



**Transcript for the May 28, 2014, Webchat
Nonimmigrant and Immigrant Visas**

Q: how long after a caution should I apply for a visitors visa? I want to apply soon, just under 2 years since the caution. how favourably would this be looked at (I know that it each application is looked at on its merits) but time must play a factor.

A: There is no set period of time that an applicant is required to wait before applying for a visa, and the the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act does not apply to U.S. visa law. Information about the visa application process can be found on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> , with particular reference to Step 2 for information about the documents that you should bring with you to your visa interview relating to the caution.

Final determination on each individual's eligibility for a visa is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer and no assurances can be given in advance.

Q: I'm planning to travel to the US in November to visit a friend. I have had a history of self-harm, but have not done so since last year. My psychiatrist is willing to vouch in writing that I am improving, have not had any recent incidents and unlikely to relapse, that I pose no danger to others, and unlikely to be a danger to myself. Would that be sufficient for the visa waiver program, or would I need a visa?

A: We recommend that you check our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/vwp.html> , particularly the Visa Waiver Wizard, to help you determine if you are eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Additional clarification about the VWP eligibility questions is on the only official Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) website at https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/WebHelp/ESTA_Screen-Level_Online_Help_1.htm

If you are uncertain about whether you qualify to travel visa-free, we recommend that you apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa. All decisions to admit or deny entry to a visitor to the United States are made by immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry, even when they have a visa. However, a visa is strong evidence that the traveler's case has been extensively vetted by a consular officer overseas. Information about the visa application process is on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Whether traveling visa-free or with a visa, you may wish to carry a signed letter from your physician, on official letter headed paper, regarding your diagnosis, treatment and prognosis. If you take any medications, they should be listed on the letter along with their generic names. You may wish to bring the letter with you if you choose to apply for a visa, ready to show to the consular officer if it is requested.

Q: HI my problem is we are going to the states in august/sept and my old passport would run out in july so i got a new one that as issued in may 21st,i got a esta last year so i should have a year left but when i try to renew my esta they say i must pay again,seems a bit unfair as i was never without a passport,and it means \$28 for me and my wife,is there any way round this?

A: A registration under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is typically valid for two years or until the passport expires, whichever is sooner. If you wish to travel to the United States visa-free by air or sea, and you are otherwise eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program (check our



website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/vwp.html>), then you will require a valid registration under ESTA.

Q: I'm a US citizen married to an Australian citizen adopting for DCF at the London US embassy. When it says to provide a Police report for any country you lived longer than 12 months, does that apply to my husband only or do I have to send for one in the UK as I've lived here for 7 years? All the detail says "you" need to provide this report but since I'm already a US citizen it doesn't seem like it would also mean me. I only ask because to order the certificate from the Met police is £45 for one report for my husband, so I'd rather pay that fee only unless I have to pay £90 for both of us. Thanks, The directions and message boards are vague on this topic.

A: Our 'Documents required for the interview' webpage refers to documentation that the visa applicant should obtain to bring to their visa interview. As the petitioner, you are not required to furnish a police certificate.

Q: Hello, I'm a uk resident with a record. I have been refused entry by VWP as I was honest... Filled in a ds160 to photo stage and cannot get further as I'm a computer dumbo. I'm getting frustrated as I cannot continue my application. After calling the embassy, I'm worse as there seems no option to speak with a person for help!....how can I proceed?...is there a number I can call that's NOT a machine?Thank you in advance for any recommendations

A: To continue with your application form, you'll need to attempt to upload a photograph meeting the Department of State's requirements at least once. If the upload is unsuccessful, you will be given the option to "Continue without a Photo," in which case you'll need to bring a printed photograph that meets the requirements with you to your visa interview. While our contractor does offer a phone service (020 3608 6998), as this is technical issue, they will not be able to help.

You can check our Slideshare presentation at <http://dld.bz/visaphoto> for information about the Department of State's photograph requirements, and watch our YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DbLWi3de1hA&list=UUFXBhKIGsJ_Ek71dlkFMkYQ for more tips to help you complete your Form DS-160. If you are not familiar with computers, you may want to ask a friend, relative or librarian to help you.

Q: I am a US citizen w/a UK husband who has a green card. We came to the UK in 2012, went back to the US to visit my family in December of the same year. We intended to go back in 2013 (September) after I finished my graduate program here, but I was pregnant and unable to travel since I was in the last stage of pregnancy. My husband is out of status as it has been over a year since he was last in the US. Is he allowed to go back on a returning resident visa even for a temporary visit back to the US, or will he have to abandon his current green card now and apply for a B1 visa? He was denied a tourist visa before we got married, but entered the US on a K1 visa. But if he just wants to return to the US, he just has to apply for a returning resident visa, correct?

