

U.S. Embassy Moscow

Immigrant Visa Unit

*21 Novinsky Boulevard, Moscow 123242
(nearest metro stations: Smolenskaya,
Barrikadnaya, or Krasnopresnenskaya)*

e-mail: consulmo@state.gov

website: <http://moscow.usembassy.gov>

DIVERSITY VISAS ONLY:

Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow uses a pre-appointment document screening system for Diversity Visas. To facilitate the processing of your immigrant visa, please e-mail in advance (at least ten business days before the interview) scanned copies of the confirmation page of your completed DS-260 application form, your foreign passport (page with photo), birth certificate, police certificate, and if applicable, marriage certificate, divorce certificate, certificate of name change, and military book (page with photo) to moscowivpre@state.gov. In the "Subject" line of the email, please put your case number and write "IV documents for pre-screen".

For detailed information about Diversity Visas in Russian and English please visit <http://russian.moscow.usembassy.gov/iv-diversity.html> and <http://moscow.usembassy.gov/iv-diversity.html>

FOR ALL IMMIGRANT VISAS (INCLUDING DIVERSITY VISAS)

*Информация, приведенная ниже, доступна также на русском языке на веб-странице
<http://russian.moscow.usembassy.gov/ivisas.html>.*

ON THE DAY OF YOUR INTERVIEW:

You will NOT be permitted to enter the U.S. Embassy/Consulate with (a) USB flash drives, cables, wires, headphones, tablets (such as iPads), e-readers, or any electronic device (with the exception of a mobile phone smaller than 3 cm X 13 cm X 6 cm); (b) anything that can be used as a weapon; (c) flammable items (including perfume and other sprays); or (d) any large bag or luggage. Prohibited items will not be stored by Embassy/Consulate personnel. See the section on [Security Regulations for additional guidance](#)

1. Go through the Consular Section entrance to the Embassy (on Novinsky Boulevard).
2. Provide your **IV Delivery Confirmation** letter to the representative in the waiting room. You will then be directed to the Immigrant Visa waiting room, where you should **HAND THE INTERVIEW LETTER FROM NVC or KCC** to the consular assistant at window #22 or #23.
3. After you have checked in with the consular assistant, please take a seat in the Immigrant Visa waiting area. When your turn comes, the information screen will show you a window where you should go.

- **Children** immigrating with you must also be present at the interview.

- We encourage petitioners who have filed for spouses or fiancé(e)s to appear at the interview. Aside from petitioners, however, no one may accompany adult applicants into the Embassy's visa waiting room.
- **Visa delivery.** Prior to your appointment date, you must go to www.ustraveldocs.com/ru/ to register and arrange for delivery; see information below.
- **Tickets.** Do not to buy tickets or make travel arrangements before you receive a visa.
- **Fingerprint scanning.** U.S. Embassy Moscow collects ten fingerprints as a part of the application process for all immigrant visa applicants over the age of 14. Please reschedule the interview date if your fingers have any cuts or wounds.
- **Payment.** UNLESS ALREADY PAID BY THE PETITIONER TO NVC, the applicant must pay the immigrant visa application fee, see <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/fees/fees-visa-services.html>
- ON THE DAY OF THE INTERVIEW, only AFTER an Embassy employee instructs to do so. The Embassy accepts dollars and rubles. Credit cards are acceptable for payment.

- Please read these instructions before the interview and follow them carefully. **UNLESS ALREADY SUBMITTED TO NVC BY THE PETITIONER**, bring all of the documents (originals/copies/translations) listed below **ON THE DAY OF THE INTERVIEW**.
- **All documents not written in English or Russian must be accompanied by certified translations.** The translation must include a statement signed by the translator stating that the translation is accurate and the translator is competent to translate. In addition, U.S. Embassy Moscow requires that all Russian court and prison records be translated into English; these translations not need to be certified.

DOCUMENT LIST:

(Should be prepared for EACH family member immigrating with you if not previously submitted to the National Visa Center.)

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Bring your **IV Delivery Confirmation Page** to arrange delivery of your visa documents.

1. Biographical Form [DS-260](#) must be filled out and submitted online. Print the DS-260 confirmation page and bring this page to your interview. For instructions on how to complete the form, you can visit the [DS-260 FAQ](#) page and the [State Department's Travel website](#).
2. Travel passport: original and a photocopy of the information page with the photo. The passport should be valid for at least 60 days beyond the period of validity of the visa. Typically, an immigrant visa is valid up to 6 months.
3. Birth certificate: original, photocopy, and English translation, if required.
4. Marriage certificate (if applicable): original, photocopy, and English translation, if required. For married couples, please bring a copy and required translation for each spouse.
5. For those previously married: divorce certificate/death certificate(s) for **ALL** previous spouses, if applicable: original, photocopy, and English translation, if required.

