

United States

Majorly situated in central North America, USA is the most desired destination for everyone who wishes to migrate for the betterment of life. Since ages the country has attracts people to settle down as the history of the country is of immigration and diversity.

More than 50 millions people across the globe have settled in the country as the country accepts 700,000 people every year. US is known as s melting pot with diversified, multi-culturism because of the majority of immigrant population.

The state has its large size as well as variety of climates, variety of people, mixed economy. The country is having a strong economy to fight with all odds of economic slowdown. US is also known for its enthusiastic, workaholic as well as fun loving people.

UNITED STATES – EB 5 IMMIGRANT INVESTOR PROGRAM

The USA is the world’s foremost economy having global interests and an unmatched global reach. With immense benefits in health, education and business, USA stands as the most sought after destination for every individual. The United States has a capitalist economy. USCIS administers the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program, created by Congress in 1990 to stimulate the U.S. economy through job creation and capital investment by foreign investors.

- **Location:** North America
- **Capital:** Washington DC
- **Passport Rank:** 5th (As per Global Passport Power Rank 2021*)
- **Visa Free Travel:** 184 Countries
- **Language:** English

VISA FREE TRAVEL TO 184 COUNTRIES

<u>Asia</u>		<u>Africa</u>	<u>Oceania</u>	
Bangladesh *	Faroe Islands	Botswana	American	French West Indies
Brunei	Finland	Burkina Faso	Samoa**	GrenadaHaiti
Cambodia *	France	*		Jamaica
Hong Kong (SAR	Germany	Cape Verde	Australia **	Montserrat
China)	Gibraltar	Islands *	Cook Islands	Puerto Rico
Indonesia	Greece	Central African	Fiji	St. Kitts and
Japan	Greenland	Republic	French Polynesia	Nevis
Kazakhstan	Hungary	Comores	Guam	St. Lucia
Kyrgyzstan	Iceland	Islands	Kiribati	St. Maarten
	Ireland	Egypt *	Marshall Islands	St. Vincent and

Laos *	Italy	Equatorial	Micronesia	the Grenadines
Macao (SAR China)	Kosovo	Guinea	New Caledonia	Trinidad and
Malaysia	Latvia	Eswatini	New Zealand **	Tobago
Maldives *	Liechtenstein	(Swaziland)	Niue	Turks and Caicos
Mongolia	Lithuania	Ethiopia *	Northern	Islands
Nepal *	Luxembourg	Gabon *	Mariana Islands	US Virgin Islands
Philippines	Malta	Gambia *	Palau Islands	
Singapore	Moldova	Guinea-Bissau *	Papua New	<u>Americas</u>
South Korea	Monaco	Kenya *	Guinea *	Argentina
Sri Lanka **	Montenegro	Lesotho	Samoa *	Belize
Taiwan	Netherlands	Madagascar *	Solomon Islands*	Bermuda
Tajikistan *	North Macedonia	Malawi *	Tonga *	Bolivia *
Thailand	Norway	Mauritania *	Tuvalu *	Brazil
Timor-Leste *	Poland	Mauritius	Vanuatu	Canada
	Portugal	Mayotte		Chile
	Romania	Morocco	<u>Caribbean</u>	Colombia
<u>Europe</u>	San Marino	Mozambique *	Anguilla	Costa Rica
Albania	Serbia	Namibia	Antigua and	Ecuador
Andorra	Slovakia	Reunion	Barbuda	El Salvador
Austria	Slovenia	Rwanda *	Aruba	Falkland Islands
Belarus	Spain	Sao Tome and	Bahamas	French Guiana
Belgium	Sweden	Principe	Barbados	Guatemala
Bosnia & Herzegovina			Bonaire; St.	Guyana

Bulgaria	Switzerland	Senegal	Eustatius and	Honduras
Croatia	Ukraine	Seychelles *	Saba	Mexico
Cyprus	United Kingdom	Sierra Leone *	British Virgin	Nicaragua
Czech Republic	Vatican City	Somalia *	Islands	Panama
Denmark		South Africa	Cayman Islands	Paraguay *
Estonia		St. Helena *	Curacao	Peru
		Tanzania *	Dominica	Uruguay
		Togo *	Dominican	
		Tunisia	Republic	
		Uganda *		
		Zambia *		
		Zimbabwe *		

*Conditions Apply.

The EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa

Launched in 1990, EB-5 Program offers an exclusive category of US immigration Visa that allows Investors, their spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21 to obtain Green Card within 24 to 36 months*. This allows them the legal right to live, work, study and travel anywhere in the United States without restrictions.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify, foreign investors need to meet specific United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requirements. They are required to:

- Make a minimum investment of \$500,000 (or it's equivalent in a foreign currency, either individually or combined with their spouse or partner) in a commercial entity located in a targeted employment area (TEA).
- *Investment shall result in creation of 10 full-time jobs for US Citizens.*
- **Business/Management experience:** No Prior business management experience is required.
- **Other factors:** In addition to the above selection criteria, other factors such as age must be 21 years old, no language proficiency is required, no requirement of education, and legal source of funds plays an important role in the process.

US E-2 VISA

- Expeditious processing: U.S. E-2 visa can generally be obtained within 3 months*
- Unlimited number of extensions
- Investor's spouse and dependent children under 21 years old may be included

- Investor's spouse can apply to work anywhere in the U.S.
- Free high-school education for children in the U.S. with E-2 visa and in-state college tuition rates
- E-2 can have the potential to be converted to EB-5 over the course of time
- Investor and dependents may spend time in the U.S. without being subject to world-wide income tax.

IMMIGRATION QUALIFICATIONS

E-2 requires that you to be at least a 50% owner of the business and have a direct role:

- 50% owner of the Class A Units with another E-2 Investor
- Investor Option to make the full investment and own 100% if desired
- Involvement in the decision making process

*** Legal and Professional fee is applicable.*

APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE FOR EB5

STEP 1: Client will sign the office contract with LOGICALPLATEAU, initial payment as per contract needs to be made.

MONTH 1

STEP 2: Preliminary Check on applicant's profile and technical assessment process takes place. Client receives the documents checklist and applications package.

MONTH 1

STEP 3: Opening of Escrow account

Step1: Transfer of investment funds into the Escrow Account along with admin fee.

Step2: Filing of I-526 Application to USCIS by the attorney.

MONTH 1

STEP 4: Client Receive I-526 Approval.

MONTH 12-14

STEP 5: Submit Immigrant Visa Application to National Visa Center.

MONTH 14-18

STEP 6: Upon approval the client undergoes Medical Test and Interview

MONTH 19-20

STEP 7

Step1: Client Receive Immigrant Visa.

Step2: Client has to enter the country within 6 months.

MONTH 22-23

STEP 8 – AFTER POST LANDING

Step1: Client receives conditional Green card.

Step2: Attorney will file I-829 to USCIS before the conditional green card expiry.

STEP 9 – AFTER POST LANDING

Step1: Client Receive un-conditional Green card.

Step2: File Application for Naturalization after 5 years.

MONTH 24

USA Business Visitors Visa

Visitors arriving in United States for business purposes require a valid business visitor visa namely B1 visa or an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorization).

A B1 visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows visitors to come to the United States temporarily for business purposes only. They may get involved in business activities like consultation with business associates, conferring contracts and attending seminars or conferences in the US.

Visitors travelling for business purposes from participating VWP (Visa Waiver Program) nations may be required to procure an ESTA before leaving for their trip.

B1 Visa Requirements

A B1 visa can only be acquired abroad. The applicants need to establish the purpose of their trip to be for business activities only. These activities should not involve gainful employment or compensation from any source within the United States.

B1 visa applicants may be required to show that they have sufficient funds to support themselves during their stay. They may also be obliged to meet certain health and character requirements.

Applicants must express their intent to return to their home country at the end of their stay.

B1 Visa Entitlements

A B1 visa holder is usually allowed to remain in the US for a maximum of one (1) year. The holder's spouse, dependent children and domestic employees may also be entitled to accompany them to the US on a derivative non immigrant visa. B1 visa holders may be allowed to change their visa status, if required, to engage in employment or full-time study, given that the applicant fulfils the additional eligibility criteria.

B2 (Tourists)

Almost all visitors going to the United States, as tourists require a valid tourist visa which is a B2 visa or an ESTA.

A B2 visa is a non-immigrant visa that permits tourists only temporary visit to the United States. B2 visa holders can undertake city tours, can go sightseeing, call upon family and friends or, if needed, receive medical treatment in the US.

Tourists from participating VWP (Visa Waiver Program) countries are required to acquire an ESTA before departing for their trip.

B2 Visa Requirements

A B2 visa can only be procured abroad. The applicants must verify the purpose of their trip. The purpose of the trip can only be for pleasure, tourism or medical treatment.

