

Apply By Mail Standard
All Visa categories (excluding Blanket L1, E1 E2)

The Department of State has waived the in-person interview requirement for visa applicants in all visa categories (excluding Blanket L1, E1 and E2), subject to certain conditions.

Complete each section of this coversheet. You must qualify in Section 1 to continue to Section 2. If you do not qualify you must schedule an appointment online.

Section 1

To qualify you must **YES** to **ALL** criteria:

YES **NO**

- Applying for visa renewal in the same visa class within 48 months of the previous visa's expiration.
- I have had my 10 fingerprints collected for my previous U.S. visa received after January 1, 2008.
- I have a previous U.S. visa in the same class as the visa for which I wish to renew.
- My most recent visa (in the same class for which I am applying) was issued on or after my 14th birthday.
- I have no refusals for a visa in any category after my most recent visa issuance.
- I have never been denied a visa or the Visa Waiver Program (ESTA).
- I have not changed my name or passport nationality since the issuance of my last U.S. visa.
- My previous visa did not require a waiver of ineligibility (For example: criminal convictions).
- I have no arrests or convictions (other than minor traffic violations) since my previous visa was issued.
- I have no ineligibilities or reason to believe that I have failed to comply with U.S. immigration law.
- I am a resident or citizen/national of Australia.

Section 2

You must include/complete items below.

- This completed coversheet.
- What is your intended travel date? DD/MMM/YYYY
- [Application fee receipt](#): Also referred to as machine-readable visa (MRV) fee.
- Valid passport
- [Form DS-160](#): Nonimmigrant Visa Application confirmation page.
 - Each individual applying for a visa must have their-own Form DS-160, detailing a unique barcode.
 - Previously submitted forms cannot be reused.
 - The Form DS-160 must be completed based on the Consulate where you are submitting your application.
- Photo: U.S. passport sized photo. If incorrect, your application will be rejected.

Additional items required based on visa classification. **DO NOT submit original documents** unless indicated.

C1/D visa applicants:

- Employment Letter

E3 visa applicants:

- Labor Condition Application (LCA)
- Employment Letter

F, M applicants:

- I-20 (original or copy)
- SEVIS Fee Receipt

H-2 visa applicants:

- I-797

I visa applicants:

- Employment Letter

J visa applicants:

- DS-2019 (original)
- SEVIS Fee Receipt

P, Q, H, non-blanket L visa applicants:

- I-797
- I-129
- Employment Letter

R visa applicants:

- I-797

Include an issuance when required.

- [Visa issuance fees](#): (different from the application MRV fee and SEVIS fee). This fee will only be processed if the visa is approved by the Consular Officer.

NOT ACCEPTED - CASH, US Dollar checks, Personal or Company checks

- [Acceptable forms of payment](#): EXACT amount made payable to the "U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL"
- [Australian passport holders](#): Please determine if an issuance fee is applicable to you.
- [Other nationalities](#): Please determine if an issuance fee is applicable to you.

Meeting the above conditions does not guarantee a visa, and the Consulate may still require an in-person interview.

Applicant Signature _____

Please now mail the required documents (preferably using an Express Post satchel for tracking purposes) to the appropriate address below. This is the office that will be processing your mail-in application. It is suggested that you take a photo of the tracking number on the satchel for your records.

Applicants residing in Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and Northern Territory.	Applicants residing in New South Wales, Queensland, Norfolk Island, Western Australia, and the Australian Capital Territory.
U.S. Consulate General Attn: [Visas Class] – [Travel Date] Level 6 / 553 St. Kilda Road Melbourne, VIC 3004	U.S. Consulate General Attn: [Visas Class] – [Travel Date] Suite 2, 50 Miller Street North Sydney, NSW 2060

Our standard processing time requires a minimum of thirty (30) business days from receipt of all the required documentation. If your travel is sooner than 30 days and you are unable to schedule an interview date earlier than what's available online you may qualify to submit a request for an [emergency appointment](#).