



U.S. Embassy

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Step 1: Register your embassy appointment and submit fingerprints

The first step in the process is to register your embassy appointment online. Registration is free. Additionally, you must schedule an appointment at the Visa Application Center (VAC) located at the Galería 360 mall in Santo Domingo to take place *before* your embassy visa interview. At the VAC, you will provide fingerprints and take photos.

If you want to cancel or reschedule your appointment, you will be able to do so after the free registration of your appointment. Click the "Register" button below.

Register

Step 2: Obtain a medical exam in Santo Domingo

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must obtain a medical exam in Santo Domingo. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of designated doctors' offices. Please 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

U.S Embassy
Av. Republica de Colombia #57
Santo Domingo

Phone:
(829) 956-5144
In the U.S. 703-988-3410

Email:
support-dominicanrepublic@ustraveldocs.com

Website:
santodomingo.usembassy.gov

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[Visa Appointment Service](#)

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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 attend a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Embassy. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted.

Approved physicians

Consultorios de Visa

www.consultoriosdevisa.com

Avenida Independencia 254

Corner with Danae Street, sector de Gazcue

Santo Domingo

Telephone: 809-685-1587

Servicios Médicos Consulares

www.smc.net.do

Calle Bohechio 17

Sector Bella Vista

Santo Domingo

Telephone: 809-533-2200

You do not need to schedule a medical appointment in advance. Both clinics accept walk-in customers. However, because the results of the medical examination can take several days to receive, **we recommend that you go at least three weeks before your interview date at the Consular Section** in order to avoid delays in the processing of your visa.

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,
- Your national identification card, and
- A copy of your immunization records.

These requirements apply to all members of your family who plan to accompany you to the United States. Any medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician. The examination may reveal a need for further tests, which may have additional charges.

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. 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

If the doctor gives you exam results in a sealed envelope, **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview. However, for certain medical conditions the results will be sent directly to the embassy. 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 fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- Appointment letter when the appointment is scheduled at PostUnexpired passport valid for six months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States.
- National ID card (cedula de identidad personal) for all applicants age 16 and older.
- Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at ceac.state.gov/iv.
- Your **original** birth certificate (ACTA INEXTENSA) 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 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.
- If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce or spouse's death certificate.
- If you are older than 18 years of age:* The **original** police certificate from your country of current residence and countries of previous residence. If these three items are **all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:
 1. You are older than 18 years;
 2. You obtained a police certificate more than one year ago; and
 3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.
- 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, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records, English translation, and a photocopy.
- If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents, 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.

Interview Guidelines



Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo

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

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please go to www.ustraveldocs.com/do to select a new appointment date. **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.

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.*

Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo must follow certain security procedures. Any visitor who declines to be screened by U.S. Embassy security personnel will be unable to enter the embassy. Cell phones, cameras, laptops, recording equipment, and weapons are not allowed in the embassy. There is no storage available. 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 or Spanish well enough to participate in an interview.
- Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a child under age 18.

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

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 equivalent in Dominican Pesos. 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 Dominican Republic

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 Dominican Republic 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.