



U.S. Embassy

Pristina, Kosovo

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, you must register online [here](#).

Your registration ensures we have the correct information to return your passport and documents after your visa interview. Registration also allows you to cancel or reschedule your interview if necessary.

[Register](#)

Step 2: Get a medical exam in Kosovo

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in Kosovo. Click the **Medical Exam Instructions** button below for the designated panel physician in Kosovo. Please schedule and attend a medical exam before your interview.

[Medical Exam Instructions](#)

Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you send all required documents to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Pristina the **week** before your interview, on Tuesdays at 16:00 (Example: if your appointment is on Monday, September 10th, 2026 you should send original documents to the Embassy on Tuesday, September 4, 2026 at 16:00). You may bring your medical examination results on your interview date. We created a checklist that tells you what documents to submit.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

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

[Interview Guidelines](#)

Contact information

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Arberia 3
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Pristina, Kosovo
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Email:

PristinaVisas@state.gov

Website:

[U.S. Embassy Pristina](#)

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PristinaVisas@state.gov

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Medical Exam Instructions



Everyone applying for an immigrant visa, no matter how old they are, must have a medical exam before they get their visa. **Only a physician approved by the U.S. Embassy can do the exam.**

- **It is *your responsibility* to schedule and attend a medical exam with one of the approved doctors listed below at least 8 business days before your interview at the U.S. Embassy.**

Important: *Medical exam results from different doctors will not be accepted.*

Approved physician

American Hospital Kosova
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10000 Pristina
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(8 am – 8 pm M – F)

Items to bring to your medical examination

The doctor needs these items to complete the medical exam forms:

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

You must pay all medical examination fees, including x-ray and blood test fees, directly to the physician.

During the medical exam

The medical examination includes:

1. A medical history review
2. A physical examination
3. A chest X-ray
4. A gonorrhea test
4. Blood tests for applicants ages 15 and older
5. Tuberculosis (TB) testing for all applicants ages two and older
7. 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 on [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#). (CDC).

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Medical Exam Instructions

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to get certain vaccinations **before** a visa is issued. Current immigrant visa vaccination requirements are available at [CDC.Gov](https://www.cdc.gov). You can also read Frequently Asked Questions about our medical examination requirements at [Travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov).

After the medical exam

When your examination is finished, the doctor will **either** (1) provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope to carry to your interview **or** (2) send them directly to the U.S. Embassy.

IMPORTANT: If you are given an envelope to carry to your interview:

- **DO NOT OPEN IT.** Instead, bring it to your visa interview. You can also bring them to the embassy before your interview..

(E-Medical will be transmitted electronically from panel physicians to the U.S Embassy).

Any x-rays will be given to you. You **do not** need to bring them to your visa interview **unless** *you are diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB)*.

However, **you must** carry the x-rays with you when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

Remember: The medical report **must be less than six (6) months old** when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

Pre-Interview Checklist ☒



Please use the list that follows so you know the items every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview.

Remember: Any documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a certified English translation and a photocopy.

- ☐ A copy of your NVC interview letter (This does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé (e), adoptive, or asylum/refugee applicants).
- ☐ **Unexpired passport valid for six (6) months after the date you intend to enter the United States. and** a photocopy of the biographic page (where your name and photo are located).
- ☐ **Two (2) color passport-size photographs of every person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm or 2-inch x 2 inch).** Please review our [online photo requirements](#).
- ☐ **DS-260 Confirmation Page** of the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/>.
- ☐ Your **original** birth certificate **and** a photocopy.
- ☐ **Medical examination** results in a sealed envelope (*if the physician gives you these results*).
- ☐ Original or certified copies of the birth certificates for **all of the principal applicant's children** (even if she or he is not coming to the United States).

Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:

For family-based visa applications:

- ☐ The appropriate [Form I-864 Affidavit of Support](#) for **every** financial sponsor along with a photocopy of the sponsor's IRS transcript or most recent U.S. federal income tax return **and** the W-2 forms that go with it.
- ☐ Documents that prove your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (A photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card).
- ☐ **Evidence of the relationship** between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, or emails). For IR5 applicants petitioner Birth Certificate.
- ☐ ***If you are married:*** Your **original** marriage certificate.
- ☐ ***If you were previously married:*** Your **original** divorce or your spouse's death certificate,
- ☐ ***Court certificates for applicants older than 16 years:*** The **original** court certificate (and English translation) from the country where you now reside **and** countries where you previously resided. If you have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime you **must declare it on the DS-160/260 application**. Bring all court documents related to the charges.
- ☐ ***For employment-based visa applications:*** A letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.
- ☐ ***If you have served in any country's military:*** Military records **and** photocopies.
- ☐ ***If you are adopted:*** Adoption papers or custody documents **and** photocopies.
- ☐ ***If you are the petitioner's stepchild:*** The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent **and** a photocopy along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.
- ☐ ***English Translation of any civil document if it is not issued in Serbian or Albanian.***

Interview Guidelines



Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy in Pristina, Kosovo

If the U.S. Embassy requests additional information or documentation from you, the letter the consular officer gives you at the interview will tell you how to complete your application. Follow the instructions in the letter.

