



# Embassy of the United States

Singapore

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

**If you do not complete each step before your visa interview, the consular section may require you to reschedule.**

All applicants must follow the instructions below before going to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

## Step 1: Register online

Before your visa interview appointment, [register online](#). Registering lets us return your passport and documents to you after your visa interview. It also allows you to cancel or reschedule your interview if necessary.

[Register Online](#)

## Step 2: Get a medical exam in Singapore

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Singapore. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of designated doctors’ offices in Singapore. 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

### U.S. Embassy Singapore

27 Napier Road

Singapore 258508

Phone:

(65) 6476-9100

From U.S.: 703-520-2238

Email:

[Singapore Visa Navigator](#)

Website:

[Singapore Visa Navigator](#)

Map:



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- [Diversity visa instructions](#)
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## Interview Preparation Video





# 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 the hospital listed below before your visa interview** at the U.S. Embassy. We will not accept medical exam results from other physicians.

## Approved physician

### **American International Clinic**

10 Sinaran Drive #10-10  
Novena Medical Centre  
Singapore 307506 Tel: 6397-7129  
Email: [enquiries@aiclinic.com.sg](mailto:enquiries@aiclinic.com.sg)

### **International Medical Clinic**

1 Orchard Boulevard #14-01  
Camden Medical Centre  
Singapore 248649  
Tel: 6733-4440  
Email: [camden@imc-healthcare.com](mailto:camden@imc-healthcare.com)

### **International Medical Clinic**

3 Lorong Liput #01-04/05/06  
Holland Piazza  
Singapore 277725  
Tel: 6465-4440 (option 3)  
Email: [hollandvillage@imc-healthcare.com](mailto:hollandvillage@imc-healthcare.com)

## Items to bring to your medical examination

The doctor will need the following items to complete the medical exam forms:

- Your visa interview letter,
- Your passport,
- Four (4) recently taken passport-sized color photographs,
- A copy of your immunization records, and
- DS-260 confirmation page

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

## During the medical exam

The medical exam will include:

- A medical history review,
- A physical exam,
- A Chest X-ray,
- Blood tests (for applicants 15 years of age or older),
- Gonorrhea testing (for applicants 18–24 years of age, or as needed)
- Tuberculosis testing (for applicants two years of age and older).

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## Medical Exam Instructions

Your physician may request other tests as needed. Be prepared to discuss your medical history, the medications you are taking, and the current treatments you are receiving. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website](#).

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to get certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of a visa. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available on [CDC.Gov](#). There you can find information on [what vaccines you need](#) based on your age. You can also read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about our medical exam requirements at [Travel.State.Gov](#).

### After the medical exam

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When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you a copy of the vaccination worksheet by email or by post. For K visa applicants, the panel physicians will send you the exam results in a sealed envelope.

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 (6) months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

In the case of DV applicants the panel physician will provide the results to the applicant in a sealed envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview.

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All documents not in English must have an English translation. This translation must be certified by a competent translator and validated (sworn to) by a Notary Public. Court documents such as divorce papers must be the original version with a court seal. Court-certified copies are also valid. Copies certified by a lawyer are not acceptable.

### Every applicant must bring these items to the immigrant visa interview:

- Appointment Letter:** A copy of your NVC interview letter (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
- Passport:** Unexpired passport valid for six (6) 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). *Visas are issued in the name in your passport.* Children must have their own individual passports.
- Photograph:** Two (2) color photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). Please review our [online photo requirements](#).
- DS-260 Confirmation Page:** Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at [ceac.state.gov/iv](http://ceac.state.gov/iv).
- Birth Certificate:** Your *original* birth certificate, English translation, and a photocopy. If you can't get an official birth certificate, bring the best possible secondary evidence, such as a baptismal certificate, hospital certificate, school records, and/or a notarized affidavit from the parents. Secondary evidence must come with an official statement by the relevant authority stating that no other records are available.
- Additional Birth Certificates:** 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 in **italics** below should bring these additional documents:

#### For family-based visa applications:

- Affidavit of Support (AOS):** 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 Status:** 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 Relationship:** Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, or emails).

#### If you are married or have been married before:

- Marriage Certificate:** Your original marriage certificate, English translation, and a photocopy.
- Divorce or Death Certificates:** Both the petitioner and applicant must present certificates or court order for the legal termination of any prior marriages or for the death of a prior spouse. Place the English translation of this document on top of the original.

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## Pre-Interview Checklist



*If you are older than 16 years of age:*

**Police Certificate:** 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 16 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:*

**Employment Letter:** Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.

*If you have ever been convicted of a crime:*

**Court Records:** 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:** Adoption papers or custody documents, English translation, and a photocopy.

*If you are the petitioner's stepchild:*

**Marriage Certificates:** 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 Filipino or living in the Philippines:*

**Certificate of No Marriage (CENOMAR):** Obtain a "Certificate of No Marriage" (CENOMAR) from the Philippines Statistics Authority (PSA). The PSA must send the CENOMAR by mail directly to the Immigrant Visa Unit, Consular Section, U.S. Embassy Singapore, 27 Napier Road, Singapore 258508. We do **not** accept CENOMARs submitted by individual applicants.



# Interview Guidelines

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, inform the Consular Section at [Singapore Visa Navigator](#) as soon as possible. **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so attempt to attend the date already assigned. You must [register online](#) before rescheduling.

**There's no guarantee that a visa will still be available if you reschedule your appointment.** Check the [Visa Bulletin](#) carefully before you reschedule your interview. If you're applying for a Diversity Visa (DV), remember that visas are limited in number and must be issued by September 30 of the program year.

## Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Embassy in Singapore must follow certain security procedures. If you refuse to go through security screening, you won't be allowed to enter. You can't bring cell phones or other electronic devices inside the embassy. You also can't bring any large bags, luggage, liquids or food. To avoid delays for yourself and others, only bring what you need for your appointment.

## Accompanying people

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

- **Interpreter:** Applicants may bring ONE interpreter if they do not speak English or Mandarin 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 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, be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview. All fees may be paid in either Singapore dollars or by credit card. We accept MasterCard, Visa, and American Express. Credit card charges will be made in U.S. dollars and foreign exchange charges may apply.

If you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded. A complete list of fees can be found via [travel.state.gov](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Singapore

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 the method you selected when you registered online (see [Step 1](#)). If you must travel within Singapore while your passport is still with us, make sure you have a valid picture ID other than your passport.



## After Your Visa Interview

A consular officer can decide 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 refuses a visa application to review **additional documents** or for **administrative processing**.

#### For additional documents:

- The consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents.
- The letter will include instructions on how to submit those documents to the embassy.

#### For administrative processing:

- This means the consulate needs more time to review your case.
- How long this takes depends on your specific situation.

Wait **at least** 60 days after your interview before asking about your application status.

### What happens after visa approval

**Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet** – We will place your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. 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. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 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, handy carry those with you and give them to the CBP official who processes your admission to the United States.

**Online Processing** - If your application is handled via online processing, all your supporting immigration documents will be transferred electronically to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). In most cases, you are **NOT** required to carry a sealed envelope during your travel to the United States as an Immigrant Visa holder. At the U.S. port-of-entry, you must present **only** your passport containing the immigrant visa.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an [Immigrant Fee](#)** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **before 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 (6) 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. 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 21<sup>st</sup> birthday to avoid losing 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. *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 follow 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.*

## After Your Visa Interview



**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

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 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 via [travel.state.gov](#)).
- Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee

### **Review your DV Lottery entry**

Before 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 via [travel.state.gov](#).