

Nonimmigrant Visas

NOTICE

Cuban nationals are subject to special visa processing procedures under Section 306 of the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Reform Act of 2002 (EBSVRA). If on the day of the interview the applicant is found eligible for a nonimmigrant visa under the general provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), the application undergoes necessary administrative processing in order to verify the applicant's qualification for the visa class requested. This process often lasts 90 days, but in some instances, it can take six months or longer. Applicants will be notified when a final decision has been made.

I have been waiting for the administrative process for three months. How much longer do I need to wait?

The administrative process often lasts about 90 days, but in some instances, it can take six months or longer. Applicants will be notified when a final decision has been made on the case. You may contact the U.S. Interests Section about your case by phone 834-4400/02, fax 833-1084 or e-mail by sending a message through our "Contact Us" link **only if you have not been notified of your visa results after six months from your interview date.**

Can you expedite the administrative process?

The U.S. Interests Section is only able to request expeditious processing in the case of an extreme emergency. In case of medical emergency, the applicant must bring a formal letter from the doctor dated within three weeks of the appointment indicating the patient's diagnosis and prognosis.

The consular officer collected my passport at the time of my interview. Does this mean I'm getting a visa?

No. An applicant's passport is collected when the applicant demonstrates that he or she is eligible for the visa class requested under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The visa application then undergoes administrative processing that lasts about 90 days, sometimes longer. If new information comes to light during the administrative processing, the visa might still be denied.