Applicants must prove they intend to return to their home country at the end of their stay. B2 visa applicants may also be required to show that they have sufficient funds to support themselves during their stay. They may also be obliged to meet certain health and character requirements.

B2 Visa Entitlements

A B2 visa normally allows the holder to remain in the US for a maximum of six (6) months. In certain cases, some B2 visa holders may be allowed to stay up to one year.

A B2 visa holder may be permitted to undertake short-term study course during his stay, but will not be allowed to undertake long-term study course nor will he be entitled to take up employment.

However, in some particular circumstances, a B2 visa holder is allowed to change his visa status during his stay itself to engage in employment or to undertake a full-time study course.

L-1A Visa - Intra-company transfer visa L1

An L1 visa is a work visa, temporary in nature, for important employees working for international companies. This allows the employees to be transferred to the US to continue working for their employer.

An L1 visa is also suitable for significant employees working for an international company who are transferred to the US to establish a parent, branch, affiliate, or subsidiary of the company. The international company may be either an US or foreign enterprise.

L-1 Visa Requirements

The main criteria to qualify for an L1 visa is that, the applicant must be employed by the company for at least one year without a break or within the preceding three years in a managerial capacity or in any specialized knowledge capacity. Furthermore, the applicant must be intending to hold a similar managerial or a major position within the company. L1 visa applicants may also be obliged to meet certain health and character requirements.

L-1 Visa Entitlements

An L1 visa is of a temporary nature allowing the visa holder to stay and work in the US temporarily.

If the company is already established in the US then a L1 visa is usually granted for 3 years. If the company is new then a L1 visa is granted for 1 year. Extensions of an L1 visa may be also be granted.

Intercompany transferees holding an L1 visa are allowed to maintain L1 visa status, while applying for a Green Card, which allows permanent US residency.

Spouses and unmarried children under 21 years of age may apply for the applicable derivative visa (L2 visa) to join their spouse or parents in the US.

Spouses and children accompanying their spouses or parents respectively are allowed to undertake employment with an approved employment authorization or study in the United States without procuring a student visa.

USA Student Visa

US Universities, Colleges and Schools have always earned very high ranking in the world-class education rankings. This is just one of the reasons to study in the US. Institutions such as Harvard University, Stanford University, MIT, Julliard, Berkeley School of Music, West Point, are all world famous and welcome international students.

The US offers international students the most exciting, rewarding and comprehensive array of study options in the world. International students who choose to study in the US have almost unlimited study choices. Furthermore, international students who successfully complete their US study are highly sought-after gen-next professionals by employers worldwide.

The number of international students at colleges and universities in the United States increased by 3% to approximately 8 lakh students during the 2013-14 academic year, according to the Open Doors report, which is published annually by the Institute of International Education (IIE) with support from the US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

In fact, international students comprise approximately 4% of the total undergraduate US University and US College population and 10% for US Graduate School.

Application Procedure

US offers student visa (F1) for duration of 3-5 years. Post the completion of MS (Masters of Science), a student gets Optional Practical Training (OPT) under which the student is allowed to work full time for up to 29 months. This allows the student to work while on study visa. However, a student can apply for H1B visa (work visa) during or after the completion of OPT, and subsequently a student can apply for Green Card (legal permanent residency).

Professionals having 7-8 years of work experience after completion of graduation can also apply under the student visa. The Professionals can apply for MBA, PhD and all other Masters programs under the study visa category and subsequently get OPT for up to 29 months. Further, during or after the completion of OPT, Professionals can also qualify for H1B visa and subsequently they can qualify for Green Card.

Jobs and Employment

Business Administration, Science, Teaching, Healthcare, Engineering and many more sectors offer employment opportunities to the professionals. The employment rate is pretty high as this is one of the most thriving economies of the world. US is the land of prosperity and salary is also best in the industry for the deserving people.

USA Family Visa

Aiding a family member to become a permanent resident of the US, follows roughly the same procedure but with some nuances in each type of family-based visa.

First, the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) must approve your immigrant visa petition (I-130) for you. It must be accompanied by proof of the relationship and the other required documentation in order to begin the family based immigration process.

The Department of State determines if an immigrant visa number is available for the applicant, based on the category applied.

The third step in family based immigration. The relative in the US should apply to change his status to that of a lawful permanent resident after a visa number becomes available.

The US Family visa is a temporary non-immigrant visa, allowing the US citizens to sponsor their family, spouses or fiancée to join them in the US on temporary basis.

