



## U.S. Embassy Brussels, Belgium

Follow these steps *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Brussels, Belgium.

**If you do not complete each step *before* your visa interview appointment the consular section may reschedule you for a later date.**

All applicants must follow the instructions below before going to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

### Step 1: Register your document delivery address online

Register online [here](#) before your visa interview appointment. This gives us the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview. Registration also allows you to cancel or reschedule your interview if necessary

[Register online](#)

### Step 2: 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. Print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

### Step 3: Get a medical exam

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Belgium. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of designated doctors' offices in Belgium. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors before your interview.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

### 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  
Boulevard du Régent 25  
Regentlaan 25  
Brussels 1000

Phone:  
(32) 2/ 811.4000

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

Website:  
[be.usembassy.gov](https://be.usembassy.gov)

Cancel and Reschedule:  
[Appointment Service](#)

Map:



### Other links

- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
- [After your interview](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Where to find Civil Documents](#)

### Social media



### Interview Preparation Video





## Medical Exam Instructions

All immigrant visa applicants, regardless of age, require a medical examination before receiving 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** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical exam results from other physicians will *not* be accepted.

### Approved physicians:

Dr. Thomas Van Looy  
Dr. Matthias Boogaerts  
Mediport - Italiëlei 55  
2000 Antwerp  
Mon to Fri 09:00 -12:00,  
No appointment needed.  
(excluded: public holidays)  
Phone: +32 3 229 07 70  
E-mail: [info@mediport.be](mailto:info@mediport.be)

Dr. Raphael Nardone  
Dr. M.J. Schellens  
Dr. Louise Hermand  
Centre Medical Meyser  
Boulevard Leopold III no. 5  
1030 Brussels  
Online Appointments:  
<https://rosa.be/en/org/visa-meiser/>

Dr. Jean Koppes  
Dr. Daniel Mart  
29 rue Alphonse  
München  
L-2172 Luxembourg  
Luxembourg  
Phone:  
00352/45.83.93

### Items to bring to your medical examination

Be sure to fill out the [questionnaire](#) concerning your medical background and present it to the doctor. Bring your identity card or passport with you and 4 passport sized photos, as well as a printout of the DS-260 confirmation page. The fee for the medical examination must be paid on the spot (see table below):

	Antwerp	Brussels	Luxembourg
Consultation	223 €	150 €	110 €
X-Rays	77.50 €	120 €	27 €
Laboratory	25 € – 76.5 €	50 €	30 € – 60 €
<b>Total</b>	<b>325.5 € – 377 €</b>	<b>300 €</b>	<b>167 € – 187 €</b>

It is essential that you be on time for the medical exam. Failure to keep an appointment may delay your immigrant visa issuance. Please note that you need to bring your medical results on the day of your appointment at the Embassy.

People under 15 years of age do not require a blood test or X-rays.

### During the Medical Exam

The medical exam will include:

- A medical history review,
- A physical exam,
- A Chest X-ray,
- Blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older),
- Gonorrhea testing (for applicants 18–24 years of age, or as needed)
- Tuberculosis testing (for applicants two years of age and older).

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# Medical Exam Instructions



Your physician may request other tests as needed. Be prepared to discuss your medical history, the medications you are taking, and the current treatments you are receiving. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to get certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available on [CDC.Gov](#). There you can find information on [what vaccines you need](#) based on your age. You can also read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about our medical exam requirements at [Travel.State.Gov](#).

## After the medical exam

Medical exam results for most of the immigrant visa cases are submitted electronically by the panel physician. Applicants will not receive medical results in a sealed envelope and should not bring any medical documents to the interview unless specifically instructed.

For some immigrant visa categories, 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 or the x-ray online access code 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.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE TO IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS CONCERNING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS**

You physician must verify that you have all the vaccines you need.

If you are an immigrant visa applicant, bring a copy of your vaccine records to your appointment.

Ask your regular health care provider for a copy of your immunization record. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need. The panel physician can waive certain requirements.

Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.

You will have to pay for any of the vaccines below. Ask the panel physician for prices.

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis
- Measles, rubella and mumps
- Polio (inactivated) or (live oral)
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Haemophilus influenzae type b(Hib)
- Varicella
- Pneumococcal for adults
- Pneumococcal for children
- Meningococcal
- Influenza
- Rotavirus

## Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



**Use the list below to determine the items that every 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 six (6) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States
- ☐ One (1) color photograph of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 inch x 2 inch). Review our [online photo requirements](#).
- ☐ Your **original** birth certificate and a photocopy.
- ☐ Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*) or uploaded electronically by the Panel Physician.
- ☐ 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 + any relevant W-2s.
- ☐ Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, 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, any countries where you lived for more than 12 months, and any country where you have been arrested. If you previously submitted a police certificate to NVC, it is more than two (2) years old, and you still live in that country, you **must** obtain and bring a more recent police certificate to the interview as the one you previously submitted will have expired.
- ☐ *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, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you have served in any country's military:* Military records and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, and a photocopy.
- ☐ *If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.

