



***The Embassy of the United States of America
Consular Section, San Salvador, El Salvador***

Dear Immigrant Visa Applicant,

Please read these instructions carefully, and follow them step by step. We suggest that all medical examinations are performed at least one (1) week before the date of your interview. If children under the age of 14 are applying, please schedule your medical exam(s) at least two (2) weeks prior to the visa interview in the Consular Section.

You must schedule your medical appointment through the following website: <https://www.doctorvisa.org>

It is important that all the contact information entered to the website is accurate and complete as you will receive a confirmation call (within three (3) business days after you schedule your appointment) from the clinic staff to provide you further instructions for your medical appointment day

All immigrant visa applicants must be examined at a medical facility authorized by the U.S. Embassy. Please find below the list of MEDICAL CENTERS AUTHORIZED by the U.S. EMBASSY (for Immigrant Visa applicants):

| Authorized Doctor | Address |
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| Dra. Frida Bichara | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 09, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |
| Dra. Margarita Chica | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 13, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |
| Dr. Juan Guillen | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 03-A, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |
| Dra. Maria José Herrera | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 12, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |
| Dra. Magdalena Mancia | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 11, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |
| Dr. Roberto Zelaya | Edificio Avante, Nivel 9, Local 03-B, Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |

| Lab Name | Address |
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| Healthcare Laboratory and X Ray Clinic** | Calle Llama del Bosque, Edificio Valencia, 1er Nivel, Local No. 1 & 2 Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad |

**Tests at these locations require a referral from one of the Embassy-authorized panel physicians.

Documents and requirements to present when arriving at the doctor's office the day of your examination:

- 1) UID number from the Visa Information Center. You need to create an online profile before you schedule your medical appointment (prior to your consular interview) to get an UID number from the Visa Information Center, you can register following this link: <https://www.ustraveldocs.com/sv/sv-iv-visaapplyinfo.asp>
- 2) Valid passport and a copy
- 3) Appointment Letter from NVC stating that you are scheduled for an interview or Packet 4 letter from U.S. Embassy along with a copy
- 4) If your case was not processed electronically by the NVC, you must bring five size 2x2 color photos on white background. The clinic will inform you if this applies for your case.
- 5) Vaccination records and a copy. If you do not have vaccination records, the physician will work with you to determine which vaccines are medically necessary for you. **Note: Presenting counterfeit or falsified vaccination records may result in the denial of your immigrant visa.**
- 6) In a white sheet of paper list, the following information:
 - a. Current home address in El Salvador
 - b. Address in the U.S. where you plan to reside
 - c. Contact email
 - d. If the patient is female and has had children: date of birth of all children

For applicant under the age of 14 years old: If the mother or father will not accompany the applicant the day of the examination, the person accompanying the applicant must bring a legal power of attorney giving the authorization to accompany the minor to the exam and for the minor to take the exam. (MUST)

If you have a medical condition: please bring the name of any medicine, you are currently taking and/or a medical report.

Items to take into consideration on the day of your exam:

- ✓ Access to the clinic is limited to the applicant. A parent/legal guardian or escort may accompany a minor or an applicant with a special need.
- ✓ It is not necessary to fast on the day of your appointment.
- ✓ All applicants must arrive at the physician's office before 10:00 a.m. for the results to be completed on the same day.

Scope of Examination:

Please be advised that all immigrant visa applicants are required to submit themselves to a thorough examination conducted by an approved panel physician. Examinations are conducted in conformity with technical instructions issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and will include:

1. A mental status examination which includes, at a minimum, assessment of intelligence, thought, cognition (comprehension), judgment and mood, and behavior
2. A physical examination that includes, at a minimum, examination of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia (visual and palpation)
3. All diagnostic tests required for the diagnosis of the diseases identified as communicable diseases of public health significance and other tests identified as necessary to confirm a suspected diagnosis of any other condition that may affect the applicant's eligibility for an immigrant visa.

Applicants should bring their vaccination records to the examination, along with any medical records the applicant believes might be relevant to their medical history, including current prescription drug names, doses, and frequency of use.

During the medical examination:

The medical examination will include a medical history review, physical examination, and chest X-ray, gonorrhea test (for applicants between 18 and 24 years of age). Starting November 12, 2018, the United States also requires IGRA test for all applicants 2 to 14 years of age. *The embassy-approved physician will give you a referral to an approved x-ray clinic and/or serologic testing laboratory if required for you to take these tests.*

Special Cases:

Physicians authorized by the Embassy of the United States, based on the results of their evaluation, may indicate follow-up with a psychologist, a psychiatrist, or other types of studies for certain health conditions. These processes can last for 3, 6, 9 or 12 months. These additional processes could mean that additional payments must be made and that your immigrant visa process can be delayed. Also, there is a possibility that medical exams may have to be re-performed because the validity of the former may have expired.

It is necessary to clarify that if your case requires additional evaluation, **your interview in the Consular Section will be canceled but your process will continue.** The authorized doctor or the Consular Section will inform you when you can reschedule your appointment. Please wait to receive your doctor's instruction to schedule a new appointment through the Visa Information Center (VIC).

After the medical examination:

The clinic will send the results directly to the U.S. Embassy. The vaccine report and x-ray report will be given to you. **YOU DO NOT HAVE** to bring them to the interview. You will visit the embassy at least twice during the immigrant visa process. Once to complete Document Review and a second visit for your visa interview.

First Visit: Document Review & Biometrics

Your first visit to the embassy is for Document Review to ensure you have all necessary papers, collect fingerprints, submit photos, and verify passport information. This process will reduce the time spent in our waiting room and – more importantly – significantly increase the chance your application can be issued on the day of the interview.

You do not schedule an appointment for Document Review. Come to the embassy between 1:00pm and 3:00pm on the same afternoon as your medical examination, except on Friday afternoons, U.S./Salvadoran holidays, or if the embassy is otherwise closed to the public. If your medical examination occurs on a Friday or when the embassy is closed, you must visit the embassy any afternoon between 1:00pm and 3:00pm (Monday – Thursday) to complete Document Review.

Second Visit: Visa Interview

Your second visit to the embassy is for your actual visa interview with a Consular Officer and occurs on the date and time scheduled by the National Visa Center (NVC). If you do not complete Document Review before the day of your visa interview, you may be required to reschedule your visa appointment

IMPORTANT:

THE PRICES ESTABLISHED: ARE THE SAME FOR ALL PANEL PHYSICIANS (APROXIMATELY \$275). SHOULD THE GENERAL EXAMINATION REVEAL THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL TESTS OR A MORE SPECIALIZED EXAMINATION, THE WORK WILL BE PERFORMED BY CONSULTANTS CHOSEN BY THE APPLICANTS OR DESIGNATED BY THE PHYSICIAN. THE COST CAN REACH UP TO \$695 PER APPLICANT. ANY FEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH FURTHER TESTS OR EXAMINATIONS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE APPLICANT. THE TOTAL COST OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINATION WILL DEPEND ON YOUR PERSONAL MEDICAL CONDITION.