



U.S. Consulate General Jerusalem

After receiving your Interview Letter (P4) and interview appointment date from the National Visa Center or U.S. Consulate, please follow the steps below **before** your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem.

Step 1: Register your appointment online

First, create a free account online. Creating an account provides us with the information we need to return your passport to you after your interview. Click the “Register” button below to proceed.

[Register](#)

Step 2: Get a medical exam

You must schedule a medical exam with an approved physician. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Jerusalem, Gaza, and the West Bank. 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 civil documents, original signed I-864 and your medical examination results 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. Failure to bring all documents on this checklist will delay your case.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to arrive prepared on the day of your interview. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in delays at our facility and in the processing of your case.

[Interview Guidelines](#)

Contact information

MAIL ONLY:

U.S. Consulate General
Att: Immigrant Visa Unit
18 Agron Street
Jerusalem, 9419003

LOCATION OF INTERVIEWS:

U.S. Consulate General
14 David Flusser Street
Jerusalem

 Phone:
972.2.622.7230

 Email:
jerusalemvisainquiries@state.gov

 Website:
jru.usconsulate.gov

 Cancel and Reschedule:
[Visa Appointment Service](#)

 Map:



Other links

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

Social media





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 General can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors on the attached list before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted. Please click on the button below to see a list of approved physicians and fees.

[List of Approved Physicians](#)

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, identity card, laissez-passer, or other travel document,
- Four (4) recently taken passport-sized color photographs,
- A “panel physician statement” form, which you can [print below](#),
- Your medical history record,
- Any prior chest x-rays you’ve had taken, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician. A list of current fees is available [below](#).

During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, chest X-ray, as well as blood and gonorrhea 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. Any x-rays taken will also be given to you on a CD-ROM. **DO NOT OPEN THE ENVELOPE THE DOCTOR GIVES YOU.** Instead, bring the envelope and x-ray CD-ROM to your visa interview along with a signed statement from the doctor and radiologist, which you can [print below](#).

You must carry the x-rays CD-ROM 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 six (6) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page). Please also bring any expired passports.
- Two (2) recently taken color photographs (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 inch x 2 inch). 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, and a certified, original document explaining any name changes.
- Medical examination results in a sealed envelope.

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:

For family-based visa applications:

- The appropriate original, signed [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) for each financial sponsor along with a photocopy of each 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 (You can demonstrate status with a photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card. Documents to demonstrate domicile may include bills, lease agreements, bank records, and school records.)
- 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 decrees or spouse's death certificate and a photocopy.
- If you are older than 16 years of age:* An **original** police certificate from your country of current residence and countries of previous residence, issued within the last year. Israeli Criminal Information Certificates are issued directly by the Israeli National Police and sent to the consulate. To request a certificate, follow the instructions below:
 - **Israeli citizens or Jerusalem ID holders:** Apply at the nearest police station or [online](#) (instructions in Hebrew only).
 - **Palestinian ID holders living in the West Bank and Gaza:** Apply at the Israeli DCO (Civil Liaison Office) nearest your place of residence or [online](#) (instructions in Hebrew only).
 - Former residents of Israel may apply in person at an Israeli consular or diplomatic mission, or online using the links above.
- 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 or been exempted from any country's military:* Military records and a photocopy. For the Israeli military, these records include Form 807 and 830.
- 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



Translations and submitting documents to the consulate

Any documents that are not in English, Arabic, or Hebrew must be submitted with an original, certified translation. All original documents must be submitted with a photocopy.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please immediately e-mail jerusalemivquiries@state.gov. **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment.** For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, the delay may be several months. DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year, and 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 Jerusalem must follow certain security procedures. 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:

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

Attorneys are not permitted to accompany clients into the consulate.

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 Israeli shekels. We accept cash 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 [here](#).

Do not make travel plans outside of Israel

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the consulate while we prepare your visa packet and print your visa. We will return your passport to you later via courier service.



After Your Visa Interview

A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after an interview. ***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 travel arrangements until you have received 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.

Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. You may check the status of your case [online](#).

After your visa is approved

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-ray CD-ROMs during your medical examination, carry those with you as well.

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. Children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, K visa holders are exempt from this fee.

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.

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. 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.

Information for New Immigrants – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read "[Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants](#)" online.

Diversity Visa (DV) Applicants – Additional Information



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 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 (dollars or local currency) 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.

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](#).



Medical Examination

List of approved physicians

U.S. visa regulations require that all immigrant and refugee applicants undergo a medical examination prior to the interview appointment date. Medical exams must be performed by a designated panel physician. These physicians have been approved by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and as such, they are the only doctors authorized to complete the required medical exam required for immigration or refugee processing.

JERUSALEM:

Dr. Jonty Maresky
Family Medical Center
9 Diskin Street, Jerusalem
Tel: 02-5610297

Sunday to Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon
(an appointment is required)

BETHLEHEM:

Dr. Robert Tabash
P. O. Box 144
19 Salesian Street
Bethlehem
Tel: 02-2742882 or 02-2743593
Cellular: 0599 250 053

Monday to Friday
Morning Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Afternoon Hours: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
(an appointment is required)

RAMALLAH:

Dr. Fahed Khalaf
Opposite Rukab Building – (Box 53)
Mahfal Street, Ramallah
Tel: 02-2953347 or 02-2957786
Cellular: 0599 841 138

8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday to Thursday
(without appointment)
4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (with appointment)

GAZA:

Dr. Faisal Abu Shahla
Fahmi Beik Street
Midan Falastine, Al Hindi Building
Third Floor, Gaza City
Mobile: 0599 204 245
Tel: 08-2824878 or 08-2820839

Saturday to Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
(with appointment)

Medical exam results in immigrant visa cases are valid for up to 6 months if there is no suspicion of tuberculosis. The expiration date of an immigrant visa is limited according to the medical exam validity.

Medical exam fees

Cost of medical examination (<i>administration & review of immunization history</i>)	NIS 420 to NIS 680
Cost of blood serology test	NIS 100 to NIS 200
Cost of gonorrhoea test	NIS 150 to NIS 400
Cost of chest x-ray (<i>required for all applicants over 15 years of age</i>)	NIS 110 to NIS 240

Fees include value added tax (VAT). All fees, as well as costs of any additional examination or vaccination which the doctor deems medically necessary, are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

Medical Examination



Panel physician statement

Print this page and bring it to your medical appointment with the consulate-approved physician. Both the doctor and radiologist must sign the following statement:

On _____ I examined _____ ,
(Date) (Name of applicant)

who presented passport, identity card, laissez-passer or travel document
number _____ for identification.

(Signature of Doctor)

After seeing the above identity document, I x-rayed the above applicant on

_____.
(Date)

(Signature of Radiologist)

IMPORTANT: The report of medical examination will not be accepted unless the above statement is signed by the doctor and radiologist.