# Interview Guidelines



## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, reschedule your visa interview online at [usvisaappt.com/visa](https://usvisaappt.com/visa). **There's no guarantee that a visa will still be available if you reschedule your appointment.** Check the [Visa Bulletin](#) carefully before you reschedule your interview. If you're applying for a Diversity Visa (DV), remember that visas are limited in number and must be issued by September 30 of the program year.

**Note:** Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.

## Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy 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 delays for yourself and others, only bring what you need for your appointment.

### The following items are prohibited inside the Consular Section:

- Weapons or explosive materials of any kind
- Sharp objects, such as scissors, pen knives, or nail files
- Laptops or larger electronic devices
- Personal electronic devices, including tablets, portable music players, smart watches and other smaller electronic devices. Mobile phones are allowed.
- Cameras or video recorders
- Software and media, including remote controls, flash drives, CDs, DVDs, or Bluetooth-enabled devices
- Any bags, backpacks, briefcases, suitcases, leather bags, cloth bags, or shoulder bags.
- Food and beverage items, including bottled water (baby formula/food is allowed)
- Cigarettes (including electronic cigarettes), cigars, match boxes, and lighters
- Sealed packages

**This list is not exhaustive.** Other items may be prohibited at the discretion of the security staff.

You will not be allowed to enter the building with prohibited items. Make other arrangements to store prohibited items before entering the consular section. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in significant delays or cancellation of your appointment.

# Interview Guidelines



## Accompanying people

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

**Interpreter:** Applicants who are unable to conduct interviews in English **must** bring a personal interpreter to their visa interview appointment. Interpreters may assist with only one appointment at a time inside the consular section. This can be a single applicant's appointment, or a single family that shares one appointment time.

- Interpreters may not remain in the waiting room with multiple applicants who have separate interview appointments.
- Interpreters must enter with his/her applicant (or single family) through the security screening checkpoint, proceed directly with the applicant to the waiting room, assist with interpretation, and depart at the same time as the applicant.
- Applicants and interpreters must queue in the same line as all other visa applicants at the Visitor's entrance of the consular section.

**Special Needs Visitors:** Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

## 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 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. *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 Belgium

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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. If you must travel within Belgium while your passport is still with us, make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.

## After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can decide 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 quit your job, sell your property, or make non-refundable travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

### If more information is needed

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Sometimes a consular officer refuses a visa application to review **additional documents** or for **administrative processing**.

#### For additional documents:

- The consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents.
- The letter will include instructions on how to submit those documents to the embassy.

#### For administrative processing:

- This means the consulate needs more time to review your case.
- How long this takes depends on your specific situation.

When you have collected the additional documents you need, [schedule a follow-up appointment](#) to submit these documents at the Embassy. Wait **at least** 60 days after your interview before asking about your application status.

### 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 an [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 fiancé (e) (K) visa.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six (6) months from the date of your medical exam. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are non-refundable. 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.

**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.*

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## After Your Visa Interview



**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 because of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring a copy of all applicable adoption or custody 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. Schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview and gather the required documents.

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

### Bring to your DV 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** two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the five (5) 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 for each DV applicant at the time of interview.

### Review your DV Lottery entry

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Prior to your DV 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 your living children who were unmarried and under 21 years old at the time you completed the application. 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 DV application. You can review the full DV eligibility requirements [online](#).

## Medical Exam Questionnaire



Please complete this form and take it with you when you go to the doctor, it will be retained as part of your medical report.

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AGE \_\_\_\_\_ SEX \_\_\_\_\_

	YES	NO
Have you ever been examined medically for a visa or a permit to enter the United States?		
Have you ever been in a hospital for any condition? List the name of the hospitals and dates that you stayed there:		
Have you ever had Tuberculosis? Any lung or chest disease? Have you ever had pleurisy?		
Have you ever had any illness requiring prolonged treatment at home or elsewhere? If so, give details:		
Have you ever suffered from trachoma or any serious eye disease?		
Have you ever suffered from blood or venereal diseases?		
Have you ever suffered from epilepsy, convulsions, seizures, fits, or fainting spells?		
Have you ever suffered from a nervous or mental condition?		

*I hereby certify the above information given by me is correct.*

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_