7. If the petitioner is your fiancé(e) or your spouse, please bring **proof of your ongoing relationship**, including but not limited to pictures, Facebook messages, WhatsApp chats, phone logs, e-mails, etc.
 - a. Please note that you are not allowed to bring your cellphones inside the Embassy so all proof of your relationship should be in paper form.
- 8. If ineligibilities exist, the applicant must submit court documents or other documentation pertaining to this ineligibility. (Ineligibilities include but are not limited to unlawful presence in the United States, deportation, drug use, crimes and convictions, misrepresentation, etc.)

Questions and Additional Information

If you have questions about required documentation or you cannot attend your scheduled visa interview appointment, please email us at BeirutIV@state.gov in advance of your appointment.

For more information on immigrant visa interviews and required documents, please visit [NVC's website](#). You can also find details on the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon's websites in both [English](#) and [Arabic](#).