



U.S. Consulate General Frankfurt, Germany

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate General in Frankfurt, Germany.

Step 1: Register for visa delivery

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

[Register](#)

Step 2: Documents required

You must provide certain documents to the consulate *on* your interview day even if you previously submitted them to USCIS or NVC. We have created a checklist that will tell you what to bring.

[Document Checklist](#)

Step 3: Get a medical exam in Germany

Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices. 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](#)

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- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
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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 doctors listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Consulate. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted. **ATTENTION:** The medical exam report is valid for six (6) months only. Your visa's validity will be limited to the expiration date of your medical exam.

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Note: You do not need an appointment for the physicians in Frankfurt. Their office is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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,
- Your medical history (disabilities, serious illnesses), and
- If you are pregnant, a doctor's statement (Mutterpass) noting the anticipated delivery date.

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

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During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, 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 send the results to the consulate.

Any x-rays taken will be given to you. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-rays to your visa interview. 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.

Document Checklist



Please follow these instructions to prepare for your interview. Failure to follow the instructions and/or provide required documents could result in significant processing delays.

INSTRUCTIONS: Obtain the documents listed below that are applicable to your case (even if they were previously submitted to USCIS or NVC). Once you have assembled all required documents, please bring them to your visa appointment. **All documents not in English or German must be accompanied by an English translation. Translations must be certified by a competent and registered translator.** Do not separate the original and the copy. Your original documents will be returned to you at the time of the visa interview with the consular officer.

- DOCUMENT DELIVERY ADDRESS:** Prior to your interview, you must provide an address where you want your visa package to be delivered after issuance. Our Visa Service Provider will arrange delivery by the Deutsche Post free of charge. In order to prepare this, please visit www.ustraveldocs.com/de to register and create ONE profile only. You will need your Immigrant Case Number (FRN#) to register and enter your document delivery address. **Do not enter a P.O Box, APO, DPO, or a non-German CIVILIAN Address** although the registration screen may allow you to do so. The Deutsche Post cannot deliver inside U.S. bases. U.S. military applicants **must** provide a civilian address in Germany. Please ensure that the visa recipient's name (or the care/of name) matches the name on the mail box.

Please remember to include a copy of your registration confirmation page with the documents that you bring to the Consulate on your interview day. **Note:** Fiancé and K visa applicants need to submit their appointment confirmation at the time of the visa interview instead of the registration confirmation. Further information on document delivery is available at www.ustraveldocs.com/de/de-iv-documentdelivery.asp.

- FEES:** *Immigrant Visa applicants* who did not pay their fees through the National Visa Center must be prepared to pay the visa fee on the appointment date. For detailed information about immigrant visa fees please see our [website](#). *K Visa applicants* must pay the application fee in the **local currency equivalent**. In order to pay the fee, you must create a profile with our Visa Service Provider at www.ustraveldocs.com/de. Information on the fee payment process is [online](#). You will not be able to schedule your appointment without payment of the online fee.
- PASSPORT:** The passport must be valid for travel to the United States and have at least (6) months' validity beyond the issuance date of the visa. Children must have their own individual passport.
- BIRTH CERTIFICATE (original & one copy):** An original or certified extract of a birth registration entry for each applicant. Birth records must be presented for all unmarried non-U.S. citizen children under age 21, even if they do not wish to immigrate at this time. The date and place of birth **and parent(s) name(s) must be shown on the birth certificate**. If you or any of your children were adopted, you must also submit a certified copy of the final adoption decree.
- MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & DEATH CERTIFICATE (original & one copy):** Married persons are required to present a marriage certificate. Proof of the termination of any previous marriage must also be provided (e.g. death certificate of spouse, final divorce decree or annulment).
- PHOTOGRAPH:** One color photograph for each applicant, regardless of age, is required (less than six months old). Please write the applicant's name on the back of the photograph. Further guidance is on our [website](#).
- MEDICAL EXAMINATION:** Applicants are responsible for scheduling their own appointment for a medical examination before the scheduled interview date. **The medical examination is valid for only six (6) months.** If these tests expire on or before your interview, you must undergo a modified examination to update your results. We recommend that you do not schedule a medical examination until you know the date of your visa interview. Detailed instructions are on [page two](#).

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- POLICE CERTIFICATE (original & one copy):** Each applicant age 16 years or older must present a police certificate, if obtainable, from his/her country of current residence and country of nationality (if the applicant resided there for more than six months). Police certificates are required from countries of previous residence, if residence there was for more than one year. The certificate from your current country of residence must be of *recent date* (not older than 12 months) when presented to the consular officer.

