IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS SCHEDULED FOR IMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEWS IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

The U.S. Embassy in Stockholm, Sweden conducts immigrant visa interviews for applicants legally residing in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

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.

All members of your family who are immigrating with you must come to the visa interview. If you cannot attend your interview, please immediately e-mail: stkivinfo@state.gov to let us know. Please make sure to enter your case number, which begins with “STK” and is followed by 10 numbers, in the subject line of your e-mail.

Please be aware that it may take up to 6 months to obtain a new appointment. Also, keep in mind that we can only give approximately 3 weeks’ advance notice of a new appointment date.

Section 203(e) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his or her visa application within one year from the date he or she is informed that it is possible to do so. Your appointment letter serves as notification that your one-year period is starting. If you fail to pursue your visa application within one year of the date of your appointment letter, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be cancelled.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION:

All intending immigrants, regardless of age, are required to undergo a medical examination performed by an Embassy-appointed physician. Applicants residing in Denmark and Norway may have the medical examination done in their home countries. Applicants residing in Sweden must have the medical examination done in Sweden.

PLEASE NOTE: It is your responsibility to schedule an appointment with one of these physicians in advance of your appointment at the embassy. A list of embassy-approved physicians can be found online at https://travel.state.gov/content/dam/visas/Medical/STK%20%20Stockholm.pdf.

After your exam, the physician will forward your medical report directly to the Embassy. The x-rays will
be handed to you. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-rays to the Embassy unless you suffer from tuberculosis (TB). However, you **must** carry the x-rays with you when you travel to the U.S. for the first time.

The medical report must be less than six months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

**RECEIVING YOUR VISA IN THE MAIL:**

- **Residents of Sweden**

  Prior to your appointment date, you must go online to [http://cdn.ustraveldocs.com/se/se-iv-documentdelivery.asp](http://cdn.ustraveldocs.com/se/se-iv-documentdelivery.asp) and follow the steps to register and arrange for delivery of your visa and documents. Please do this for ALL applicants who are applying for a visa (including children). Please register your delivery address **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 [http://cdn.ustraveldocs.com/se/se-iv-documentdelivery.asp](http://cdn.ustraveldocs.com/se/se-iv-documentdelivery.asp), you should PRINT the **IV Delivery Confirmation page** that contains a computer-generated barcode and **BRING IT** to the interview.

  *This service is only available for applicants residing in Sweden and is required.*

- **Residents of Denmark and Norway**

  No special action is required for residents of Denmark and Norway.

**SECURITY AND ACCESS TO THE EMBASSY:**

For security reasons, visa applicants are not allowed to bring the following items into the embassy:

- Cameras
- Cell phones
- Laptops
- Any other electronics, such as MP3 players, iPods, etc.
- Large shopping bags
- Luggage, backpacks, briefcases
- Tools of any size, including a leatherman or Swiss army knife
- Weapons of any kind

You may bring one small purse and, as necessary, items to care for babies. If you have prohibited items with you, you will not be allowed to enter the embassy and may need to reschedule your appointment.

All visitors to the Embassy are subject to airport-type screening. When planning your visit here, bring only what is needed for your business with the Consular Section to speed security screening. All items are subject to inspection and your wait time at the embassy depends on the items you and other

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visitors bring. We do not have storage facilities at the embassy. We suggest you make use of storage facilities at the main bus/train station in Stockholm (Centralstationen) or at the airport.

Cellphones may be stored in lockers at the entrance and will be returned upon your departure from the Consular Section.

We appreciate your cooperation in making your visit to the embassy as smooth as possible.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS MAY ACCOMPANY YOU TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- An interpreter: An applicant may bring one certified interpreter if the applicant does not speak English well enough to participate unassisted in the visa interview.
- Special Needs Assistance: An applicant may bring one person to assist if he/she is disabled. A minor child must bring his/her legal guardian.

Due to the limited size of our waiting room, other persons not mentioned above or in the appointment letter, such as attorneys, drivers, friends, extra relatives, and others, will not be admitted to the Consular Section.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT, DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Present your Appointment Letter (sent to you by NVC) to the security guard in order to gain access to the Immigrant Visa Unit in the Consular Section. Please make sure to stand in the line for U.S. citizens/Immigrant Visa applicants. Do not stand in the line for Non-Immigrant Visa applicants. Fiancé(e) visa applicants should also stand in the line for Immigrant Visa applicants.

2. Once you are in the consular waiting room, proceed to window 7.

3. Once you have checked in at window 7, please take a seat and wait for your name to be called. Since many applicants are scheduled on the same day, you might experience a lengthy wait time. Please take this into account when parking your car and packing suitable activities for children.

BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

- See the National Visa Center's guidance on documents you must bring to the interview: nvc.state.gov/documents.
- Please remember to bring the original version of any documents submitted to the National Visa Center, as well as the original version of any items you did not submit previously to NVC.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND:

No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued. A Consular Officer can make a decision only after your formal application and all accompanying documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed by the officer.

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If the officer finds you eligible for an immigrant visa, our office will make every effort to mail out the visa within two weeks. Since the visa will be sent to you by registered mail, you must register your address online at http://cdn.ustraveldocs.com/se/se-iv-documentdelivery.asp (for residents of Sweden only. Danish and Norwegian applicants do not need to register online).

Neither the consulate nor the U.S. Government can accept any liability for passports or visas lost in the mail.

Should the visa not be approved due to a lack of required documents, you have one year to provide the requested paperwork. Failure to submit the requested documents will result in the termination of your case. Within one year, you should mail the required documents (along with a copy of the "Refusal Letter" handed to you at the time of your interview) to the Immigrant Visa Unit. Once we have reviewed the newly submitted documents and your case, we will contact you with further information.

You are advised not to make any travel arrangements for departure from your country, not to sell your property, and not to abandon your employment until you have received your visa. An immigrant visa is usually valid for a maximum of six months from the date of issuance. You must travel and apply for admission to the United States within that 6-month period. Should police certificates and medical reports expire prior to the above-mentioned 6-month period, the visa validity will be limited accordingly.