

U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia

Immigrant Visa Unit

GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

for DV category immigrant visa applicants

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GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please carefully read these instructions and prepare the attached list of required documents before your interview. All documents must be complete and presented at the time of your interview.
- **Children** immigrating with you must also be present at the interview.
- The required documents, unless specified otherwise, must be completed for **each applicant**.
- For all required documents, you must present **the original document and an original notarized and certified translation for the applicable document (or as indicated below)**. These documents are not required if you have already sent these documents to the State Department's National Visa Center. The National Visa Center will send all your original documents to the Consular Section with your case file. The notarized translation must include a signed statement from the translator that certifies that the translation is true and complete, and that the translator is competent to complete the translation.
- **Payment.** The non-refundable diversity visa application fee, payable at the Consular Section when you submit your application. The Consular Section accepts payment in U.S. dollars and Armenian drams. Credit cards and checks are not accepted.
- **Tickets.** We strongly advise you not to buy tickets or make any permanent travel arrangements before you receive your visa. The Consular Section cannot guarantee when you will receive your visa.

PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS (5 X 5 CM)

The photograph must be 1) 5x5 cm; 2) "Full Face", i.e., one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly with the ears exposed, the face covering about 50 percent photo area; 3) have a white background; and 4) clearly identify the applicant; and 5) not be any older than six-months old from the date of the interview. Head coverings and hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs. Sunglasses or other paraphernalia are not acceptable, unless required for medical reasons (prescription eye-glasses (as long as there is no glare) or an eye patch, for example).



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. ***DS-230 Immigrant visa application form (only required if not previously submitted to KCC):*** Filled out in English (parts 1 and 2). Please do not leave any questions blank on the application forms. Questions that do not apply to the applicant's particular situation should be answered "N/A" or "Not Applicable".
2. ***Travel passport:*** Full photocopy of passport must be provided. The beneficiary's passport must be valid for travel to the United States and must have at least eight months validity beyond the issuance date of the visa. Children may be included in a parent's passport, but, if over the age of 16, they must have their photograph attached to the passport. **Please do not send your original passport.** You must present your passport at the interview date.
3. ***Birth certificate of Applicant and any accompanying Family Members:*** Original document and original notarized and certified translation of the "Shenasname" and "Cart e Meli" must be provided. Applicants born in a country other than their country of citizenship must present a birth-certificate from the country in which they were born.
4. ***Marriage certificate of Applicant:*** Original document and an original notarized and certified translation must be provided. If the marriage took place in a country other than an English-speaking country, an English translation of the foreign marriage certificate is also required.
5. ***Evidence of termination of prior marriage(s) of Applicant, such as Divorce Certificate or Death Certificate of spouse (if applicable):*** Original document and an original notarized and certified translation must be provided. For U.S. documents, a certified copy is sufficient rather than an original. If the divorce took place in a country other than an English-speaking country, an English translation of the foreign document is also required.
6. ***Police Certificates:*** Applicants are required to submit a police certificate from the country of the applicant's nationality and current residence, if residence in such country exceeds six months. Police certificates are also required from all other countries where the applicant has resided for at least one year. Regardless of the length of residence, a police certificate must also be obtained from the police authorities of any place where the applicant has been arrested for any reason (except for the US).

Police certificates from Iran are not required. Original Armenian police certificates are required. For all other countries, an original or copy of the police certificate is required, along with an English translation if the police certificate is not in Armenian or English.
7. ***Military Documents:*** Men aged 18 and over must present their original military booklet or military registration document and a notarized and certified translation. If you were exempt from military service, please provide the original exemption card and a notarized and certified translation of such card.
8. ***Court and Prison Documents:*** Persons convicted of a crime must obtain a certified copy or original of each court record and any prison record, even if the beneficiary has been pardoned or granted

amnesty. A certified and notarized translation is required for any documents not in Armenian or English.

9. ***Other Court Documents:*** Originals or certified copies of court records regarding name changes, age amendments, adoption and similar subjects must also be submitted. A certified and notarized translation is required for any documents not in Armenian or English.
10. ***Medical Exam Results:*** Your medical exam must be conducted by one of the Embassy's panel physicians (see website for additional information). It takes approximately two days to process the results of the medical exam. For more information regarding the medical exam please contact the panel physicians directly.
11. ***Color photographs (see sample on page 1):*** you must present two (2) 5X5 cm photographs for your visa, and another three (3) 3X4 cm photographs for your medical exam
12. ***Education and Work Documents:*** Original high school diploma and “peesh-danesh-gah” of the applicant is required with an original notarized and certified translation. If the principle applicant is not a high school graduate he/she must provide the proof of his/her employment during the last five years.

It is highly advised to bring documents relating to an applicant’s work history, including a work booklet, reference letters, etc.

13. ***Evidence of Financial Viability:*** Diversity visa applicants and any accompanying family member applicants are subject to INA 212(a)(4) and must demonstrate to the consular officer's satisfaction that they will not become a public charge. Such documents that are highly advised to bring at the time of the interview are:
 - ***Form I-134 Affidavit of Support: ORIGINAL ONLY*** from any US sponsor.
 - ***Sponsor’s prior year 1040 tax form and W2s:*** If tax returns are not available, please provide transcripts from the IRS.
 - ***Sponsor’s US ID:*** A copy of the sponsor’s US passport picture page or green card is required.

****NOTE: Presentation of the above documents does not guarantee visa issuance. Additional documents may be required on a case-by-case basis.***