Nonimmigrant Visa Consular Processing Chart

USCIS approves visa petition and submits approval to U.S. consulate post aboard

Our team works with you to determine eligibility, strategize filing, prepare and file required documents, including:

- Evaluation of your immigration history, arrest record and/or medical ineligibility
- Preparation and filing of visa application and supporting documents (each consulate post and visa category have different requirements)
- Payment of visa fees
- Scheduling appointments, biometrics and interview
- Preparing for visa interview

Applicant attends visa interview

VISA GRANTED

Consulate processes visa and courier company delivers passport with visa stamp. Processing time is generally 5 to 7 days after interview

Applicant applies for admission at border processing and enters U.S.

NOTES:

Consular processing is the process by which a person applies to obtain a visa to enter the U.S.

It is very important that your consular process is done correctly because consular officers have wide discretion to deny visa applications and consular officers' decisions to deny a visa is extremely difficult to overcome.

Most non-immigrant visas require a showing of non-immigrant intent (i.e. that applicant does not intent to become a U.S. permanent resident).

Your passport should be valid for at least six months beyond your expected period of stay in the U.S. and have at least one blank page.

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