



U.S. Embassy Manila, Philippines

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines.

Step 1: Register your appointment online

You need to register your appointment online. Registering your appointment provides 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 the Philippines

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in the Philippines. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctor’s offices in the Philippines. 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’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](#)

Contact information

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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. Embassy can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted. Prior to your visit, you are also encouraged to [register online](#) with SLMCEC. Registering online will save processing time and make your visit to SLMCEC faster and more efficient.

St. Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic

1177 J. Bocobo St.

Ermita, Manila

Tel: (632) 521-0020 or (632) 521-8647

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,
- Three (3) recently taken passport-sized color photographs, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

All medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to SLMCEC in Philippine pesos at the prevailing exchange rate. Refer to the [SLMCEC website](#) for information regarding the medical examination fees.

During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and 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 and gonorrhea testing for all applicants 15 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. **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 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 months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States and a photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located).
- Three (3) color passport-size photographs of each person applying for a visa (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, English translation, and a photocopy. For Philippine born applicants, you should obtain this from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - central repository of Philippine civil documents.
- Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).

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

For all 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, and any relevant W-2s.
- Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, 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, English translation, and a photocopy. If celebrated in the Philippines – one obtained from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - central repository of Philippine civil documents.
- If you are single:* Over 20 years and older - (Proof of singleness) – If from Philippines, a Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR) from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - central repository of Philippine civil documents - valid within one (1) year from the date it was obtained.
- If you were previously married, provide proof of termination of previous marriage/s:* Your **original** divorce, annulment/presumptive death court record, or spouse's death certificate from the country where the celebration or occurrence took place. From Philippines – the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) - central repository of Philippine civil documents valid within one (1) year from the date it was obtained, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, English translation, and a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.
- If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, English translation, and a photocopy.
- For employment-based visa applications:* Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.

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- If you are older than 16 years of age: (16 years old and above):* The **original** police certificate from your country of current residence and countries of previous residence.

NOTE: The embassy requires a Philippine Police Certificate known as a **National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Clearance** that is valid for one (1) year from the date it was obtained. You should get a **Record Clearance** (for travel purposes) from the [National Bureau of Investigation](#) (NBI). Clearances should be in the applicant's current name, birth certificate name, maiden name and any aliases or nicknames used, including different spellings you have used of those names. Applicants *will* be required to obtain a new clearance under undeclared names/alias if determined to be necessary at time of interview.

Additionally, if these three items are **all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview.

1. 16 years of age and older;
2. You obtained a police certificate more than one year ago; and
3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.

- If you have ever been convicted of a crime:* Court and criminal records, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records, English translation, and a photocopy.

Interview Guidelines



Important Information

The U.S. Embassy in Manila requires a **Certificate of No Marriage** (CENOMAR) for applicants whose marital status is important to their visa category. This includes visa categories K1, CR1, IR1, F2B, and F1. It also includes CR2, IR2 or derivative children for any visa category, if the visa applicant is 18 years of age or older. Please ensure that the correct information is on the CENOMAR including your name, any aliases used, parents' names, and your date of birth.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

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. 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. **If you know beforehand that you are unable to keep your visa appointment, or if you miss your visa appointment, you may reschedule the appointment by visiting the embassy's [online](#) service or calling (632)976-8500 to 02.**

Please note: *You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment. Likewise, you should refrain from scheduling an earlier appointment without first checking to make sure the U.S. Embassy in Manila has your physical case file. We are unable to grant earlier appointment dates if the physical case file is either still with NVC or in transit to the embassy.*

Security screening procedures

For the safety and security of all applicants and employees, visa applicants cannot bring cell phones or other electronic devices inside the embassy. Make arrangements to leave your electronic equipment in a safe location off embassy grounds during your interview appointment. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview.

Accompanying persons

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview. The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

- Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Filipino well enough for an interview.
- 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 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 Philippine peso 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 [here](#).

Do not make travel plans outside of the Philippines

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 via courier services only. If you have to travel within the Philippines 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 embassy.

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 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 a K visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six months from the date of printing. 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. Children who turn 21 years old *after* visa issuance must enter the United States before they turn 21 years old; otherwise they will lose 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. *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. 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.