6. Applicant (older than 16) is required to submit [a police certificate](#) (original and English translation) **issued within the past year** in **ALL** names (including maiden names) as well as **ALL** dates of birth that they have used. A Russian police certificate must indicate that the applicant's name(s) have been checked against the central database of the Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD). **We advise applicants to review the copy of their police certificate to ensure it will not be older than one year on their interview date. If it will, applicants should acquire new police certificates as soon as possible.** If an applicant has lived abroad for more than one year, a police certificate must also be submitted from the country in which he/she lived. For detailed information on how to obtain a police certificate, visit: <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/fees/reciprocity-by-country.html>
7. Court and Prison Records (original, copy and translation): If you have been convicted of a crime, you must obtain a certified copy of each court record, regardless of the fact that whether you may have benefited subsequently from an amnesty, pardon or other act of clemency.
8. Military records, **if you served in the military** (original, photocopy of all pages that contain records, and English translation, if required.)
9. The results of your medical examination will be delivered directly to the Embassy. The medical examination must be conducted by the [Embassy's panel physician](#).
10. **TWO COLOR NON-GLOSSY FULL-FACE PHOTOS** (50x50 mm) for the visa. The eye level should be between 28mm and 35mm from the bottom. Do not wear hats or glasses when taking the picture. (Five additional pictures 30x40 mm will be required for medical examination.)
11. Money for the application fee unless the petitioner paid it to NVC. For a list of current visa fees visit <http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/fees/fees-visa-services.html>.

From the U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident petitioner:

12. Affidavit of Support: Form **I-864, ORIGINAL ONLY**. If the petitioner is using income from a household member to qualify, the household member **MUST** complete **Form I-864A, ORIGINAL ONLY**.
13. Copy of original, signed tax returns for the last year (both **W-2** and **1040**). If tax return copies are unavailable, provide transcripts from the IRS.

Medical Appointment Information

*The medical examination must be conducted before the immigrant visa interview by panel physicians authorized by the Embassy, with technical and administrative support provided by the **INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)** in Russia. An applicant should reserve a date for his/her medical examination as soon as possible, preferably at least 10-14 days before an interview date. When you go to a clinic, please bring the following: 5 color non-glossy pictures 3X4 cm in size, your travel passport, and an extract from of medical history with the list of vaccinations you have received. The document should include a doctor's signature and stamp.*

For information on vaccine requirements, please visit [this site](#)

For information on testing for TB, [click here](#).

Please refer all questions about medical appointments and the examination directly to the clinics. The cost of the medical examination does not include the cost of vaccination.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)

#12, 2nd Zvenigorodskaya, building 6, 1st entrance; Moscow, metro: "Ulitsa 1905 goda"
Appointment should be scheduled by phone: 7(495) 797-8723 and 8(800) 700-8723

To register for medical examination electronically please follow the web link:

<http://moscow.iom.int/documents/E-Appointment.doc>

- **Appointment hours:** Mon-Thu 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Fri 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- **Cost of medical examination:** not higher than the ruble equivalent of \$ 246 (adults) and \$150 (children under 15 years old). The fee must be paid in cash.

Attention: if you are charged higher prices than those listed here, please inform the Immigrant Visa Unit at the American Embassy.

IV Delivery Confirmation Page

How to Get Your Visa

If your visa application is approved, we will put your visa in your passport and send the completed visa packet and passport to you by Pony Express courier at no extra charge. Prior to your appointment date, you must go to www.ustraveldocs.com/ru/ and follow the steps to register and arrange for delivery of your visa and documents. Please do this for ALL applicants that will be applying for a visa (including children). **Please register your delivery location BEFORE going to your interview.** If you do not, there may be a delay in the return of your visa.

After completing the visa delivery registration at www.ustraveldocs.com/ru/ you should **PRINT** out the **IV Delivery Confirmation** page that contains a computer-generated barcode and **BRING IT** with you to the interview. If you do not, there will be a delay in the return of your visa.

Contact Information

General information on visa-related matters is available on the Embassy's website at <http://moscow.usembassy.gov/ivisas.html>

General e-mail inquiries may be addressed to consulmo@state.gov. Please note that due to the large number of inquiries, you may not receive an immediate reply.