Please follow the steps below before your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate General in Guangzhou, China.

**Step 1: Register online**

You need to register online with our authorized visa application services. When registering, you will be asked to provide us with information to return your passport to you after your interview. Registration is free. Click the “Register” button below. Select “New Application/Schedule Appointment” and then select “Immigrant Visa - Scheduled by NVC-Registration Only.”

Register

**Step 2: Get a medical exam in China**

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in China. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated physician offices in China. 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 have created a checklist of 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 special actions you need to take before your visa interview.

Interview Guidelines
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 physicians listed below BEFORE your visa interview** at the U.S. Consulate. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

**Approved physicians**

**BEIJING**  
Beijing International Travel Healthcare Center  
25th Floor, Jin Ao International Building  
No. 17 Ma Dian East Road, Haidian District, Beijing  
Tel: (010) 64274240 / 58648801  
Website: tjyy.bithc.bjciq.gov.cn/  
Basic exam fee: RMB1248 for adult, RMB1445 for child

**FUJIAN**  
Fujian Provincial Hospital (South Branch)  
No. 516 Jinrong South Road, Fuzhou, Fujian  
Tel: (0591) 88619601 / 88619602  
Website: cgtj.fjsl.com.cn/  
Basic exam fee: RMB1400 for adult, RMB900 for child

**GUANGZHOU**  
Health Care Center of Guangdong International Travel  
5/F East Tower, Poly Bld, No. 59 Huali Rd, Zhujiang New Town, Guangzhou  
Tel: (020) 81219500 / 8129513  
Website: gdwbzx.com  
Basic exam fee: RMB1300 for adult, RMB700 for child

**SHANGHAI**  
Shanghai International Travel Medical Center  
2F. Bld 3, No. 15 Jin Bang Road, Shanghai  
Tel: (021) 62688851  
Website: sithc.shciq.gov.cn/  
Basic exam fee: RMB1300 for adult, RMB1500 for child

**Items to bring to your medical examination**

Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician. Bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Your visa interview letter,
- Your passport,
- Recently taken passport-sized color photographs (refer to the physicians’ website for instructions), and
- A copy of your immunization records.

**During the medical exam**

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, chest X-ray, gonorrhea test, 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](https://www.state.gov/liaison/immigrant_medical_requirements/). 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](https://www.state.gov/liaison/immigrant_medical_requirements/). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements [online](https://www.state.gov/liaison/immigrant_medical_requirements/).

**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.** 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. 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 (6) months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.
Please use the list below to determine the items every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview.

Any documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation:

- **Appointment Letter:** A copy of your NVC interview letter.

- **Passport:** Each applicant must have a passport for travel to the United States that is valid for at least eight (8) months beyond the visa issuance date. Bring any expired or cancelled passports you may have.

- **Photographs:** Bring two 2x2 inch (50 mm x 50 mm), full-face color photographs with a white background without eyeglasses. For more information, see our photo requirements online.
  - All applicants, regardless of age, must submit photographs.
  - Photos **must not be** more than six (6) months old.

- **Form DS-260 Confirmation Page:** Print and bring the confirmation page of the DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa form that you submitted online at ceac.state.gov/iv. For more information, see DS-260 instructions.

- **Online Registration Confirmation Page:** Print and bring the confirmation page of your online appointment registration from Step 1.

- **Birth Certificate plus a Certified English Translation:**
  - Applicants born in Mainland China must obtain a certified copy of the birth certificate issued by a local notary public office.
  - The notarized birth certificate **must state** the date, place of birth, and names of both parents (even if deceased). If parents' names are unknown, the notarized birth certificate must state “unknown.”
  - If adopted, provide a notarized adoption certificate, abandonment certificate, or custody transfer certificates.
  - **Third-Country Nationals:** Provide an original birth certificate, one photocopy, and a certified English translation.
  - All applicants who have ever used another name or alias on legal documentation or for any other official purpose must provide a certified alias certificate.