Children, siblings, parents and spouses of US citizens or permanent residents, who are eligible, might be permitted to apply for a family based Green Card.

K1 Visa: A K1 visa allows a US citizen to sponsor his fiancé to come to the US to get married. Following this, Green card can be applied for.

K3 Visa: A K3 visa consents to a US citizen sponsoring his spouse to join him in the US, while the Green Card application is being processed.

GREEN CARD

IR Green Card :The 'Immediate Relative' category gives permission to a US citizen to sponsor his spouses from other nations, children and parents for a Green Card.

F1-F3 Green Card :These Green Card categories permits US citizens to sponsor their children to become permanent residents of the United States.

The **F2 category** permits permanent residents of the US to sponsor their spouses from other nations and children to apply for a Green Card.

The **F4 Green Card** category permits US citizens to sponsor their brothers and sisters, so as to apply for permanent residency.

USA Skilled Worker Visa

Workers who have less qualification than the one required by EB-1 and EB-2 visa categories can obtain the legal permanent resident status of the US by apply for EB-3 visa category. Three types of workers are covered under EB-3 visa category:

- Skilled workers have a minimum of 2 years of work experience in their field
- Professional workers having a minimum of US baccalaureate degree or equivalent
- Low skilled workers

USA Travel Visa

The B1 Business Visitor visa is available to visitors seeking short-term entry into the U.S. to engage in legitimate business activities of a commercial or professional nature that do not involve receiving salary or payment of any kind from a U.S. source. The B2 visa is available for tourist activities, such as sightseeing, visiting friends and relatives, obtaining medical treatment, attending conferences and meetings. This is how Consulate defines the qualification for the visitor visa grant.

Applicants for visitor visa must show that they qualify under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The presumption in the law is that every visitor visa applicant is an intending immigrant.

Therefore, applicants for visitor visa must overcome this presumption by demonstrating that:

- The purpose of their trip is to enter the U.S. for business, pleasure, or medical treatment
- That they plan to remain for a specific, limited period
- That they have a residence outside the U.S. as well as other binding ties which will insure their return abroad at the end of the visit

What is the Process:

There are 4 USA consulate in India and based on your address of residency/state in India, you need to contact a specific consulate that is applicable for you. Prepare all the documents as per the list given above.

- Sponsor in USA needs to send:
- Completed and notarized Affidavit of Support form I-134. You can download it from US-INS web site.
- A letter from Bank/banks (on their business letter head), stating your account summary.
- (Talk to your bank and ask for your Account verification letter. Which is usually on the Banks office stationary should have Date of Account open and Current balance)
- Copy of your Bank Statement, showing a good balance in order to justify your financial position.
- Certificate Letter from your employer (on company's business letter head), stating that you are a permanent employee of the company, and also stating your salary. 1 or 2 recent pay stub copies. If you are a Visa holder Copies of your – Visa (H1/L1), H1

approval form (I-797), and I-94. (If visa has expired but has a renewed petition, photocopy of the renewed petition.)

- If Green card Holder: Copy of green card.If USA citizen: Copy of certificate of citizenship.
- Which ever is applicable.
- A neat photocopy of your complete Passport, including even the blank pages.
- Copy of recent income tax returns.
- An application/letter from you to the US consulate in India (address it to the particular consulate e.g. Delhi), requesting for issuing a visitor visa to the concerned person, stating that you will be taking care of every needful for these people, including tickets, boarding and other expenses in USA.
- A formal invitation letter addressed to the person (person's) you are inviting to US. Also stating that you will be taking care of all their needs while in US, including tickets, boarding and other expenses in USA

Applicant Needs:

- Completed Non-immigration Visa application form DS-156, which is also available free of charge at the consulates only. (Separate for each visitor)
- Completed form DS-157, for all male non-immigrant visa applicants between the ages of 16 and 45. Which is available free of charge at the consulates only. (Separate for each visitor)
- Each applicant, including children of any age, must possess an individual passport valid for travel to the United States with a validity date at least six months beyond the intended period of stay.
- Two photographs 2 and 2 inches square (50 mm square) for each applicant, showing full face, without head covering, against a light background. To be used in the application Form. US consulates are very particular about the Photographs specification.
- Must follow these guidelines for photographs

USA Trainee Visa

For immigrating to US, you need to obtain a Green Card, which is a US Permanent Residence Visa. It allows you to live & work permanently and legally in the United States. It is also a proof of your registration in accordance with the United States Immigration Laws.