

## **Immigrant Visas**

Important Notice: Effective April 1, 2018, the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi will no longer process IR5, IR1, IR2, CR1, or CR2 visas. The U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai will be your interview location if you are in process for an IR5 (parent of a U.S. citizen), IR1/CR1 visa (spouse of a U.S. citizen) or IR2/CR2 visa (unmarried minor child of a U.S. citizen), AND your interview is scheduled on or after April 1, 2018. Your letter from the National Visa Center will specify the location of your interview, along with further details about interview preparation.

The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi and the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai both process immigrant visa applications. Information on immigrant visas and the immigrant visa application process are available at the <u>travel.state.gov</u> website. Below is information specific to India on preparing for and scheduling your visa interview.

To apply for an immigrant visa, a foreign citizen seeking to immigrate generally must be sponsored by a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident immediate relative(s), or prospective U.S. employer, and have an approved petition before applying for an immigrant visa. The sponsor begins the process by filing a petition on the foreign citizen's behalf with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). You may wish to review our <u>Directory of Visa Categories</u> on usvisas.state.gov to learn about the different types of immigrant visas to the United States, including our Diversity Visa Program. Then, follow the steps on the <u>Immigrant Visa Process</u>, or on the <u>Diversity Visa Process</u>, on usvisas.state.gov to begin applying for an immigrant visa.

Once USCIS has approved your petition and you have completed pre-processing with the National Visa Center (NVC), or if you have been selected in the Diversity Visa Lottery and completed processing with the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC), review the instructions given to you by the NVC or the KCC, along with the information presented on this website, for further guidance and instructions.

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- Family-Based Immigration
- Fiancé(e) Visa
- Employment-Based Immigration
- Returning Resident Visa

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