



# U.S. Embassy

## Chisinau, Moldova

Follow the steps below before your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Chisinau, Moldova.

After you receive your visa interview appointment, you must complete each of these steps below. **If you do not complete each step *before* your visa interview appointment the consular section may require you to reschedule for a later date.**

All applicants must follow the instructions below before you go 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 Moldova

If you are applying for a visa (except for K visas), you must schedule a medical exam in Moldova as soon as you get your interview appointment. Click the “Medical Exam Instructions” button below to find the contact information for the approved clinic in Moldova. You must schedule and complete your medical exam before your interview.

If you are applying for a K1 visa, you must finish your medical exam before you can schedule your visa interview. The Consular Section will email you instructions after we get your approved K1 petition at the embassy.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

### Step 3: Documents needed for the interview

Bring all the original documents you need to the Consular Section. If you are a K1 or DV applicant, also bring simple photocopies.

If you are applying for a family-based visa, bring the original documents you uploaded to the CEAC website to your interview. You can find more instructions on [page 3](#).

If you are a DV applicant, you must give all your documents to the Consular Section before your interview. One family member should drop off all the documents at 11:00 a.m. on the Thursday before your interview (one week early). If Thursday is a holiday, bring the documents on Monday at 3:00 p.m. before your interview.

If you do not bring all the required documents, the Consular Officer may not be able to interview you, and your visa may be delayed.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

### Contact information

U.S. Embassy  
103 Mateevici Street  
Chisinau MD-2009  
Republic of Moldova

Phone:  
022-408300  
022-893060 (Call Center)

Email via [Visa Navigator](#)  
Website:  
[md.usembassy.gov](http://md.usembassy.gov)

Cancel and Reschedule:  
[Visa Navigator](#)

Map:



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## Step 4: Review interview guidelines

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

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# Medical Exam Instructions

Everyone applying for an immigrant visa, no matter their age, must have a medical exam before getting a visa. Only a doctor approved by the U.S. Embassy can do this exam. **You must schedule your medical exam with the clinic listed below before your visa interview at the U.S. Embassy.** The Embassy will not accept medical exams from other doctors.

## Approved clinic

*To schedule a medical appointment with the International Organization for Migration (IOM). You need to call the numbers listed below or email IOM.*

### **IOM Chisinau**

36/1, Ciuflea str.  
MD-2001 Chisinau  
Republic of Moldova  
Phone: +373 681 56 100/ 691 54 998  
Email: [chisinaumed@iom.int](mailto:chisinaumed@iom.int)

## Items to bring to your medical examination

Bring the following items to your medical exam:

- Valid Passport
- Immunization record F063-3/e
- Health certificate from your family doctor reflecting your actual health condition, form 0-27E.
- Any other medical records you would like to share with the doctor.
- A Moldovan **DETAILED** police certificate (in Romanian)

You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, *directly* to approved clinic. The medical examination fee is a separate fee and is not included in the Immigrant Visa Fee.

## During the medical exam

The medical exam will include a review of your medical history, a physical exam, a chest X-ray, a test for gonorrhea, and blood tests (if you are 15 or older). The United States also requires a tuberculosis (TB) test for everyone who is 2 years old or older. Be ready to talk about your medical history, any medicines you take, and any treatments you are getting now. You can find more information about medical requirements for U.S. immigrants here. [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](#).

## After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope **OR** if your case uses the Modernized Immigrant Visa (MIV) process, will send them electronically. If you get an envelope, **DO NOT OPEN IT.** Bring it to the Consular Section as instructed.

You will also get any x-rays taken during your exam. You **DO NOT** need to bring the x-rays or CDs with exam results to your visa interview unless you have tuberculosis (TB). However, you must take the x-rays with you when you travel to the United States for the first time.

Your medical report must be less than six months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

## Pre-Interview Checklist



Use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the embassy on the interview day.

