U.S. Embassy
Budapest, Hungary

Please follow these steps *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Budapest, Hungary.

After you receive your visa interview appointment, you must complete each of these steps below. **If you do not complete each step *before* your visa interview appointment the consular section may require you to reschedule for a later date.**
All applicants must follow the instructions below before you go to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Step 1: Register your appointment online

Before your visa interview appointment, you must register online here.
Your registration ensures we have the correct information to return your passport and documents after your visa interview. Registration also allows you to cancel or reschedule your interview if necessary.

Register

Step 2: Get a medical exam in Hungary

As soon as you receive your appointment date, **you must schedule a medical exam in Hungary**. Click the **Medical Exam Instructions** button (below) for a list of designated doctors' offices in Hungary.

- Schedule and attend a medical exam with one of them **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. Click the Pre-Interview Checklist button (below) for a checklist that tells you what to bring.

- Complete the checklist, print it, and bring it to your interview with the required documents.

Pre-Interview Checklist

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about special actions you must take ***before* your visa interview**.

Interview Guidelines

Contact information

U.S. Embassy Budapest
Szabadság tér 12
H-1054 Budapest

☎ Phone:
(36-1) 475-4400

Email:
usconsular.budapest@state.gov

Website:
U.S. Embassy Budapest

☒ Cancel and Reschedule:
www.USVisaScheduling.com

Map:



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Social media

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Medical Exam Instructions

All immigrant visa applicants, no matter their age, must have a medical examination before a visa can be issued. Only a doctor approved by the U.S. Embassy can perform it.

It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below *before* your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy.

- Medical examination results from other physicians will **not** be accepted.
- To make sure all test results are available, your medical exam should be at least two weeks before your interview.

Approved Physicians

Dr. Zoltan Böröcz
Call for appointment and address
Phone: 06-30-954-5267

FirstMed Centers
1015 Budapest 1st district
Hattyu u. 14. 5th Floor
Phone: 06-1-224-9090

Items to bring to your medical examination

Bring these items below for each family member. The doctor needs them to complete the medical exam forms:

- Your visa interview letter
- Your passport
- Four (4) recently taken passport-sized color photographs
- A copy of your immunization records
- The DS-260 Confirmation Page

All 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 HUF 88,000.
- The fee for children aged 15 and under is HUF 54,900.
- Vaccinations and other tests may require additional fees.

During the medical exam

The medical examination includes a:

- Medical history review
- Physical examination
- Chest X-ray
- Blood tests (for applicants aged 15 years and older).
- The United States requires tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants aged two years and older.
- Be prepared to discuss your medical history, medications you are taking, and current treatments.

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Medical Exam Instructions

Information about general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements at Travel.State.Gov.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Important: U.S. immigration law requires that visa applicants get certain vaccinations before a visa will be issued.

- Vaccination requirements are available on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website.

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Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations for immigrant visa applicants must verify that applicants meet the vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations:

- Mumps
- Measles
- Rubella
- Polio
- Tetanus
- Diphtheria
- Pertussis
- Influenza type B (HIB)
- Rotavirus
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal Disease
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal Pneumonia
- Influenza

To help the panel doctor and avoid processing delays, all applicants should have their vaccination records available for the doctor to review at the medical examination.

- Check with your regular health care provider and get a copy of your immunization record, if one is available.
- If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to decide which vaccinations you need to meet the requirement.
- Some waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the panel physician.
- Only a physician can determine which listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.

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Medical Exam Instructions

After the medical exam

1. When your examination is finished, the doctor will either:

- Provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope **or**
- Send them directly to the U.S. Consulate

If the doctor gives you an envelope to carry to your interview, **DO NOT OPEN IT**.

- Bring the **sealed** envelope to your visa interview.

2. Any x-rays taken will be given to you. You DO NOT need to bring them to your interview unless you suffer from tuberculosis (TB).

3. However, you **must** carry the x-rays with you when you travel to the United States for the first time.

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

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Pre-Interview Checklist ☑

Use this list to learn the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview.

- **Fill it out and bring it with you**

☐ 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 after the date you intend to enter the United States.

