



# U.S. Embassy

Athens, Greece

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece.

## Step 1: Register your appointment online

You need to register your appointment online. Registering your appointment provides us with the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview. Registration is free. Click the “Register” button below to register.

If you want to cancel or reschedule your appointment, you will be able to do so after you register your appointment.

[Register](#)

## Step 2: Get a medical exam in Greece

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Greece. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Greece. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors **at least two (2) weeks 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. Embassy  
91 Vasilisis Sophias Avenue  
10160 Athens, Greece

☎ Phone:  
30-210-721-2951

✉ Email:  
[athensconsul@state.gov](mailto:athensconsul@state.gov)

🌐 Website:  
[gr.usembassy.gov](http://gr.usembassy.gov)

☒ Cancel and Reschedule:  
[ais.usvisa-info.com](http://ais.usvisa-info.com) 🌐

Map:



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### Interview Preparation Video



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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. Embassy can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule and attend a medical exam with the designated doctors of the Clinic listed below at least two (2) weeks before your visa interview** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians, including those at U.S. military facilities, will not be accepted.

You are requested to contact the Embassy's physicians at the following number to make an appointment for your medical examination, which is required in connection with your immigrant visa application. Your examination **MUST** be complete before you come for your interview with the Consular Officer.

## Approved physicians

### **ATHINAIKI MEDICLINIC**

Dorylaiou 24

115 21 Athens

tel: 210647-5000 for appointments

You must pay the fees directly to the medical facility.

## Items to bring to your medical examination

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

- Your visa interview letter
- Your passport
- Four color photos (5x5cm), taken without wearing eyeglasses, taken in full-face view directly facing the camera, and taken within the last six months
- A copy of your immunization records
- The fees for the medical examinations
- Male applicants over 18 years old must present their "Type A" military record
- Complete U.S address and telephone number
- Type of your visa
- DS-260 Confirmation Page

You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, directly to the examining physician.

NOTICE: You must have completed your examinations before a visa can be issued to you. You are responsible for ensuring you have sufficient time to make an appointment before coming to the consular section of the American Embassy for your immigrant visa interview.

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# Medical Exam Instructions



## During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray, gonorrhea test, and blood test (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 on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant vaccination requirements are available on [CDC's website](#). You can also read [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about our medical examination requirements online.

## After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope or send them directly to the U.S. Consulate. **IF GIVEN AN ENVELOPE TO CARRY TO YOUR INTERVIEW, 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 unless you suffer from tuberculosis (TB). 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.

## Map of Approved Physician



Map of Athinaiki Mediclinic

## Pre-Interview Checklist



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

***Any documents that are not in English or Greek must be accompanied by an English translation. Also, you MUST provide an English translation for all court or legal documents (other than divorce documents). Translations are only accepted from the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Please visit their [website](#) for information on getting an official translation.***

- 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 (6) 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 photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). 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](http://ceac.state.gov/iv).
- Your **original** birth certificate and a photocopy **Note: Failure to provide the correct birth certificate may delay you obtaining your Visa. Please provide the Lixiarchiki Praxi Geniseos.**
- Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).
- Confirmation page from your [online registration](#) of a pickup location at a DHL courier service (see [Step 1](#)).
- Original or certified copies of birth certificates for all children of the principal applicant (*even if he or she is not accompanying*).

**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 the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (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 and countries of previous residence. If these three items are **all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:
  1. You are older than 16 years;
  2. You obtained a police certificate and submitted it to NVC more than two years 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, English translation, and a photocopy.

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- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records and a photocopy.
- If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, English translation, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.

# Interview Guidelines



## Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy

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When additional documents are requested, the Consular Officer will provide you with a refusal letter listing the missing documents. Once you have gathered the missing documents, you should send them to the U.S. Embassy through a DHL courier service. Instructions and locations are online at [ais.usvisa-info.com](https://ais.usvisa-info.com).

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

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If you are unable to attend your appointment, please go to [ais.usvisa-info.com](https://ais.usvisa-info.com) to select a new appointment date. **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.

**Please note:** *You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.*

## Security screening procedures

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All visitors to the U.S. Embassy Greece must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the Embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. If you leave items in your car, be sure to put them in the trunk and lock your car; do not leave any personal items in view in the passenger compartment.

## Accompanying persons

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Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview. Only the following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

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

## Immigrant visa fees

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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 U.S. dollars. 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.* You can find a complete list of fees on our [Fees for Visa Services webpage](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Greece

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If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the embassy 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 Greece 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

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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 Embassy. *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

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**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.***

**Electronic cases:**

Your IV packet will automatically be shared with CBP and USCIS electronically. You only need your passport with immigrant visa and medical CD when you travel to the United States.

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 \$ 220.00 [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 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. Unless they are eligible for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act, children who are issued a visa before turning 21 years of age must enter the United States **before** their 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

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## After Your Visa Interview



**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. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. **before your green card arrives***: Please consult [USCIS's](#) and [CBP's](#) websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend you check with the airline to ensure you are in compliance with their rules. *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** – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) 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.



## Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all of the above instructions apply to you. Please schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview; enroll in the required courier service; and gather the required documents.

*Below are additional instructions that apply **only** to DV applicants.*

### Bring to your interview

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In addition to the documents listed on the Pre-Interview Checklist in this package, DV applicants should also bring the following items to your visa interview:

- Appointment information printed from the “Entrant Status Check” on the [E-DV website](#).
- Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education **OR** have two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the last five (5) years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available on our [Diversity Visa Process webpage](#)).
- Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for each visa applicant.

### Review your DV Lottery entry

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Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your natural children, your spouse’s children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

***Failure to have listed an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family.*** Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements on our [Diversity Visa Process webpage](#).