



Wait Times for Visas to the United States

Visa Wait Times

Advance travel planning and early visa application are important, since visa applications are subject to a greater degree of scrutiny than in the past. If you plan to apply for a nonimmigrant visa to come to the United States, we know you would like to estimate how long you will have to wait to get an interview appointment to apply for a visa. See our “Visa Wait Times for Interview Appointment” information below.

It is important to thoroughly understand specific policies, rules and regulations provided by your Embassy’s Consular for local procedures and instructions, such as how to make an interview appointment. An Embassy Consular will also explain any additional procedures for students, exchange visitors and those persons who need an earlier visa interview appointment.

It is important for you to know how long it will take for your nonimmigrant visa to be processed at the Consular Section, after a decision is made by a Consular Officer to issue the visa, and the visa is available for pick-up by you or the courier at the embassy. Some visa applications require additional administrative processing, which requires some additional time. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days of application. Applicants are advised when they apply. When administrative processing is required, the timing will vary based on individual circumstances of each case. Therefore, before making inquiries about status of administrative processing, applicants or their representatives will need to wait at least 90 days from the date of interview or submission of supplemental documents, whichever is later.

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