



U.S. Consulate General Sydney, Australia

Please follow the steps below *before* your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate in Sydney, Australia.

Step 1: Register Online

Register and create a profile at our online customer service center, [UStavelDocs](#). The Principal Applicant **must** create a profile. Any questions you have before your visa interview should be submitted via UStavelDocs. Registration is free. Click the “Register” button below to register. (Your scheduled interview date/time will not appear in your online profile, nor will you be able to select your specific visa type.)

[Register](#)

Step 2: Get a Medical Exam in Australia

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Australia. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below for a list of approved physicians’ offices in Australia. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these physicians 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. Click the “Pre-Interview checklist” button below, then print and complete the checklist to submit with the listed documents. There is a separate checklist for the Principal Applicant and any dependents.

[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

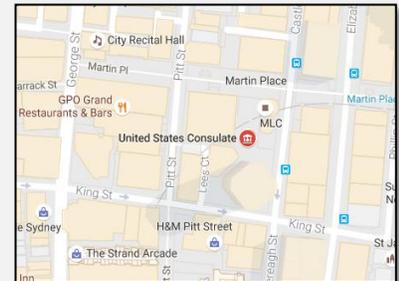
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Other links

- [After your interview](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Civil document types](#)

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 approved by the U.S. Consulate General can perform this exam. **It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with an approved physician before your visa interview appointment** at the U.S. Consulate General. Medical examination results from other physicians will not be accepted. Please click the button below for a list of approved physicians in Australia. Medical examinations cannot be performed in the United States.

[List of Approved Physicians](#)

Items to bring to your medical examination

The panel physician will need the following items to complete the medical exam:

- Your visa interview appointment letter,
- Your passport,
- Six (6) recently taken [U.S. passport-sized photographs](#), and
- A copy of your immunization records.

All medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, must be paid directly to the examining physician. The required medical examination forms will be provided and completed by the physician at your appointment.

During the medical exam

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray, gonorrhea testing, 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

The panel physician will send exam results directly to the U.S. Consulate General.

Any x-rays taken will be returned to you on the day of your interview along with a copy of your vaccination record. You must bring these documents with you to the United States. X-rays will only be kept if you have tuberculosis, in which case they will be returned to you with the visa package. You should then hand-carry them to the United States with you.

Medical reports are valid for three (3) or six (6) months from the date of examination, depending on the examination results. Your visa will be limited to the expiry date of the medical exam unless your Australian Federal police certificate expires sooner, in which case your visa will be limited to this date.

Pre-Interview Checklist



PRINCIPAL APPLICANT: Print and complete this checklist of items you must submit at your visa interview.

Applicant: S U R N A M E, Given Name(s) **Case Number:** _____

Office Use only	Visa:	FSC:	Priority Date:	
Required documents	Original provided (✓)	Copy provided (✓)	Office Use only	Office Use Notes only
Passport		Original only		
<u>Photo</u> (print your full name on the back of the photo)		Original only		
Fees: Paid to NVC		Original only		
DS-260 Confirmation Page	Copy only			
DS-237	(will be provided at interview if required)			
DS-1810	(will be provided at interview if required)			
Employment Statement	(will be provided at interview if required)			
Visa Screen Certificate for Healthcare workers: (for E3 nurses, occupational & physiotherapists only)				
Job Offer (for I-140s that were filed by a prospective employer)		Original only		
Name Change Certificate / Translation				
Australian Citizenship Certificate				
Birth Certificate / Translation				
Unobtainable Birth Certificate / Translation			FS-0552	
Divorce/Death Certificate / Translation				
Marriage Certificate / Translation				
Australian Federal Police Certificate			EXP:	
Other Country Police Certificate / Translation(s)	List below all countries you have resided in for 6 months or more since reaching the age of 16 (Excluding Australia & the United States)			
Country	From date (yyyy)	To date (yyyy)		
1.				
2.				
3.				
Court Documents / Translation				
Military Record / Translation				
Domicile				
Petitioner: I-864 EZ W		Original only		
Petitioner: TR or Stat / W2 / Financial Evidence	Copy only			
Joint Sponsor: I-864		Original only		
Joint Sponsor: TR or Stat / W2 / USC or LPR	Copy only			
Joint Sponsor/Petitioner HHM: I-864A		Original only		
Joint Sponsor /Petitioner HHM: USC or LPR	Copy only			
Joint Sponsor: Financial Evidence	Copy only			
Medical Exam report			EXP:	
Express Post Envelope				
Annotations:			<input type="radio"/> 212 <input type="radio"/> Valid Only <input type="radio"/> Charge to <input type="radio"/> CSPA	

Provide the U.S. address of where you wish for your green card to be mailed. Your visa cannot be issued without this information.

Name of occupant: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address (including Zip Code): _____

My travel date is planned for (approx. DD MMM YYYY). I understand that my visa will be limited to my medical exam report or Australian Federal police certificate, whichever is sooner.



Pre-Interview Checklist

DEPENDENTS: Print and complete this checklist of items you must submit at your visa interview.

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Office Use only	Visa:	FSC:	Priority Date:
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Interview Guidelines

Important information

You must bring to the interview a 3kg Platinum/Express Post envelope that we will use to mail your visa and passport to you when issued. Keep the tracking number for your records. Please be sure the envelope contains your name and the address where you would like us to mail the visa (within Australia).

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 your interview was scheduled. **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.

To reschedule your appointment, please [email](#) our office with the subject line **“Reschedule IV Interview”** and provide several dates when you will be available for an interview. Visa interviews occur on Tuesday mornings only. Please note, not all requests can be met.

Security screening procedures

On the day of your interview please go to Level 10 of the MLC Centre for security check-in. Applicants are requested to bring as few personal items as possible to the interview. You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled interview to clear through the [security screening process](#). Once you pass through security, you will be directed to the Consular Office on Level 59. You should plan on spending up to three (3) hours at the consulate.

Accompanying persons

Petitioners may accompany the applicant(s) to the visa interview or, if the applicant is not fluent in English, one interpreter may attend. Please [email](#) the following information at least two (2) weeks before the interview so the petitioner or interpreter can be approved for access to our office:

- Case number
- Applicant’s name
- Date of interview
- Petitioner’s or interpreter’s name

Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to the National Visa Center, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.* A list of fees can be found [Fees for Visa Services webpage](#).

Visa processing times

Immigrant visa processing times vary. There may be unexpected ineligibilities that become apparent only at the time of your interview which require additional time and processing. Generally, it will take 10 business days to print your visa and prepare your document package after the consular officer has reviewed and adjudicated your case.

After Your 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 they need 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 U.S. Consulate General. *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 you have provided the requested documents to the U.S. Consulate General.

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 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. ***Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage.***

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 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. Your visa will be limited to either the validity of your medical exam report or your Australian Federal police certificate, whichever date is earlier. 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 on your Form DS-260 visa application form or checklist. 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.

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