

U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia

Immigrant Visa Unit

GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

for SB1 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 a true copy (A4 paper size)**. 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. Notarized translation is required only if the original document is in other languages than in Armenian or Russian. 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 (when applicable)**. The Consular Section accepts payment in U.S. dollars and Armenian drams. Credit cards are not accepted. If your visa fee has been paid in advance, you do not need to pay again.
- **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; 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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for SBI category immigrant visa applicants

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

1. ***DS-260 Immigrant visa online application.***
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 Beneficiary and any accompanying Family Members:*** Original and photocopy 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 Beneficiary:*** Original and photocopy must be provided. If the marriage took place in a country other than Armenia or US, an English translation of the foreign marriage certificate is also required.
5. ***Evidence of termination of prior marriage(s), such as Divorce Certificate or Death Certificate of spouse (if applicable):*** Original and photocopy 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 Armenia or US, 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). 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 and a copy or military registration document.
8. ***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.
9. ***Color photographs (see sample on page 1):*** You must present two (2) 5X5 cm photographs for your visa, and another six (6) 3X4 cm photographs for your medical exam

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

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