

Consular Processing:

Post Approval Checklist

Step 1: Complete DS-160

- Fill out the [DS-160 Form](#) for you and each Dependent.
- Print the confirmation page.
- Note: Some U.S. Embassies or Consulates are now accepting virtual appointments! You may be asked to send in the requested documentation in lieu of attending your in-person interview.

Step 2: Schedule Visa Appointment and Pay Visa Fees

- Visit the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) website where you will be interviewed for country-specific instructions.
- Note: Some U.S. Embassies or Consulates are now accepting virtual appointments! What does this mean? You may be asked to send in the requested documentation in lieu of attending your in-person interview. Please contact your [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) directly for further guidance.

Step 3: Attend Visa Interview

- Attend the Visa Interview at the U.S. Consulate.
 - Note: Some U.S. Embassies or Consulates are now accepting virtual appointments! You may be asked to send in the requested documentation in lieu of attending your in-person interview.
- You will need to bring:
 - Copy of I-797A Approval Notice
 - DS-160 Confirmation Page
 - Application Fee Payment Receipt
 - Valid Passport
 - [Two Color, Passport-style Photographs](#)
 - Copy of Your Petition
- Your Dependents will need to bring:
 - Copy of I-797A Approval Notice
 - DS-160 Confirmation Page

- Application Fee Payment Receipt
- Valid Passport
- Two Color, Passport-style Photographs
- Marriage Certificate (for Spouse)
- Birth Certificate (for Child)*

*Children ages 13 and under may not need to appear for visa stamping in person.
Check with your U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Step 4: Receive Visa Approval

- Receive Passport back with Visa Stamp.
- Contact us if you are issued “Administrative Processing.”

Step 5: Carry Documents For Entry Into The U.S.

- You will need to carry your valid:
 - Passport
 - Visa Stamp
 - I-797A Approval Notice
- Your Dependents will need to carry their valid:
 - Passport
 - Visa Stamp
 - I-797A Approval Notice (recommended)
 - Marriage Certificate (for Spouse) (recommended)
 - Birth Certificate (for Child) (recommended)

Step 6: Review I-94

- View your new I-94 on the I-94 - Official Website.
- Contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) promptly if there is an error.

Step 7: Complete I-9

- Complete Form I-9, Employment Eligibility Verification
- You will need your valid:
 - Passport
 - I-94

Step 8: Request Social Security Number (SSN)

- Apply for a Social Security Number and Card
- You will need your valid:
 - Passport
 - Visa Stamp
 - I-94

Step 9: The Next Time You Travel Outside The U.S.

- You will need to carry your valid:
 - Passport
 - Visa Stamp
 - I-797A Approval Notice
 - 2-3 Recent Pay Statements from Employer Listed on I-797A Approval Notice
- Your Dependents will need to carry their valid:
 - Passport
 - Visa Stamp
 - I-797A Approval Notice (recommended)
 - Marriage Certificate (for Spouse) (recommended)
 - Birth Certificate (for Child) (recommended)
- Receive a new I-94 each time you re-enter the U.S.
- Review your new I-94 on the I-94 - Official Website.
- Contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) promptly if there is an error.

Visit legalpad.io for more information about the visa process.