- **Police Certificates:**
  - **ALL APPLICANTS OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE MUST PROVIDE:** A police certificate issued **within the last 12 months** (with a certified English translation) from your country/territory of nationality that covers the ENTIRE TIME you have lived in that country since age 16. Chinese local notary offices are the only authority that can issue Chinese Police Certificates.
  - **Do you currently reside outside the country of your nationality? AND have you resided there for longer than six (6) months?**
    - If yes to both, please also provide a police certificate issued within the last 12 months (with a certified English translation) from that country.
  - **Have you ever lived anywhere else outside your country of nationality for more than one year?**
    - If yes, provide a police certificate (with a certified English translation) from that country which covers the entire period of residency.
  - **Are you a K-1 visa applicant?**
    - If yes, provide a police certificate (with a certified English translation) that covers the entire period of residency **from all countries you have resided in for six (6) months or longer** since age 16.
  - More information on obtaining police certificates can be found on our country-specific webpage.
Courts and Prison Records:
- Applicants who have been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction must obtain a certified copy of each court record, including disposition, and any prison record, regardless of the outcome of the case.
- The records must be notarized, and you must also submit a certified English translation.
- Police certificates submitted by applicants who have committed a crime should include conviction information and should attest that they have no other criminal record beyond the convictions already described.

Marriage, Divorce, and Death Certificates:
- Applicants who were married in Mainland China must have a notarized marriage certificate issued by a local notary public office.
- Non-Mainland Chinese applicants must provide the original marriage certificate, a certified English translation, and one photocopy.
- You must also bring certificates showing the termination of any previous marriages (e.g. death certificate of a spouse, final decree of divorce or annulment).

Evidence of Your Relationship with the Petitioner: Evidence of a relationship includes, but is not limited to, photographs with the petitioner, communication records, money transmittal records, household registration, proof of biological children, etc.

Medical Examination Results: All applicants, regardless of age, must bring their medical examination and vaccination records in the sealed envelope given to you by the consulate-approved physician (see page 2). Do not open these envelopes.

Affidavits of Financial Support:
- For CR, IR, or F visa categories: The petitioner must submit a signed: (1) Form I-864 or Form I-864EZ, if applicable; (2) Form I-864A signed by the relevant member of household if the petitioner jointly filed taxes; and (3) a copy of his/her most recent federal U.S. tax returns and all supporting financial documents needed to verify the income reported on tax returns - i.e. W-2 form, 1099-MISC form, proof of rental income, proof of business income, proof of social security benefits, etc. for the latest year available OR a statement of why the petitioner did not file federal taxes.
- If your petitioner has no income or does not meet poverty income guidelines: The petitioner will still need to complete an affidavit of support Form I-864 or I-864EZ. However, you will also need to find a joint sponsor who meets the poverty income guidelines for the relevant family size. The joint sponsor must submit all documents listed above, proof of domicile in the United States, and proof of either U.S. citizenship or LPR status.
- For biological children of U.S. citizens (IR-2) under age 18 OR widows of U.S. citizens (IW): Please complete Form I-864W instead of Form I-864 or I-864EZ.
- For employment (E) visa categories: Provide an original job offer letter from the petitioning business signed within the past year. A Form I-864 and the most recent available taxes returns with supporting documents are also required if a relative is the petitioner (or) has a 5% or more ownership interest in the petitioning business.
For returning residents (SB-1), diversity visa (DV), and fiancé (K1): The sponsor or petitioner who will financially support you should complete Form I-134 and provide a copy of his/her most recent federal U.S. tax returns and all supporting financial documents needed to verify the income reported on his or her tax returns - i.e. W-2 form, 1099-MISC form, proof of rental income, proof of business income, proof of social security benefits, etc. for the latest year available OR a statement of why the petitioner did not file federal taxes. If your sponsor does not meet poverty income guidelines, you will need to find a joint sponsor and have them submit Form I-134, tax returns, and all supporting financial documents.

Affidavit of Support Photocopies: The affidavit of support must account for all applicants on the petition. Each derivative family member needs to bring one (1) photocopy of the principal applicant’s affidavit(s) of support. If each applicant has their own individual petition, each affidavit of support must include that applicant’s own name.

All Applicants: Proof of your U.S. petitioner and any joint sponsor’s status and domicile in the United States is required for all visa applicants. A photocopy of a U.S. passport, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card are all acceptable.

