Follow these steps before your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka:

## Step 1: Register Online and Select a Document Pick-up Location

You must register online with the U.S. Embassy's passport return service and choose from one of our document pick-up locations in Dhaka, Chittagong, or Sylhet. Registering your document pick-up location helps us return your passport, visa, and original documents after your interview. Registration is free. Click the "Register" button below to get started.

#### You will need:

- Your visa symbol (available on your National Visa Center (NVC) interview letter), and
- Your passport information

Register

## Step 2: Complete a Medical Exam in Bangladesh

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam with a U.S. Embassy-accredited physician in Bangladesh. Please schedule and complete your medical exam at least three weeks *before* your interview. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for a list of approved physicians.

**Medical Exam Instructions** 

## Step 3: Assemble All Required Documents on the Pre-Interview Checklist

You must bring all required documents to your interview. To assist you in determining what to bring, we have created a pre-interview document checklist. Click the "Pre-Interview Checklist" button below to view the checklist, which you should print and bring to your interview along with all required documents.

Pre-Interview Checklist

## **Step 4:** Review the Interview Guidelines

Click the "Interview Guidelines" button below to review important policies and procedures regarding your interview and visa application.

**Interview Guidelines** 

#### **Contact Information**

## **U.S. Embassy Dhaka** Madani Avenue Baridhara, Dhaka-1212

#### Telephone:

Bangladesh

From Bangladesh: (800) (2) 09610202040 From the United States: 703-988-3466

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supportbangladesh@usvisaschedulin g.com

Website:

**U.S. TravelDocs - Bangladesh** 

<u>support-</u> <u>bangladesh@usvisaschedulin</u> <u>g.com</u>

Map:



#### **Other Links**

- After Your Interview
- Frequently Asked Questions
- <u>Country Document Finder</u>

#### **Social Media**







#### **Interview Preparation Video**



# **Medical Exam Instructions**

Everyone applying for an immigrant visa, no matter how old they are, must have a medical exam before they can get their visa. Only a physician approved by the U.S. Embassy is allowed to do this exam. It is your responsibility to schedule a medical exam with one of the doctors listed below before your visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy. Medical exam results from other physicians will not be accepted.

Green Crescent Health Services	International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Mercury Medical (ex. Wahab Medical)
Dhaka	Dhaka	Dhaka
House # 60, Road – Park Road (North	UN House, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor, House 1,	Level 15, MMK Aakash Ave
side of U.S. Embassy), Baridhara	Road 88, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212,	building, 12 Kemal Ataturk
Diplomatic Zone, Dhaka – 1212, Bangladesh.	Bangladesh.	Ave, Gulshan 2, Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh.
	<b>Mobile:</b> +(88) 01777761309,	
Mobile: +(88) 01742388854, +(88)	+(88) 01713481798	Tel: +(88) 09614333777
01315848055, +(88) 01911352247	E-mail: dhakaha@iom.int	E-mail:
<b>Tel:</b> +(88) (02) -58810486, +(88) (02)		info@mercurymedicalltd.com
222262384, +(88) (02) 58817335		Website:
E-mail:		www.wahabmedical.com
info@greencrescentmedicalbd.com,		
gchslab@gmail.com,		
info@greencrescenthealthservices.com		
Website:		
<u>www.greencrescentmedicalbd.com</u>		
Green Crescent Medical Diagnostic	Migration Health Assessment	Green Crescent Medilab
	Center (MHAC)	
Chattogram	Sylhet	Sylhet
13 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Khan Plaza, 1407 Sk Mujib	Medi-Aid Heart Centre, South	Time Square Building,
Road, Agrabad, Chattogram,	Dorga Gate (Near Minar), Dorga	Shibgonj Point, Sub-city,
Bangladesh.	Moholla, Sylhet – 3100, Bangladesh.	Sonapara, Sylhet, Bangladesh.
Mobile: +(88) 01786553377, +(88)		Mobile: +(88) 01742564432,
01796199638	Mobile: +(88) 01777761309,	+(88) 01315847779
<b>Tel:</b> +(88) 02333314877, +(88)	+(88) 01713481798	<b>Tel:</b> +(88) (02)996641601,
02333314878	<b>Tel:</b> +88-0821-725056	+(88) (02)996641602
Email:	E-mail: dhakaha@iom.int	Email:
doctors@greencrescentmedical.com,		gcmlabsylhet@gmail.com,
info@greencrescentmedical.com		gcmedilab@gmail.com
		Website: www.greencrescent
		medilabbd.com

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You must pay the doctor's fee; the U.S. Embassy will not reimburse you. The doctor is required to issue you a receipt.