☐ Bring 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
- An English translation **and**
- Photocopies.

☐ Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results)*.

☐ You must bring the original version of **every** civil document you submitted to the NVC.

☐ Original or certified copies of birth certificates for all children of the principal applicant (*even if he or she is not going with you*).

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

***For family-based visa applications*:**

☐ The appropriate Form I-864 Affidavit of Support for **each** financial sponsor
- With a photocopy of the sponsor's IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return
- All relevant W-2s.

☐ Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and domicile in the United States (such as a 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 marriage or birth certificates, photographs, letters, or emails).

☐ ***If you are married*:**
- Your **original** marriage certificate
- An English translation, **and**
- A photocopy

☐ ***If you were previously married:***
- Your **original** divorce or spouse's death certificate
- An English translation, **and**
- A photocopy

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Pre-Interview Checklist ☑

☐ ***If you are older than 16 years:*** Bring the **original** police certificate from:

1. Your country of current residence and

2. Countries of previous residence.

3. 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 more than two years ago
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** before your interview.

☐ ***If you have ever been convicted of a crime*:**

- Court and criminal records
- English translations
- Photocopies

☐ ***If you have served in any country's military*:**

- Military records
- English translations
- Photocopies

☐ ***If you are adopted:***

- Adoption papers or custody documents
- English translations
- Photocopies

☐ ***If you are the petitioner's stepchild:***

- The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent
- Divorce records for previous marriages of either parent
- English translations
- Photocopies

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Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy in Budapest

If the embassy requests additional documents from you, please visit this webpage: Visa Information Service. It has the instructions you need for submitting your documents for delivery to the U.S. Embassy.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you cannot attend your appointment, please go to www.USVisaScheduling.com to select a new appointment date,

There may be a long wait before the next available appointment, so please try to attend the date you were 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 the number of visas is 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 ask to reschedule your interview.

Please note: *You must 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

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy must follow security procedures. Any visitor who refuses to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel **cannot enter** the embassy.

- To avoid delaying your entry and delaying those in line behind you, **bring only what is required** for your interview.

Accompanying persons

These people may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

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

Attorneys **cannot** accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to either the National Visa Center or through the appointment website, be prepared to pay them on the day of your interview.

- All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars, credit card or Hungarian Forint.
- *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded*. You can see a complete list of fees at Travel.State.Gov.

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Do not make travel plans outside of Hungary

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 by courier services only.
- If you have to travel in Hungary while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

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After your Interview

A consular officer can only make a decision on a visa application 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 receive** your immigrant visa.

If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer cannot make a decision on a visa application because they need to review additional documents or the case requires more administrative processing.

When additional documents are requested, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents or take certain actions. The letter will include instructions about sending 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 print your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors.

- In some cases, we will 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.

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 it is printed.

- 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 21st birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

Getting a Green Card: Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card (also called a green card) will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you wrote in your visa application form.
This is a very important document that proves you have permission to live in the United States.

- *If you plan to travel outside the U.S.* ***before*** *your green card arrives*: Consult the USCIS and CBP websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country.
- We also recommend that you check with the airline to make sure you are within their rules.
- *Once your card is issued, do 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.*

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After your Interview

Children's Issues – In the United States, children must have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school.

- Bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States.
- If your child is adopted, you have full custody because of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custody papers from the court with authority 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 about moving to the United States. You can read their publication online here: Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants.

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Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information

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

*The following instructions **only** apply to DV applicants.*

Bring to your interview

In addition to the documents listed on the **Pre-Interview Checklist**, DV applicants must bring these items to visa interviews:

- ☐ 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** two years of qualifying work experience during the **five years immediately before the application** (This applies only to the principal applicant.) More information is available at Travel.State.Gov.
- ☐ Payment in cash of the $330 Diversity Visa Application Fee

Review your DV Lottery entry

Before your visa interview, review the data on your initial E-DV entry.

- Your marital status must be correct.
- If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him or 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 list an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will cause the denial of your visa and visas for your family.

- Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa applications are nonrefundable.
- If you did not include a child who was already born, or a spouse you were married to when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application.
- You can review the eligibility requirements online.

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