U.S. Consulate General

Casablanca, Morocco

Please follow the steps below <u>before</u> your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate in Casablanca, Morocco.

Step 1: Register your document delivery address online

You must register your appointment and document delivery address online. This gives 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 Morocco

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

Medical Exam Instructions

Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required original documents and one photocopy of each document 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

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- Cancel and Reschedule: <u>Visa Inquiry Service</u>
- Map:



Other Links

- **Diversity visa instructions**
- <u>After your interview</u>
- Frequently asked questions
- Country Document Finder

Social media





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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. Consulate can perform this exam. It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the approved physicians listed below <u>before</u> your visa interview at the consulate. Medical examination results from other physicians will **not** be accepted. All panel physicians listed speak French, Arabic, and English. Please **do not** schedule an appointment with more than one panel physician.



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Items to bring to your Medical Examination

You should bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Four (4) recently taken passport-sized color photographs,
- A copy of your immunization records.
- DS-260 confirmation page

You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, directly to the examining physician. The current cost of the physical exam is 700.00 Dirhams for adults and 500.00 Dirhams for children under 15 years of age. Costs for other medical tests and vaccinations are extra.

During the Medical Examination

The medical exam will include a medical history review; physical and mental health examination; chest X-ray, gonorrhea test, and blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older); and administration of any necessary vaccinations. 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 <u>the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website</u>. The medical examination should be completed one week prior to the interview. If you have not completed your medical examination prior to your visa interview, your interview will be rescheduled.

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 via <u>CDC.GOV</u>.

After the Medical Examination

When your examination is completed, the doctor will either provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope or send them directly to the U.S. Embassy. 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.

Pre-Interview Checklist



Please use the list below to determine the items that you must bring to the immigrant visa interview. Any documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a certified English 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. Two (2) color photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm or 2 inches x 2 inches). 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 and a photocopy
Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (<i>if the physician gives you these results</i>) OR the eMedical information Sheet (<i>provided by the physician as confirmation of a completed medical examination</i>)
Police certificates for all applicants over the age of 16, a certified English translation, and a photocopy. Certificates from your current country of residence must have been issued within the past two years. Please review the requirements under the Police Certificates tab via <u>travel.state.gov</u> . Non-citizen residents of Morocco and those under the age of 18 may submit a court certificate if a Moroccan police certificate is unavailable.
Original or certified copies of birth certificates for all children of the principal applicant (<i>even if he or she is not accompanying</i>)
<i>If you have ever been married</i> : An original marriage certificate for each marriage, a certified English translation, <u>and a</u> photocopy of each certificate. For any marriages that have been terminated by death, divorce, or dissolution, please provide an original or certified copy of the death, divorce, or dissolution certificate, a certified English translation, <u>and</u> a photocopy of each certificate.

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents: For family-based visa applicants:

The appropriate Form I-864 Affidavit of Support for each financial sponsor along with:

- A photocopy of the sponsor's most recent IRS transcript which must be downloaded from the IRS website at <u>https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript</u>
 - **NOTE:** The IRS tax transcript is not the same as a tax return.
 - NOTE: NVC strongly recommends the submission of tax transcripts since they typically provide the information necessary for an evaluation of completeness of the Affidavit of Support and result in more efficient processing.
- If you are unable to submit the IRS tax transcript, you may alternatively submit a photocopy of <u>both</u> the sponsor's (1) most recent U.S. federal income tax return, <u>and</u> (2) all W-2s documenting the income reflected on the federal income tax return. *Do not submit the tax return without W-2s*.
- If applicable, you must also include an I-864A for each household member contributing income to meet the financial support requirement.

Pre-Interview Checklist



 NOTE: Incomplete or incorrect Affidavit of Support documentation is the most common cause for delay in visa issuance after the consular interview. Please review instructions from USCIS and prepare your Affidavit of Support documents carefully: <u>Affidavit of Support USCIS</u>.
• Proof of citizenship or lawful permanent resident status for any joint sponsor.
Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and <u>domicile</u> in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card).
If you are seeking a marriage-based visa and the petitioner was previously married, please provide an original or certified copy of the divorce, dissolution, or death certificate for each prior marriage.
• NOTE: Photocopies are not accepted. This is a common cause for delay in visa issuance.
If the petitioner is your son, daughter, or sibling, please provide an original or certified copy of the petitioner's birth certificate.
 NOTE! Especially for IR-5 visa applicants, failure to bring an original or certified copy of the petitioner's birth certificate is a common cause for delay in visa issuance.
If you are the petitioner's stepchild: The original marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, a certified English translation, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.
Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (photos, texts, chat records, etc.).
For employment-based visa applications:
A letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month before the interview.
 For applicants where a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident (LPR) relative filed the Form I-140 petition or where such a relative has a significant ownership interest in the entity that filed the petition, that relative must complete Form I-864, Affidavit of Support Under Section 213A of the Act, on behalf of the applicant. Documents from other countries: Instructions for obtaining civil documents from other countries can be found via travel.state.gov.
Translations: All documents not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation. The translation must include a statement signed by the translator stating that:
 The translation is accurate, and The translator is competent to translate.
You can find a list of translators in Morocco by clicking on the link below. This list is provided as a courtesy and should not be viewed as an endorsement of any particular translator. You may use a translator who is not on the list if he or she is competent to translate.



Sending documents to the U.S. Consulate General in Casablanca

All documents not in English must be accompanied by an English translation. Translations must be certified by a competent and registered translator.

List of Translators

If you need to send us any documents, please DO NOT mail them to us directly. Instead, visit <u>ustraveldocs.com</u> and ask for information on courier services.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please send a written request for a new appointment to <u>Visa Inquiry</u> <u>Service</u>. We will send you a new appointment date as soon as possible. **There may be a significant delay 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 <u>Visa</u> <u>Bulletin</u> before you request to reschedule your interview.

Please note: *Rescheduling is only possible on a date <u>after</u> your assigned appointment.*

Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Consulate in Casablanca must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Consulate security personnel will be unable to enter the consulate. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. *All visitors to the Consulate General are required to wear a mask.* You may not bring electronic devices with you into the interview. Mobile phones must be checked. Other electronics must remain outside of the building.

Accompanying persons

Only the following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English, Arabic or French 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.

Your sponsor/petitioner may not attend the interview unless requested by the U.S. Consulate in Casablanca.

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 Moroccan dirham equivalent. 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*. A complete list of fees can be found via <u>travel.state.gov</u>.



Travel Plans

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate general 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 (see <u>Step 1</u>). If you must travel within Morocco 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

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 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 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 <u>Immigrant Fee</u>** 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 fiancé(e) (K) visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa. 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 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 <u>USCIS's</u> and <u>CBP's</u> 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 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 "<u>Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants</u>" online.





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

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

Bring to your interview

In addition to the documents listed on the <u>Pre-Interview Checklist</u> 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.
- Original documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education such as the baccalaureate degree **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 <u>travel.state.gov</u>) and a photocopy. Applicants who earned a bac libre should provide original or certified transcripts or other evidence of school attendance.
- An **original** marriage certificate for your spouse and **original** birth certificates for your spouse and any children accompanying you, sworn English translation(s), and a photocopy.

Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for <u>each</u> visa applicant.

Review your DV Lottery entry

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. You can review the eligibility requirements via <u>travel.state.gov.</u>