



American Consulate General Hamilton, Bermuda

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IMMIGRANT VISA GUIDELINES – HAMILTON, BERMUDA (HML)

Immediate Relative (IR) and Family Preference (F) Visa Classes

The Immigrant Visa Unit conducts visa interviews by appointment only. You should have been notified of your appointment date by the National Visa Center (NVC) unless you are a K-1 (Fiancé(e)) visa applicant or expedited case. For K-1 visas and expedited cases, the Immigrant Visa Unit will contact you directly with instructions on the visa process as soon as we receive your file from NVC. If more than two weeks have passed since notified by NVC that your file was being sent to the consulate and you have not been contacted with instructions, send an e-mail to HamiltonConsulate@state.gov

Read the instructions below for information on what is required before and during the interview.

RESCHEDULING YOUR APPOINTMENT

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, you may reschedule your interview by calling the U.S Consulate in Hamilton at 441-2951342 Ext. 227 or emailing HamiltonConsulate@state.gov.

MEDICAL EXAMS: SCHEDULE AND ATTEND YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW

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. Medical examination from other physicians will not be accepted.**

APPROVED PHYSICIANS

DR. H.O. SUBAIR

1st Floor
Bank of Butterfield Building
Kings Square
St. George's
Tel. 297-0173

DR. BASIL N. WILSON

40 Point Finger Road
Paget DV 04
Tel. 236-0084

Please bring your passport and three photographs to your medical appointment. The physician will require information from the passport to complete the medical examination forms.

U.S. law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa. In order to assist the physician, please bring your vaccination records to your medical appointment for the physician to review. See vaccination requirements attached to medical forms.

You also need to bring your passport to your appointment at the hospital for x-ray and blood tests.

Please note: The applicant is responsible for all fees pertaining to the medical examination, x-ray, and blood tests.

WHAT TO BRING TO YOUR INTERVIEW

You are responsible for ensuring that you have all required documents at the time of the interview. **You must bring the following documents to the visa interview for the consular officer to review *even if you submitted a photocopy of them to NVC*.** Also, there may be additional documents that you need to bring to your interview.

FAILURE TO BRING ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO THE INTERVIEW MAY RESULT IN A DELAY IN VISA ISSUANCE OR A VISA REFUSAL.

1. The interview appointment letter.
2. Passport(s) for all traveling applicants. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the intended date of entry into the United States.
3. Two color photographs (2" x 2" or 50 mm square). Review sizing instructions [online](#).
4. Court and prison records, if applicable.
5. Civil Documents: **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE YOUR U.S. VISA without recently issued Bermudian birth certificates and marriage certificates.** All such documents must be current.
 - Original birth certificate(s) for both the petitioner and beneficiary.
 - Marriage certificate for all present and prior marriages, if applicable, for the petitioner and beneficiary.
 - Divorce decree for the petitioner and beneficiary for all prior marriages, if applicable.
 - Death certificate of previous spouse of the petitioner and beneficiary, if applicable.

6. Police Certificate(s) for all applicants 16 years or older. See table below:

IF the applicant...	AND....	Then the applicant needs a police certificate from...
has lived in his/her country of nationality or at his/her current residence for more than 6 months	was 16 years or older at that time	the police authorities of that locality.
lived in a different country for more than 12 months	was 16 years or older at that time	the police authorities of that locality.
was arrested for any reason, regardless of how long they lived there	was 16 years or older at that time	the police authorities of that locality.

7. Evidence of financial support: Petitioners and joint sponsors commonly fail to understand what is required of them in terms of financial support. **Please review the financial support forms extremely carefully as SUBMITTING INCORRECTLY FILLED OUT FORMS WILL RESULT IN VISA REFUSAL.** You can find tips online at nvc.state.gov/aos.

