



# U.S. Embassy

Bangkok, Thailand

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

## Step 1: Register online

Before your interview, you must register a delivery address for your passport's return with the embassy's online service. Registration is free. Click the "Register" button below to register.

[Register](#)

## Step 2: Get a medical exam in Thailand

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Thailand. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of designated doctors' offices in Thailand. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors 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 Bangkok  
95 Wireless Road  
Lumpini  
Bangkok 10330

Email: [visasbkkiv@state.gov](mailto:visasbkkiv@state.gov)

Website: [th.usembassy.gov/](http://th.usembassy.gov/)

Cancel and Reschedule: [visasbkkiv@state.gov](mailto:visasbkkiv@state.gov)

Map:



## Other links

- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
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- [Frequently asked questions](#)

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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 a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

### Approved physicians

#### Bangkok Nursing Home

9/1 Convent Road, Silom, Bangkok  
Tel. (02) 686-2700  
Dr. Kessanee Oralsatheinrakul  
Dr. Jittima Thamarpirat

Fee: Adults 2,850 Baht  
Children (under 15) 2,750 Baht

#### Bumrungrad Hospital (Bangkok)

33 Sukhumvit Soi 3 (Soi Nana Nua), Bangkok  
Tel. (02) 667-1000  
Dr. Watcharaphong Sae-Chere  
Dr. Prapaporn Phimphilai  
Dr. Wiwat Wongsirisak  
Dr. Yaowarat Wajanaponsan

Fee: Adults 2,755 Baht  
Children (under 15) 2,478 Baht

#### McCormick Hospital (Chiang Mai)

133 Kaewnavarat Road, Chiang Mai  
Tel. (053) 921-777  
Dr. Uthai Jesadaporn  
Dr. Arida Chandacham  
Dr. Prasit Iamsurey

Fee: Adults 2,000 Baht  
Children (under 15) 1,500 Baht

### Items to bring to your medical examination

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

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Four (4) recently taken passport-sized color photographs,
- A copy of your immunization records, and
- Medical records for any illness, major surgery/trauma, or physical/mental impairment that you are currently being treated for or for which you previously were seen by a doctor.

Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician.

### During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray and blood tests (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 [here](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available [here](#). 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. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE.** Instead, bring it to your visa interview. You should also bring the digital radiography CD with you to the interview.

**IMPORTANT:** You **must** carry your radiography CD (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.

## Pre-Interview Checklist



### Please use the list below to determine the items that EACH applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview:

- A copy of your NVC interview letter (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- Unexpired passport valid for eight (8) 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). *Your immigrant visa will be issued in the name which appears on your passport, not on your immigrant petition.* Discrepancies should be corrected prior to your interview.
- Two (2) color passport-size photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). Please see [photo requirements](#).
- Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at [ceac.state.gov/iv](https://ceac.state.gov/iv).
- Your **original** birth certificate, English translation, and a photocopy.
  - If an official birth certificate is not obtainable, applicants should submit a Certificate of Birthplace, their Household Registration, and their Thai National ID card as secondary evidence. Individuals born outside of Thailand should refer to their country of birthplace in the [Reciprocity Schedule](#) to determine acceptable secondary identity evidence.
  - If your name does not match your birth certificate, submit a Name Change Certificate(s), English translation, and photocopy.
- Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).

### 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, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce or spouse's death certificate, English translation, 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 more than one year 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.
- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records, English translation, 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 in Bangkok

If the Consular Officer requests additional documents during your interview, you should bring them to one of Thailand Post's document drop-off locations ([Bangkok locations](#) or [other locations](#)) for delivery to the U.S. Embassy. Please address your envelopes as follows:

U.S. Embassy Bangkok  
120-122 Wireless Road  
Lumpini, Patumwan  
Bangkok 10330  
Attn: CONS/IV

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email [visasbkkiv@state.gov](mailto:visasbkkiv@state.gov) as soon as possible. **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.

## Security screening procedures

Embassy security procedures require that all visitors receive a security inspection. You will be allowed to check one cell phone at the embassy gate, but the U.S. Embassy and the embassy guards are not liable for any loss or damage to your cell phone while it is checked. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview.

## Accompanying persons

The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Thai well enough to participate.
- Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child. If the person escorting a child under age 14 is not a parent or legal guardian, the escort will need a notarized letter from the parent authorizing him/her to be the parent's representative during the visa interview.

Attorneys are **not** permitted to 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 via the appointment website, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview.

All fees may be paid in either U.S. dollars or the Thai baht equivalent. We accept cash and credit cards only. *If you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A complete list of fees can be found [here](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Thailand

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 Thailand 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.*** 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 \$165.00 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. Children who turn 21 years old *after* visa issuance must enter the United States before they turn 21 years old; otherwise they will lose their immigrant status.

**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. *Do not travel outside of the United States until you receive your Permanent Resident Card. 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** – Children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school in the United States. Therefore, we recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. Additionally, if your child is adopted, you have full custody as a result of a divorce, or you share custody with the child's other parent, we recommend that you bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custodial papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will likely need these papers (translated into English) in the United States 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. *Reminder: DV visa case processing terminates at end of September each year.*

*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 years of qualifying work experience in the last five years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available [online](#)).
- Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee

### 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 [online](#).