Failure to bring all required documents may impact on the Consular Officer's ability to interview you and will delay the issuance of your visa. Any documents that are not in English, Romanian, or Russian must be accompanied by a certified English translation:

- A valid passport that will not expire for at least six months after you plan to enter the United States. (K1 and DV applicants must also bring a simple photocopy.)
- Any passports that have a U.S. visa, even if the visa is expired.
- Two color photos of each person applying for a visa (size: 5 cm x 5 cm). You can check our [online photo requirements](#).
- The confirmation page for your online visa application: Form DS-260 (for DV and immigrant visas) or Form DS-160 (for K1 visas). You can find these at [ceac.state.gov/iv](http://ceac.state.gov/iv) or <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>.
- Your **original** birth certificate. (K1 and DV applicants must also bring a simple photocopy.)
- Your medical exam results in a sealed envelope, if the doctor gives you one. **If you do not get an envelope, your medical exam results will be sent to the Consular Section electronically.**

**Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents on the interview day:**

*For family-based visa applications:*

- If you are married:* Your **original** marriage certificate (DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy).
- If you were previously married:* Your **original** divorce certificate or spouse's death certificate (K1 and DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy). If the petitioner has been previously divorced, the beneficiary must provide **his/her original divorce certificate(s) or certified copies** at the visa interview.
- If you are a Moldovan citizen and single, divorced, or widowed:* The **original** certificate of civil (marital) status is required for applicants 18 and older. (K1 and DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy).
- In IR-5 cases* parents must bring their **son's/daughter's original birth certificate** to the visa interview, which must be the same one which was uploaded in CEAC.
- In IR-5 cases, if petitioner has changed the last name due to marriage they need to upload and submit in the CEAC a copy of their marriage certificate to reflect their last name change.*
- If you are older than 16 years of age:* The **original DETAILED** Moldovan police certificate **in Romanian**.
- Police certificates from countries of previous residence.* For information on obtaining police certificates from countries of previous residence see this [website](#).
- Evidence of the ongoing relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant. Evidence varies, but all submissions must be dated and identified what it is, including photographs, letters, emails and other communication, joint bank accounts and property, joint insurance policies, etc. All evidence should be brought on the interview day.
- 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 with an English translation (K1 and DV applicants must also provide simple photocopies).
- If you have served in any country's military:* Military records (K1 and DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy).

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- If you are adopted:* Adoption papers or custody documents with English translation (DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy).
- If you are the petitioner's stepchild:* The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent (DV applicants must also provide a simple photocopy) along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.

### Make sure you have uploaded in your CEAC the following:

- The appropriate [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) (and I-864A in case of joint tax returns) for **each** financial sponsor along with the sponsor's IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return (Form 1040), and any relevant W-2s. If the petitioner has low or no income, a Joint Sponsor should be found who can meet the requirements in the federal U.S. [Poverty Guidelines](#) for 2024. The joint sponsor must also complete and upload form **I-864** (and **I-864A**, if necessary), and **proof of his/her U.S. status**.
- Proof of U.S. petitioner's status and domicile in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, lawful permanent resident card, lease contract(s) or utility bills).



# Interview Guidelines

## Submitting documents to the U.S. Embassy

Bring all the documents listed in the [pre-interview checklist](#) to the Consular Section at 103 A. Mateevici Street on the day of your interview. DV applicants must submit all their documents before their interview. (See the instructions for DV applicants below.)

If the embassy asks you for more information or documents, use [this link](#) to create a profile before you send your documents. Make sure to note your UID number. After you have all the missing documents, upload them to the CEAC website (except for DV applicants) and bring the original documents to [FAN Courier](#). If you need help, call (22) 89 30 60.

## Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you cannot go to your appointment, send an email using [Visa Navigator](#). If you are applying for a K visa, visit <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/md/en>. **There may be a long wait for the next available appointment**, so try to come on your scheduled date. DV applicants should know that there are only a limited number of visas. Visas must be given in the same month as your interview and no later than September 30 of the program year. **If you reschedule, there is no guarantee a visa will be available on your new date**. Check the Visa Bulletin carefully before you ask to reschedule your interview.

## Security screening procedures

Everyone who visits the U.S. Embassy must follow security rules. If you refuse to be checked by security staff, you cannot enter the embassy.

To help everyone get in quickly, only bring what you need for your interview. **Do not bring large bags, iPads, laptops, or other electronic devices.**

## Accompanying persons

Attorneys **cannot** go with clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

- Special Needs Visitors: If you are elderly, disabled, or a minor child, you may bring ONE person to help you.
- If an adult who is not a parent comes with a minor child, they must show a power of attorney from the parents or court papers that say they can go with the child and speak for them during the visa interview.

## Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to the National Visa Center or on the appointment website, you must pay them on the day of your interview. You can pay in U.S. dollars or Moldovan Lei. We accept cash and credit cards only.

*If you are not approved for a visa, the application fee will not be refunded.* You can find a full list of fees [here](#).