- **Basic Examination Fee** (includes physical examination, documentation, chest x-ray and radiology consultation, gonorrhea screening test, serologic test for syphilis, and review of immunization history):
  - Children (14 and below): BDT 3,340
  - o Children (15-17): BDT 4,340
  - o Adults (18 and above): BDT 9,104

#### Additional Fees:

- o Additional chest radiograph (if required): BDT 500
- Note: Any additional chest radiographs or laboratory tests required to clarify results compromised by performance or laboratory error must be performed at no extra charge to the applicant.
- Sputum Testing and Treatment (if required):
  - Series of three sputum samples testing for AFB: BDT 15,400
  - GeneXpert Test for MTB on one sputum sample: BDT 3,850
  - Six months DOT for drug-susceptible TB cases: BDT 60,000
- Supplemental Vaccination Charges:
  - o Maximum Retail Price + BDT 300 (for administering the vaccine)

Please note that additional required vaccinations may increase the cost. In order to prove any infectious diseases or TB, you will be required to complete additional laboratory tests. Failure to appear within five (5) days of your medical examination for the tests may place an additional one year to process your case.

All immigrants must be vaccinated against infectious diseases. These immunizations are available from the approved physicians, and vary in cost.

After successful medical screening, applicants must collect their vaccination record and x-ray CD from their respective panel physician.

No immigrant will be admitted to the United States without a valid medical report. The expiration date of your Immigrant Visa will be exactly six months after you took your medical exam (except for applicants requiring sputum testing and treatment, where the validity may be shorter). Example: If you completed your medical exam on 15 November 2023, but your visa was not issued until 01 February 2024, your visa would still expire on 14 May 2024. Whether or not you should update your medical clearance depends on how soon after visa issuance you plan to travel to the United States.

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### **Scheduling Your Exam**

You should schedule your medical exam at least three weeks **before** your interview date to avoid delays in processing your case. The physician will send your medical report directly to the U.S. Embassy.

Because you must carry and present valid medical exam papers upon arrival in the United States, your immigrant visa's expiration date will be either three or six months after you took your medical exam. For example, if you completed your medical exam on June 15, 2024 and your medical validity was six (6) months; your visa would expire on December 14, 2024—regardless of when your visa was issued. Please consider whether you will be able to enter the United States before your medical exam and immigrant visa expire. If not, you will need to complete another medical exam.

#### **Items to Bring to Your Medical Examination Appointment**

You will need the following items for your medical exam:

- Medical exam fees (see above for fee schedule)
- NVC visa interview appointment letter
- Unexpired valid passport
- Four (4) passport-size color photographs taken within the past six months
- Immunization records
- DS-260 confirmation page

#### **During the Medical Examination**

The medical exam will include:

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

Be prepared to discuss your medical history, the medications you are taking, and current treatments you are receiving. More information on general medical requirements for U.S. immigrants is available on <u>the</u> 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 <a href="CDC.Gov">CDC.Gov</a>. There you can find information on <a href="what vaccines you need">what vaccines you need</a> based on your age. You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical exam requirements at <a href="Travel.State.Gov">Travel.State.Gov</a>.

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#### After the Medical Exam

When your examination is completed, the physician will either provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope or send them directly to the U.S. Consulate. IF GIVEN AN ENVELOPE TO CARRY TO YOUR INTERVIEW, **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview. After successful completion of medical screening, applicants must collect their vaccination record and x-ray CD from their respected panel physician. You DO NOT need to bring the x-rays to your visa interview unless you suffer from tuberculosis. However, you must carry your x-ray CD and vaccination record along with your sealed immigrant visa packet when you travel to the United States for the first time.

**Remember:** Your medical report must be less than six months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant!

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photocopies;



# All applicants must bring these documents to their immigrant visa interview:

	NVC visa interview appointment letter (does <b>not</b> apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoption, or asylee/refugee applicants);
П	Unexpired passport valid for six months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States <b>and</b> a color
ш	photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located);
	Two (2) passport-size color photographs for each applicant (5 cm x 5 cm, or 2 in x 2 in) taken within the past six
ш	months;
	<ul> <li>Please review our <u>online photo requirements</u></li> </ul>
	Confirmation page of Form DS-260 "Application for an Immigrant Visa";
	<ul> <li>You must submit Form DS-260 online at <u>ceac.state.gov/iv</u> to obtain the confirmation page</li> </ul>
	Original birth certificate in both Bangla and English.
	Fee or Money receipt of the medical examination as a proof that you have appeared for the medical examination
	Original Police clearance certificate issued within a year for all applicants 16 years of age or older.
	<ul> <li>Required for any country in which an applicant has lived for one year or longer since attaining the age of 16.</li> </ul>
	Original birth certificate in both Bangla and English for all spouses and children of the principal applicant (even if
	they are not accompanying);
	Remember to bring both original and a photocopy of each original document on the interview day.
Δn	plicants applying in the following visa categories must also bring these documents to their immigrant visa
-	erview:
	family-based visa applications:
	Form I-864 "Affidavit of Support" for each financial sponsor (see more below);
	<ul> <li>Please also bring a photocopy of the sponsor's IRS transcript as well as any relevant W-2s.</li> </ul>
	Proof of the petitioner's U.S. permanent residency or citizenship (color photocopy of a U.S. passport,
	naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card);
	Proof of the petitioner's domicile in the United States;
	☐ Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, and
	emails);
	If you are married: Original civil and religious marriage certificates, notarized English translations, and color
	photocopies;
	If you were previously married: Original divorce certificate or spouse's death certificate, notarized English
	translation, and color photocopy for each previous marriage;
	If you are older than 16 years of age: Original police certificate from your country of current residence and any
	countries of previous residence. If these three items are <u>all</u> true, you must bring a more recent police certificate
	to the interview:
	<ol> <li>You are older than 16 years of age;</li> </ol>
	<ol><li>You obtained a police certificate and submitted it to NVC more than one year ago; and</li></ol>
	3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate you submitted to NVC.
	If you are the beneficiary of an IR5 or F4 immigrant visa petition: Original registered birth certificate of the
_	petitioner;
	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, notarized English translations, and color
	photocopies;

