



U.S. Embassy Skopje, North Macedonia

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 North Macedonia

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in North Macedonia. Click the **Medical Exam Instructions** button below for a list of approved doctors' offices in North Macedonia. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these doctors 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 created a checklist that tells you what to bring. Please print the checklist and bring it to your interview with the documents listed in it.

[Pre-Interview Checklist](#)

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

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

[Interview Guidelines](#)

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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 before your interview at the U.S. Embassy.**

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

Applicants aged 15 or more must also undertake a blood test and a chest x-ray. Any questions about the nature of the examination and tests should be directed to the physicians.

At present, only doctors at **Remedika General Hospital** in Skopje (remedika.com.mk) are authorized to perform medical exams.

Approved physicians

Remedika Hospital

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Hours: (2 pm – 8 pm; M – F)

Medical Fees

Ages	Children Fees
Under 15 years	6,500 denars
Ages	Adult Fees
15 to 18 years	8,900 denars
19 to 24 years	12,700 denars
25 to 44 years	10,200 denars
Over 44 years	8,900 denars

You should schedule an appointment for a medical examination about **ten days before your scheduled interview** at the Embassy. Every immigrant visa applicant is responsible for scheduling and completing their medical exam **before the date** of their visa interview.

Because seating capacity at the clinic is limited, only the actual visa applicants should go to the clinic. Applicants can expect to spend approximately 4 hours there. The longest medical examination results will remain valid is six months. If the exam is valid for less than 6 months, the visa is only valid for that time period.

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Medical Exam Instructions



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
- Nine (9) recent passport-sized color photographs if you are a DV applicant
- A copy of your immunization records
- All medical records and reports, and records of hospitalization, operations or accidents
- If you wear glasses or contact lenses, please bring them

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

If you have any additional questions about the examination process, contact the panel physicians **or** you may submit your question to the immigrant visa unit by email at consularskopje@state.gov.

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
5. Blood tests for applicants ages 15 and older
6. 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](https://www.cdc.gov). (CDC).

Vaccination Requirement

All immigrant visa applicants must have their vaccination records available for the panel physician to review at the medical examination.

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to get certain vaccinations (listed below) **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).

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The doctors who do the medical examinations must verify that every immigrant visa applicant meets the vaccination requirements, or verify that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the vaccinations.

Vaccinations

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| -- Mumps | -- Diphtheria | -- Hepatitis B |
| -- Measles | -- Pertussis | -- Meningococcal disease |
| -- Rubella | -- Haemophilus Influenzae Type B | -- Varicella |
| -- Polio | -- Rotavirus | -- Pneumococcal |
| -- Tetanus | -- Hepatitis A | -- Influenza |

You should consult with your regular health care provider to get a copy of your vaccination. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to decide the vaccinations you may need. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available if recommended by the panel physician. Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.

The panel physician can provide a complete list of the cost of the above vaccinations. The cost of vaccinations is in addition to the cost of the medical examination.

After the medical exam

When your examination is finished, the doctor will **either** (1) give you the 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 it to the embassy before your interview.

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 them 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.

- ☐ **Appointment Letter:** 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).
- ☐ **Photographs:** 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/>
- ☐ **Birth Certificates:** Your *original* birth certificate and a photocopy.
- ☐ **Medical examination** results in a sealed envelope. (Only if the physician gave them to you.)

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

For family-based visa applications:

- ☐ **Affidavits of Support:** 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.
- ☐ **Proof of status:** Documents that prove your U.S. petitioner's status and [domicile](#) in the United States (such as 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).
- ☐ **If you are married:** Your *original* marriage certificate, English translation and a photocopy.
- ☐ **If you were previously married:** Your *original* divorce or spouse's death certificate, English translation and a photocopy.
- ☐ **If you are older than 16 years - Court certificates:** The *original* court certificate from the country where you now live and countries where you lived previously.

If these **three items are all** true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:

1. You are more than 16 years old
2. You got a police certificate and submitted it to NVC more than two years ago
3. You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.

Note: North Macedonia does not issue police certificates. There are **two different court certificates that you must bring** to your interview:

- Penal Court Certificate "Потврда за казнена евиденција" and
- Criminal Court Certificate issued as "Потврда за кривична евиденција" or "Уверение за неосудуваност".

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- ☐ **For employment-based visa applications:** A letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.
- ☐ **For IR5 and F4 visa applicants:** An original or certified copy of the petitioner's birth certificate
- ☐ **If you have ever been convicted of a crime:** Court and criminal records, English translation and photocopies.
- ☐ **If you served in any country's military:** Military records, English translations and photocopies.
- ☐ **If you are adopted:** Adoption papers or custody documents, English translations and photocopies.
- ☐ **If you are the petitioner's stepchild:** The **original** marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent, English translation and a photocopy.
 - Also, divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.

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Sending documents to the U.S. Embassy in Skopje

If the U.S. Embassy requests additional information or documentation from you, the letter the consular officer gives you 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: consularskopje@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.

Please note: You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online (see Step 1) before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.

Security screening procedures

Every visitor to the U.S. Embassy in Skopje **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, Macedonian or Albanian well enough to participate in an interview may bring **one interpreter**.

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

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** them on the day of your interview.

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

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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 North Macedonia

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 from your selected location in two (2) weeks.

If you must travel in North Macedonia while your passport is still with us, make sure you have a valid picture 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 on a visa application because she or he 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.

We will also give you a sealed envelope that contains documents you must give 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, 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 – 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 should also 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 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.

If 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 through [travel.state.gov](#).