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you cannot attend your appointment, please email: PristinaVisas@state.gov.

- **There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment**, so please make every effort to attend the appointment NVC scheduled for you.
- For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, visas only became available in the month that they were scheduled by the National Visa Center.
- Diversity-visa applicants (DV) should be aware that visas are limited in number and must be issued by **September 30 of the program year**. It is very important for DV applicants to collect all the required documents **before their appointment** to make sure they stay eligible for the program.

There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview. Please carefully review the [Visa Bulletin](#) before you decide to reschedule your interview.

Security screening procedures

Every visitor to the U.S. Embassy in Pristina **must follow certain security procedures**. Any visitor who refuses to be screened by U.S. embassy security personnel cannot enter the embassy.

To avoid delaying your entry and those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview.

Accompanying persons

Only these people may accompany visa applicants to their interview:

- **Special Needs Visitors:** Applicants may bring **one person** to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child.
- **Interpreter:** Applicants who do not speak English, Albanian or Serbian well enough to participate in an interview may bring **one interpreter**.
- **The U.S. Citizen Petitioner:** The petitioner's presence at the interview is allowed, but is not required.

Attorneys **cannot** go with their 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 through the appointment website, please **be prepared to pay** these fees on the day of your interview.

- All fees must be paid in U.S. dollars or Euros.
- Fees must be paid in cash.

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Interview Guidelines



Please note: *If you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.*

A complete list of fees can be found at travel.state.gov.

Do not make travel plans outside of Kosovo

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. Usually, you may pick up your approved visa and documents two working days after your interview. However, cases involving administrative processing may take much longer. If you must travel to other countries while your passport is still with us, please make sure you have a valid national ID other than your passport.

After Your Visa 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 receive your immigrant visa.

If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer cannot decide a visa application because he or she needs 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 explains what documents are needed. It will also include instructions about how to send them to the embassy.

Administrative processing takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing is different based on the circumstances of each case. Before you inquire about the status of administrative processing, please wait **at least** 60 days after 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.

Please check your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors.

With the new Modernized Immigrant Visa format, applicants will no longer receive sealed envelopes with documents.

However, older cases **will continue to receive an envelope containing documents** that must be given to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time.

- ***Do not open the envelope.***
- ***You must carry it with you. Do not put it in your checked luggage.***

If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, **carry them with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.**

USCIS Immigrant Fee: Everyone who is issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an [Immigrant Fee](#)** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) ***before they travel*** to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people who do not have to pay this fee are children entering the United States under the Hague Process, Afghan Special Immigrant Visa applicants, 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 the medical examination.

- Your visa cannot be extended and fees cannot be refunded.
- The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas.

Unless the Child Status Protection Act (CSPA) applies, children who are issued a visa before their twenty-first (21st) birthday, **must enter** the United States ***before they turn 21***. Otherwise, they will lose their immigrant status.

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After Your Visa Interview



Getting a Green Card: Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card (also called a green card) will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you gave in your visa application form.

This is a very important document. It proves you have permission to reside in the United States.

Do not travel outside the United States until you receive your green card.

*Once you receive your card, do not stay outside 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.

1. Bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States.
2. If your child is adopted, or if you have full custody because of a divorce, or if you share custody with another parent, bring a copy of all adoption or custody papers from the court that has the authority for such matters in your country.
3. You will need these papers (translated into English) for things such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

Information for New Immigrants – Please visit the [USCIS web page](#) for helpful information about 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 the instructions in this package apply to you. Please schedule and attend a medical examination and gather the required documents **before** your visa interview.

*Additional instructions that **apply only to DV applicants** follow.*

Bring to your interview

In addition to the documents listed on the Pre-Interview Checklist in this package, DV applicants must bring these items to their visa interview:

- ☐ Appointment information printed from the **Entrant Status Check** on the [E-DV website](#).
- ☐ Documents that show you have either a qualifying high school education **OR** have two (2) years of qualifying work experience. The work experience must have been in the most recent five years before your application (This applies to the principal applicant only. More information is available at [travel.state.gov](#)).
- ☐ Payment in cash or credit of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee.

Review your DV Lottery entry

Before your visa interview, we recommend that you review the information on your first E-DV entry.

1. On your first E-DV entry, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are now separated from him or her. (Unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident.)

2. Also, 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 under the laws of your country.

• ***If you did not list an existing spouse or child at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery, you will be disqualified and the visas for your family will be denied.***

Your application is missing any required information, it may be disqualified or refused at any time before selection, after selection, or during the visa application process.

All DV applications must include the name, photograph, date and place of birth of the principal applicant, the applicant's spouse and all children who are unmarried and under age 21 on the date of the first entry.

This includes your biological children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted according to the laws of your country.

Fees paid to the U.S. government for your visa application(s) cannot be refunded.

If you did not include a child who was already born or a spouse you were married to when you entered the lottery program, you should not proceed with the visa application.

You can review the eligibility requirements via [travel.state.gov](#).