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☐ If you have served in any country's military: Military records, notarized English translations, and color

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] If you are adopted: Adoption papers or custody documents, notarized English translations, and color photocopies;
If you are the petitioner's stepchild: Original civil and religious marriage certificates of the petitioner and your
biological parent, notarized English translations, and color photocopies, as well as original divorce certificates
or death certificates demonstrating the dissolution of prior marriages for either parent, notarized English
translations, and color photocopies.

#### **A Note Regarding Financial Sponsors**

Otherwise eligible applicants frequently experience immigrant visa processing delays because their petitioner or joint sponsor has completed Form I-864 "Affidavit of Support" incorrectly or do not have enough income to support the applicants. Petitioners and joint sponsors must pay careful attention to the I-864 instructions and to the I-864P "HHS Poverty Guidelines for Affidavits of Support. "If your petitioner cannot meet the level of income required by the I-864P "HHS Poverty Guidelines for Affidavit of Support," you will need a joint sponsor who can help meet these requirements. All joint sponsors must also complete Form I-864 "Affidavit of Support" and provide financial evidence as indicated above to demonstrate that their income meets the requirements of I-864P "HHS Poverty Guidelines for Affidavit of Support."

# **After Your Interview**



### Sending Documents to the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka

If the consular officer asks you to submit any further documentation after your interview, please **DO NOT** mail or fax them to the Embassy directly. Instead, submit them at the document pick-up location you selected when you created your online profile in <u>Step 1</u>. You must write your case number on each document you submit.

#### **Rescheduling or Cancelling Your Interview**

If you are unable to attend your interview appointment, please contact the Embassy via email at <a href="mailto:support-bangladesh@usvisascheduling.com">support-bangladesh@usvisascheduling.com</a>. There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment, so make every effort to be at the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka on your interview appointment date.

You will receive your interview appointment date from NVC. For family-based and job-based visas, **there's no guarantee that a visa will still be available if you reschedule your appointment**. Check the <u>Visa Bulletin</u> 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 Dhaka must undergo security screening. Anybody who declines security screening will be unable to enter the Embassy. Cell phones, cameras, and electronic devices are not permitted inside the Embassy. To avoid delaying your entry and that of other applicants, please bring only what is required for your interview.

#### **Accompanying Persons**

You may bring **ONE** person to help you through the screening and interview process **ONLY** if you are elderly, disabled, or a minor child. The person helping you must bring a **valid passport**, **national ID card**, **or another government-issued ID** to enter. Our Regional Security Office decides on a case-by-case basis who can enter the Embassy to assist an applicant. The Embassy does not permit attorneys to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview.

## **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 at the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka. All fees may be paid in either U.S. dollars or the Bangladeshi taka equivalent. We only accept cash. **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 on the <u>Fees for Visas Services webpage</u>.

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#### Visa Processing May Take a Few Months, Especially If More Information Is Needed

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.* Please keep this information in mind when making important life decisions such as selling your property, resigning from your job, or making travel arrangements.

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 consulate.

## 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 If Your Visa Is Approved?

If your visa is approved, we will keep your passport at the Embassy while we prepare your immigration packet and print your visa.

Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet – We will place your immigrant visa on a blank page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no errors in the biographical information. 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. You must also carry your X-ray CD with you and give it to the U.S. immigration authorities.

The Department of State has begun electronic processing of some immigrant visa applications. If you have an annotation by the bottom right corner of your visa that says "IV DOCS in CCD", then you are NOT required to hand-carry a packet of documents in a sealed envelope to present at the U.S. Port of Entry.

**USCIS Immigrant Fee** – All individuals issued immigrant visas overseas must pay an <u>Immigrant Fee</u> to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) before traveling to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Form I-551 "Permanent Resident Card," also known as the "Green 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.

# **After Your Interview**



When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States before the expiration date of your visa—three or six months from when you completed your medical examination. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter before or at the same time as any derivative family members with visas.

Obtaining a Green Card – Form I-551 "Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)" will be mailed to the U.S. address that you write in your Form DS-260 "Application for an Immigrant Visa." Your Green Card proves that 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 <u>USCIS's</u> and <u>CBP's</u> websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend that you check with your airline to ensure that you are in compliance with their regulations. Once your Green 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 must have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. Please bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody because of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, please bring copies of all applicable adoption or custody papers from an authoritative court, as well as their notarized English translations. You will need these papers and their translations to apply for your child's school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

**Information for New Immigrants** – Please visit the <u>USCIS</u> web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read the publication "<u>Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants</u>" online.