You can find more information on affidavits of support and the supporting financial evidence required on the USCIS website and on the Department of State website.

- 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 below should bring these additional documents to their visa interview:

- If you are an EB5 applicant (C5, I5, T5, and R5): Proof that your investment funds have been transferred to an escrow account or made available to the U.S. investment project.

- If you are an E1, E2, and E3 employment applicant or a DV visa applicant: A detailed resume of your professional and educational history in Chinese and English language with the following: (1) list of all employers and job responsibilities; (2) publications you have written with titles, descriptions, and dates; (3) travel history covering all foreign countries visited, including dates and purpose; (4) work plan explaining where you will seek employment in the United States.

- If you have served in any country’s military: Certified military records, if applicable and obtainable, English translation.

- If you have traveled to the United States and applied for visa extension(s): Copies of extension application(s) and approval notice(s).

- If you have previously been ordered removed from the United States or if you have been the subject of any other immigration proceedings: Copies of all records, including waivers.
*** IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR ALL VISA APPLICANTS ***

WARNING: UStraveldocs.com is the only website the U.S. Consulate General authorizes to provide visa information and visa application services. The U.S. Consulate does not endorse or have a “special relationship” with any individual or business that offers advice or assistance with your visa process. No one can guarantee the issuance of a visa to you. The U.S. consular office that will handle your case is located at the address at the top of this form. All U.S. government forms are available free of charge. Many visa applicants lose money or are permanently barred from the United States as a result of misleading information and fraudulent applications provided by visa consultants.

POTENTIAL CANCELLATION OF APPLICATION: Failure to apply for your immigrant visa within one year of being notified that you may apply might result in the permanent termination of your case pursuant to section 203(g) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act.
Interview Guidelines

Submitting documents to the consulate

If the U.S. Consulate General requests additional information or documentation from you, the consular officer will provide instructions on how to submit those to the consulate at the end of the interview.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email us as soon as possible using our online inquiry form. 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. 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 in Guangzhou 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. Please read our online security regulations. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview. Our entrance is on Huaxia Road near Exit B1 of the Zhujiang New Town Metro Station (Lines 3 and 5).

Accompanying persons

Anyone whose name is not listed on the visa appointment letter will not be allowed to enter the consulate. Petitioners are not required to attend the applicants’ immigrant visa interview. Due to limited space in the visa waiting room, we cannot accommodate petitioners or attorneys in the waiting room or at visa interviews. Only the following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- At the discretion of the consulate, applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly or disabled.
- **Applicants under age 14 must** be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or an individual having legal custody of, or a legitimate interest in the applicant to act as the minor’s proxy for the purpose of signing the visa application. The accompanying adult must show official government photo identification to enter the consulate. Accompanying adults who do not have a legal relation to the minor should also bring a notarized signed affidavit from the minor’s parent or legal guardian authorizing them to act as the minor’s proxy for this purpose.

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 Chinese Renminbi (RMB) equivalent. We accept cash and credit cards (Visa, Master, American Express, Diners Club, and Discover) only. A combination of U.S. dollars and Chinese RMB will not 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.

Do not make travel plans outside of China before receiving your visa

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. We will return your passport to you later via our authorized visa application services. If you have to travel within China while your passport is with us, please make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport. If you are a third-country national and need your passport to return to your home, the consular officer will give you your passport and instructions on how to send your passport to the consulate at a later date to print your visa.
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 you will receive a visa. Decisions are based on many factors. Even if the consulate determines you are eligible for a visa, issuance can be delayed for a variety of reasons. You are STRONGLY ADVISED against giving up your job, disposing of property, or buying plane tickets until you actually receive your 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 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 who enter the United States under the orphan or Hague adoption programs; Iraqi and Afghan special immigrants; Returning lawful permanent residents (SB-1s); and K nonimmigrants.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States before the expiration date on your visa, which is usually based on the expiration date of your medical report. 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 I-551 Permanent Resident Card Form, 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.

**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 custodial 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

Please note that natives of the Peoples’ Republic of China do not qualify as principal applicants in the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

If you are resident in China but are a citizen of another country who is eligible and 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 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 you have either a qualifying high school education OR have two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the last 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 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. 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.