- An original signed (in ink) Affidavit of Support form (I-864) from petitioner (**employed or unemployed**) and, **if required**, Form I-864 or I-864A from joint sponsors and household members. Biological children of U.S. citizens who will be under the age of 18 at the time of entry to the U.S. and whose visa category is an IR2 or IR3 should complete Form I-864W instead of Form I-864.
- **A copy of the Affidavit of Support is required for each traveling applicant. The most recent versions of the I-864 forms are available online at uscis.gov/forms.**
- Petitioners and joint sponsors are encouraged to have their U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident spouse (where applicable) complete an I-864A form to ensure that all of their income can be counted towards supporting the visa applicant.
- *Either the petitioner or joint sponsor (along with qualifying household members who have completed Form I-864A) must earn enough income to meet poverty guidelines as specified on Form I-864P.* This form is available at uscis.gov.
- Copy of the **most recent** year of U.S. federal income tax forms (**1040 and W-2**) or **tax transcript from the IRS.**
- Proof of legal status in the United States from all sponsor(s) and household members if their income is being used to meet the U.S. poverty guidelines (proof can include a copy of their green card, naturalization certificate, or biographic page of their U.S. passport).
- If you have a joint sponsor, they should include a letter stating their relationship to you or your family and why are willing to financially sponsor your immigration to the United States.

8. **Translations:** All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified translation into English. Translations must be certified by a competent translator and sworn to before a Notary Public.

9. **Photocopies:** In addition to your original documents, you must bring a photocopy of **all** civil, supporting, and financial documents.

FEES

The application fee is U.S. \$325.00 per person. **If the petitioner has not paid this fee to NVC, the applicant must pay all applicable fees on the day of the appointment. The fee is non-refundable.** Personal checks and credit union drafts are not acceptable. The fee may be paid in Bermudian dollars or U.S. dollars only.

If you do not pay all applicable fees, you will not be interviewed and must wait for another appointment date.

PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP OR NATURALIZATION

If the relative who filed the petition has become a U.S. citizen, bring a notarized copy of his/her naturalization certificate or official notification from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) indicating that your relative is now a U.S. citizen.

MARRIAGE-BASED APPLICANTS: IR-1, CR-1 VISA CLASSES

If you are a marriage-based visa applicant, bringing your spouse (the petitioner) to your scheduled interview is likely to significantly shorten the amount of time needed to process your visa application.

HOW TO PROVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Generally these documents should cover years prior to and a few years after the birth of the person whose relationship is in question:

- Hospital records
- Baptismal certificates
- School records
- Childhood immunization records
- Bank statement or other financial records
- Court reports
- Correspondence - cards and letters
- Photographs

If you do not have any of the evidence listed above, the consular officer may recommend DNA testing. DNA testing must be supervised by this office.

Recently executed deed polls, testimonials or other new documents will not be acceptable for this purpose. Please submit original documents and not photocopies. These original documents will be returned to you after they are reviewed.

Minor children appearing for the interview with a relative or guardian: *The guardian accompanying the child must have written consent from the petitioner to accompany the child to his/her interview. Photo ID will be required from the guardian or relative for entry into the embassy.*

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following are not permitted inside the Consular Section:

- **All battery-operated or electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, digital diaries, digital watches, pagers, cameras, audio/video cassettes, portable music players, portable digital storage (floppies, USB drives and CDs), laptops, and personal digital assistants (palmtops and Blackberry)**
- All bags such as travel bags, back packs, briefcases, suitcases, leather, jute or cloth bags, and zip folders
- Any food item
- Sealed envelopes or packages
- Cigarettes / cigars / match boxes / lighters
- Any sharp objects such as scissors, pen knives, nail files, nail clippers, or razor blades
- Weapons or explosive material of any kind
- Perfumes, lipsticks, nail polish, and cosmetics, including facial powder

The list provided above is not comprehensive. Other items may be prohibited based on security staff discretion. Only a small ladies handbag and/or a plastic bag containing your application-related papers will be permitted.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL DELAY YOUR APPLICATION