Information about obtaining police certificates from specific countries is [online](#). Please note that a police certificate with an entry must be accompanied by a certified **English translation**. Present and former residents of the United States should not obtain a police certificate covering their residence in the United States.

- COURT AND PRISON RECORD (original & two copies):** Persons who have been convicted of a crime must submit each court record and any prison record, regardless of whether they benefited from an amnesty, pardon, or other act of clemency. *English translations must be provided for all court and prison records.*

- MILITARY RECORD (original & one copy):** A military service record, if applicable and obtainable, is required.

- AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT (original completed form with original signature):** Intending immigrants must be able to prove that they will not become a public charge in the United States. For more information, please see the poverty guidelines sheet on USCIS's [website](#). You can find a list of various types of affidavits of support and who should complete them [online](#).

Who requires a Form I-864 Affidavit of Support?

- Persons applying for an immediate relative visa as a spouse, child (including orphans), or parent of a U.S. citizen (IR1, CR1, CR2, IR5).
- Persons applying for a family-based preference visa as the unmarried son/daughter, married son/daughter, or brother/sister of a U.S. citizen, or as the spouse or unmarried child of a Lawful Permanent Resident (F1, F2, F3, F4).

Tips and requirements

- FAQs for filling in the various types of Affidavit of Support forms are [online](#).
- Complete instructions and forms may be downloaded on [USCIS's website](#).
- **Proof of U.S. federal income tax returns for the most recent tax year are required from all U.S. citizen sponsors and joint sponsors.** For more information on U.S. tax filing requirements, visit the [IRS website](#). **K visa** applicants may present their own assets as proof; a tax return is not required.
- If you are applying for a **K, DV or SB1** (Returning Resident) you may **complete Form I-134** rather than Form I-864, or submit evidence that you will not become a public charge.

**Applicants are advised NOT to make any non-refundable travel plans.
Issuance of a visa is not guaranteed.**

A Consular Officer will evaluate your case and make a final determination.

Interview Guidelines



What to bring to your interview

On your appointment day, please bring the following items to your interview:

- Your appointment letter/confirmation
- Your current, valid passport
- Visa fee (if not previously paid to NVC)
- All original documents that pertain to you according to the document checklist
- Any additional documents requested by the Immigrant Visa Unit at the consulate

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email us at FrankfurtVisaInquiries@state.gov. **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 number has been assigned for 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

All visitors to the U.S. Consulate 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. You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment. Please view our [website](#) for details.

Accompanying persons

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

- U.S. citizen petitioners
- Interpreter: Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or German 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

If you have not paid all required fees to the National Visa Center, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview (except for K visas and SQ visas). All fees may be paid in U.S. dollars or Euro. We accept the following forms of payment:

- Cash: Either U.S. dollars or Euro.
- Credit Cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover – Credit Card payment form (PDF). **No EC Cards are accepted.**
- International Money Orders: American Express or U.S. Postal Service money orders made payable to “U.S. Department of State”

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- Cashier's Check / Banks checks:
 - Cashier's check issued by an American bank in dollars; OR
 - Banks check issued by a German bank in dollars. Effective September 1, 2016, we no longer accept debit/cashier checks from DZ Bank or its affiliates.
 - All checks must be made payable to the appropriate American Consulate General or to the U.S. Embassy Berlin.
 - All checks must be machine-readable (i.e., have a coded line running along the bottom of the check).
 - Checks may be no wider than 10cm due to our machine-reader limitations.

NO personal checks will be accepted. *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 [here](#).

Applicants for K visas are required to pay their fees in advance using our online payment website provided by CGI Stanley at ustraveldocs.com/de. It can take several days to receive payment confirmation, so please plan accordingly. You must print out the Visa Deposit Slip from the CGI Stanley website and submit it with your documents to the Consulate. Applicants for K visas cannot schedule an interview until they have paid this fee.

Do not make travel plans outside of Germany

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate while we prepare your immigration packet and print a visa for your passport. Your visa packet will be mailed to your German address by German registered mail.

After Your 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. The timing for the administrative processing 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 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 K and SQ visas.

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.

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 *Once you become a lawful permanent resident 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 – Special Instructions



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

In addition to the documents listed on the Document Checklist, DV applicants should also bring the following items to the 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](#)).
- Proof of finances (assets, savings, job offer in the U.S. or U.S. citizen sponsor)
- Payment of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee

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 and your country of birth. 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](#).