



# 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: How to Prepare for Your Visa Interview in Sydney

The U.S. Embassy in Canberra and the U.S. Consulates General in Perth and Melbourne do not process Immigrant and K visa applications. These applications are processed at the U.S. Consulate General in Sydney only.

Please refer to the below visa classification links to assist you in preparing for your interview:

- [Diversity Visas](#)
- [Fiancé\(e\) Visas](#)
- [Immigrant Visas](#)

## 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: Review Interview Guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

[Interview Guidelines](#)

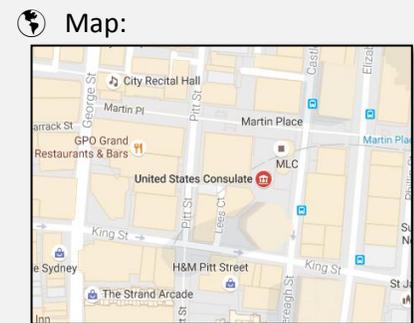
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## Other links

- [After your interview](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Where to find Civil Documents](#)

## Social media



## 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 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

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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.
- DS-260 confirmation page

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

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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

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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. K visa applicants are the only exception to this, their medical must be valid at the time the visa is issued and will be valid for 1 entry and 6 months.



# Interview Guidelines

## Important information

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**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). K visa applicants are **not** required to bring an envelope to the interview.

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

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**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 request 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

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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

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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

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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

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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 spelling errors. Some applicants may receive 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.** However, if you do not receive a sealed envelope that means all required documents have been electronically transmitted to U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a part of the Electronic Visa Information Packet (EVIP). If you receive vaccination records 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 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 fiancé(e) (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 are in compliance with 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.*

**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 custody 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.

## Approved Panel Physicians



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