Fees for Visa Services

Important Notice - New Application Fees: Nonimmigrant and immigrant visa application fees will change on April 13, 2012. The fees for most nonimmigrant visa applications and Border Crossing Cards will increase, while all immigrant visa application fees will decrease. All visa applicants must pay the fee amounts in effect on the day they pay, including immigrant visa applicants who pay fees to the National Visa Center (NVC).

Fees that will decrease are not refundable - If you paid a visa fee before April 13, 2012 and that fee decreased, we cannot give you a refund.

Fees that will increase (only nonimmigrant fees) - If you paid your visa fee before April 13, 2012, you **do not** have to pay the difference between the new and old fee amounts as long as your visa interview is on or before July 12, 2012. Starting July 13, 2012, you will be required to pay the difference between the old and new fee amounts – no exceptions.

Review the Press Release and Visa News to learn more.

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This webpage lists visa application fees and other visa related fees collected by Department of State. Note that many immigration-related forms are submitted to the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and not to the Department of State. If the type of information or form you are seeking is not shown here, select USCIS Forms and Fees to go to the USCIS Internet site to review more.

Coming to the U.S. Temporarily - Nonimmigrant Visa Services

Nonimmigrant visa application processing fees are tiered, as shown below, based on the visa category you apply for.

Notice: Every visa applicant must pay the visa application processing fee for the visa category being applied for, unless the application fee is not required, as listed below.

Description of Service and Fee Amount (All fees = $ in US currency)

Nonimmigrant visa application processing fee (non-refundable) for all categories below

- Non-petition-based nonimmigrant visa (except E): **$160.00**

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Includes (but not limited to), the following visa categories:

B	Visitor Visa: Business, Tourism, Medical treatment
C-1	Transiting the U.S.
D	Crewmembers - Airline, Ship
F	Student, Academic
I	Media and Journalists
J	Exchange Visitors
M	Students, Vocational
TN/TD	NAFTA Professionals
T	Victim of Trafficking in Persons
U	Victim of Criminal Activity

- Petition based visa categories: **$190.00**

Includes these visa categories:

H	Temporary Workers/Employment or Trainees
L	Intracompany Transferees
O	Persons with Extraordinary Ability
P	Athletes. Artists & Entertainers
Q	International Cultural Exchange
R	Religious Worker

- E - Treaty Trader/Investor, Australian Professional Specialty category visa: **$270.00**
- K – Fiancé(e) or Spouse of U.S. citizen category visa: **$240.00**

Border crossing card fees

- Border crossing card - age 15 and over (Valid 10 years): **$160.00**
- Border crossing card - under age 15; for Mexican citizens if parent or guardian has or is applying for a border crossing card (valid 10 years or until the applicant reaches age 15, whichever is sooner): **$15.00**

Other Fees

- L visa fraud prevention and detection fee - for visa applicant included in L blanket petition (principal applicant only): **$500.00**
- Border Security Act fee – for visa applicant included in L blanket petition, where petition indicates subject to fee (principal applicant only): **$2,250.00**

When the nonimmigrant visa application processing fee is not required:

- Applicants for A, G, C-2, C-3, NATO, and diplomatic visas (defined in 22 CFR 41.26): **No Fee**

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- Applicants for J visas participating in official U.S. Government-sponsored educational and cultural exchanges: **No Fee** (See Exchange Visitor Visas for further detailed fee information.)
- Replacement of machine-readable visa when the original visa was not properly affixed or needs to be reissued through no fault of the applicant: **No Fee**
- Applicants exempted by international agreement as determined by Visa Services, including members and staff of an observer mission to United Nations Headquarters recognized by the UN General Assembly, and their immediate families: **No Fee**
- Applicants travelling to provide charitable services as determined by Visa Services: **No Fee**
- U.S. Government employees travelling on official business: **No Fee**
- A parent, sibling, spouse or child of a U.S. Government employee killed in the line of duty who is traveling to attend the employee's funeral and/or burial; or a parent, sibling, spouse, son or daughter of a U.S. Government employee critically injured in the line of duty for visitation during emergency treatment and convalescence: **No Fee**

Nonimmigrant visa issuance fee, including border-crossing cards.

- See the Visa Reciprocity Tables to find out the visa issuance fee amount, if applicable: Varies (Reciprocal)

When the nonimmigrant visa issuance fee is not required:

- An official representative of a foreign government or an international or regional organization of which the U.S. is a member; members and staff of an observer mission to United Nations Headquarters recognized by the UN General Assembly; and applicants for diplomatic visas as defined under item 22(a); and their immediate families: **No Fee**
- An applicant transiting to and from the United Nations Headquarters: **No Fee**
- An applicant participating in a U.S. Government sponsored program which may include applicant's dependent spouse and children: **No Fee**
- An applicant travelling to provide charitable services as determined by Visa Services: **No Fee**

Other - When a Visa is Not Required - Visa Waiver Program

- Citizens of Visa Waiver Program participating countries, and meeting requirements pay a small fee. Select USCIS fees to learn more.

Coming to the U.S. Permanently - Immigrant Services

Immigrant visa application processing fees are tiered, as shown below, based on the visa category you apply for.

Notice: Every visa applicant must pay the visa application processing fee for the visa category being applied for.

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Filing an Immigrant Visa Petition (When collected by U.S. Embassies and Consulates for USCIS. Fees subject to change.)

Immigrant petition for relative (I-130)	**$420**
Orphan (intercountry adoption) immediate relative petition (I-600, I-800)	**$720**

Immigrant Visa Application Processing Fees (non-refundable, per person)

Immediate relative and family preference applications (processed on the basis of an approved I-130, I-600 or I-800 petition)	**$230**
Employment-based applications (processed on the basis of an approved I-140 petition)	**$405**
Other immigrant visa applications (including approved I-360 self-petitioners, special immigrant visa applicants, and all others, except DV program selectees)	**$220**
Certain Iraqi and Afghan special immigrant visa applications	**NO FEE**

Other Fees

Diversity Visa Lottery fee (per person applying as a DV program selectee for a DV category immigrant visa)	**$330**
Affidavit of Support Review (only when reviewed domestically)	**$88**

Note: Forms and fee amounts are listed for immigration petitions which are submitted to Department of State, either accepted at an Embassy or Consulate abroad, or within the U.S. to the National Visa Center or Kentucky Consular Center. Other immigration related forms can only be approved by the Department of Homeland Security's United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). For other fees (relating to forms starting with an "I" select USCIS Forms and Fees for additional information.

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Description of Service and Fee Amount (All fees = $ in US currency)

Application for Determining Returning Resident Status, Form DS-117	**$275**

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Transportation letter for Legal Permanent Residents of the United States	**NO FEE**
Application for Waiver of two-year residency requirement, J Waiver, Form DS-3035	**$215**
Application for Waiver of visa ineligibility, Form I-601 (Collected for USCIS and subject to change)	**$585**
Refugee or significant public benefit parole case processing	**NO FEE**

Note: These fee charts are based on the Code of Federal Regulations - Title 22, Part 22, Sections 22.1 through 22.7.)

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