



U.S. Consulate General Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Step 1: Register online

Before your interview, you must register a delivery address for your passport’s return with the consulate’s online service. Registration is free. Click the “Register” button below to register.

If you have any problems with the online address registration, contact the Call Center for assistance at 19006444 if you are in Vietnam or +01-703-665-7350 from outside Vietnam.

[Register](#)

Step 2: Get a medical exam in Vietnam

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Vietnam. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Vietnam. 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

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. Consulate
4 Le Duan Blvd., District 1
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Phone:
+84-8-3520-4200

Email:
[Immigrant Visa Inquiry Form](#)

Website:
[vn.usembassy.gov](#)

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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. Consulate 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. Consulate. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

Approved Physicians

**Cho Ray Hospital (CRH)
Visa Medical Department**
201B Nguyen Chi Thanh Street
Ward 12, District 5
Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: (84-8) 3856 5703
Website: www.choray.vn/

**International Organization for
Migration (IOM) – Ho Chi Minh City**
1B Pham Ngoc Thach Street District 1
Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: (84-8) 3822 2058 or 3822 2057
Website: www.iom.int.vn

**International Organization for
Migration (IOM) – Hanoi**
Level 12A, CMC Tower, Duy Tan
Street
Dich Vong Ward, Cau Giay District
Hanoi
Tel: (84-4) 3736 6258 - Ext 127
(84-4) 3795 5884 or (84-4) 3795 5885
Website: www.iom.int.vn

Items to bring to your medical examination

The doctor will need the following items to complete the medical exam forms:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician. The fee for adults aged 15 years and older is US\$215 and US\$132 for children aged 14 years and under.

During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, a physical examination, a chest X-ray, and blood and urine 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 [here](#).

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 [here](#). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements [online](#). If the physician determines that you need additional vaccinations, you may go to one of these immunization providers:

Quarantine Service – Ho Chi Minh City
40 Nguyen Van Troi Street, Phu Nhuan District
Ho Chi Minh City
Tel: (84-8) 3844 5306

Hong Ngoc Hospital – Hanoi
55 Yen Ninh Street, Ba Dinh District
Hanoi
Tel: (84-4) 3927 5559 or 7305 8880

After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview. Any x-rays taken will be given to you. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-rays to your visa interview. However, you **must** carry the x-rays with you when you travel to the United States for the first time. The medical report must be less than six months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

Pre-Interview Checklist



All documents not in English or Vietnamese must be accompanied by a certified English translation that includes a statement by the translator that the “Translation is accurate” and the “Translator is competent to translate.” In some cases, you may also be requested to submit translations for Vietnamese documents.

Please use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview:

- 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 months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located).
- 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](#).
- Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at ceac.state.gov/iv.
- Your **original** birth certificate and a photocopy.
- Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:

For family-based visa applications:

- 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-2s.
- 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).
- Evidence of your relationship with the petitioner and your derivative family members (if any) (such as photographs, letters, or emails).
- If you are married:* Your **original** marriage certificate and a photocopy.
- If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce or spouse’s death certificate and a photocopy.
- If you are older than 16 years of age:* The **original** police certificate from your country of current residence (called a Justice Record Check #2 in Vietnam) and countries of previous residence. If the following three items are **all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:
 1. You are 16 years or older;
 2. You obtained a police certificate more than one year ago; and
 3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.
- For employment-based visa applications:* Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.
- If you have ever been convicted of a crime:* Court and criminal records and a photocopy.
- If you have served in any country’s military:* Military records and a photocopy.
- If you are adopted:* Original adoption papers or custody documents and a photocopy.
- If you are the petitioner’s stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.

Interview Guidelines



Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please contact us via our [online inquiry form](#). **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. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year. **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.

Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Consulate security personnel will be unable to enter the consulate. You may not bring battery-operated or electronic devices, large bags or luggage, or food and liquid into the consulate. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. Please click [here](#) for more information regarding which items you are prohibited from bringing into the consulate.

Accompanying persons

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Vietnamese well enough to participate in an interview.
- Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.

Immigrant visa fees

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 either U.S. dollars or the Vietnam Dong equivalent. We accept cash and credit cards only. *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 [here](#).

Do not make travel plans outside of Vietnam

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate 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. If you have to travel within Vietnam while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application 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 your immigrant visa.

If more information is needed

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 consulate.

Administrative processing takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait **at least 60 days** after your interview.

What happens after visa approval

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 spelling 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 a \$165 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: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a K visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually less than six months from the date of printing. 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. Children who will turn 21 years old *after* visa issuance must enter the U.S. before they turn 21 years old or they will lose their immigrant status.

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 write in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *Do not travel outside of the United States until you receive your Permanent Resident Card. Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

Children's Issues – Children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school in the United States. Therefore, we recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. Additionally, if your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with the child's other parent, we recommend that you bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will likely need these papers (translated into English) in the United States for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

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.