## Do not make travel plans outside of Moldova

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the embassy while we prepare your immigration packet (except for MIV applications) and print your visa. FAN Courier will contact you to deliver your passport(s).

A consular officer will decide on your visa only after looking at your application and talking with you. **There is no guarantee you will get a visa. Do not sell your house, car, or other property, quit your job, or buy non-refundable plane tickets or make other travel plans until you have received your immigrant visa.**



## After Your Visa Interview

### If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer cannot make a decision on your visa application because more documents are needed or your case needs more processing. *If you need to provide more documents*, the officer will give you a refusal letter that explains what you need to do. The letter will tell you how to send the documents to FAN Courier or how to upload them to CEAC (for MIV cases only).

*Extra processing* after your interview can take more time. Most cases are finished within 60 days, but it can take longer depending on your situation. Please wait **at least 60 days** after your interview before asking about your case status. To avoid delays, bring all the documents listed in the [pre-interview checklist](#) to 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. Check your visa to make sure your information is correct and there are no spelling mistakes.

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. Carry it with you and do not put it in your checked luggage.** If you received X-rays during your medical exam, carry them with you and give them to the U.S. immigration officers.

**IMPORTANT:** If your case is **processed under MIV**, you will not get a travel packet. You can travel and enter the United States with just your passport and visa. All your documents will be available to the immigration officer electronically.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – If you get an immigrant visa, you must [pay an Immigrant Fee](#) to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) **before you travel** to the United States. This fee pays for processing your residency and printing your Permanent Resident Card. It is separate from the Immigrant Visa Fee you paid before your interview. You do not have to pay this fee if you are a child entering the United States under the Hague Process, a returning resident, or if you are traveling on a fiancé(e) (K) visa.

**When You Should Travel** – You must enter the United States **before** your visa expires. This date is usually six months after your medical exam. Check your visa to make sure you know when it expires. Your visa cannot be extended, and all fees are nonrefundable.

The principal applicant must enter the United States **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Children who get a visa before turning 21 must enter the United States before their 21st birthday, unless they qualify for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act. If they do not enter **before** turning 21, they may lose their immigrant status.

**Getting a Green Card** – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also called a “green card,” will be mailed to the U.S. address you wrote on your visa application. This card is very important because it shows you are allowed to live in the United States. *If you want to travel outside the U.S. before your green card arrives*, check the [USCIS](#) and [CBP](#) websites to see what documents you need to return. You should also check with your airline to make sure you follow their rules. *After you get your green card, do not stay outside the United States for more than one year. If you do, you could lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

**Children’s Issues** – In the United States, children must have certain vaccinations before they can start school. We recommend you bring your child’s complete vaccination records with you.

If your child is adopted, you have full custody because of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, bring copies of all adoption or custody papers from the court in your home country. These papers should be translated into English. You will need them for things like enrolling in school, getting medical care, and applying for citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – 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 applying for a Diversity Visa (DV), follow all the instructions below. You must schedule and complete a [medical examination](#) before your visa interview and collect all required documents. DV applicants must submit all documents to the Consular Section before their interview. One family member should drop off all documents **at 11:00 a.m. on the Thursday before your interview (one week early)**. If Thursday is a [holiday](#), bring the documents on Monday at 15:00 before your interview. **If you do not bring all the required documents, the Consular Officer may not be able to interview you, and your visa may be delayed.**

*Below are extra instructions for DV applicants only.*

### **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 the embassy prior to the visa interview:

- Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education (High School, Bachelor's or Master's degree diploma) **OR** two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the five (5) years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available [online](#)).
- Confirmation ("Declarație de valoare") from the Ministry of Education and Research confirming the authenticity of your Diploma(s), if your Moldovan diploma was issued prior to 2009.
- Previous passport, used to register the winning DV entry, if different from the one submitted at interview or an official document from the Agency of Public Services which proves that your previous passport was issued in your name.
- Payment in cash or by credit card of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for each visa applicant.

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

Before your visa interview, check the information you gave on your first E-DV application. You must have entered your marital status correctly. If you are legally married, you must have listed your spouse, even if you are separated (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident).

You must also have listed ALL your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your own children, your spouse's children, and any children you have legally adopted according to your country's laws.

***If you did not list your spouse or children when you entered the Diversity Visa lottery, your visa and your family's visas will be denied.*** Any fees you paid to the U.S. government for your visa application will not be refunded. If you forgot to include a child who was already born or a spouse you were married to when you entered the lottery, you should not continue with your visa application. You can check the eligibility requirements [online](#).