A: As you are aware, if a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) remains outside the U.S. for more than 12 months (or beyond the validity period of a Reentry Permit obtained prior to departing the United States), they lose their entitlement to LPR status.

If your husband has lost his LPR status and would like to return to the U.S. for a visit, after which he will return to his place of residence abroad, he should first formally abandon his LPR if he hasn't yet. Details



can be found on our website at <http://dld.bz/i407> Once your husband has received confirmation that he has formally abandoned his LPR status, he should visit <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv.html> to help him decide if he may qualify to travel under the Visa Waiver Program or if he should apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa.

If your husband has lost his LPR status and wants to return to the United States to live there indefinitely or permanently, he will be required to qualify, once again, for an immigrant visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for details.

Q: Am an international student in Uk and want to apply for a visitor visa to US,my visa in Uk is still running and want to know what documents to submit for the US visa. And am a Nigerian

A: Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for information about the visa application process, specifically Step 5 for a list of documents to bring to your interview.

Q: Hello, I would like to submit a question to your upcoming webchat on May 28th. A little bit of background: I am an EU-national (male) and am currently living in the UK with my American girlfriend. We are not married but have been in a relationship (living together, joint bank account etc.) for several years and as a result she has a Family Permit which gives her the right to live and work in the UK as my unmarried partner. We are planning to get married soon and also wish to move to the US so that she could be closer to her family. My question is which type of visa should we apply for and what are the current processing times for them? Is it possible to apply for a fiance visa for me while we are both in the UK and then get married after we have arrived in the US, or should we get married here first and then apply for a spouse visa? I am a bit worried that getting married here first and then applying for the visa soon afterwards would look suspicious to the immigration officers, but do you think it would be o

A: To clarify, a fiancé visa is appropriate if you will travel to the United States to get married there then stay to live in the U.S. indefinitely or permanently. Under the terms of a fiancé visa, you would be required to marry within 90 days of your arrival in the United States.

However, if you will marry in the United Kingdom and then travel to the United States to reside there indefinitely or permanently, you should apply for an immigrant visa. There is no set period of time that a U.S. citizen must wait after their marriage before filing an immigrant visa petition for their spouse.

Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas/marriage-to-a-u.s.-citizen.html> for more information. If your fiancée has any questions about the petition process after reviewing our website, including about eligibility or timescales, she should contact the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Q: I want to travel to the US for a 3 weeks holiday,I have an indefinite leave to remain visa,I am female healthcare assistant. What are the requirements are need to bring for my interview. can u get an appointment anytime you want to have it or do you have to book ahead of time?. Thanks.

A: If you have checked our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/vwp.html> and determined that you aren't eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program, then you will need to apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa if you wish to travel to the United States for a holiday. Please carefully review <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>, particularly our YouTube video, for detailed information about the visa application process, including how to schedule a visa interview and a list of documents



you should bring with you to your interview. An interview appointment is required; no walk-in services are available. We advise applicants not to purchase travel tickets unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: Hi.I am currently a citizen of united kingdom with a valid UK passport. In 2009 when I was a Mongolian national with my Mongolian passport (Indefinite leave to remain) I was denied a visa under Section 214(b) to visit USA. I have found an instruction from the USA embassy web site that said: Have you been refused a visa under Section 214(b) or 221(g)?Travelers who have been refused a visa under the provisions of Section 221(g) or 214(b) of the Immigration and Nationality Act are not prohibited from traveling visa free under the Visa Waiver Program and submitting a registration under the Electronic System For Travel Authorization. The decision to grant permission to travel will be made on a case by case basis.So, In this case would I be eligible to apply through ESTA?

A: If you believe that you are eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program after reviewing our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/vwp.html> you may register under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> , provided that you declare your previous visa refusal.

Individuals that are not eligible to travel under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program, or who do not receive Travel Authorization when they register under ESTA, are required to apply for a B-2 visa if they wish to visit the United States for tourism.

Q: If you are a British Citizen with a valid B1/B2 visa and are travelling via the U.S. to Costa Rica, will this be sufficient? If not is an ESTA transit visa required?

A: Registration under the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is only for individuals that wish to travel visa free under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program. If you hold a valid visa appropriate for your purpose of travel, you are not required to register under ESTA.

Q: Hello, my italian passport is from 17 may 2006, and does not have a digital photo. So as I understud I am not elegible for ESTA, right? So how should I proceed?

A: Detailed information about the Visa Waiver Program eligibility criteria, including passport requirements, is available via our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/vwp.html> If you are unsure whether your passport meets the necessary requirements, contact the passport issuing authority for clarification. If you are not eligible to travel under the Visa Waiver Program, you will be required to apply for a nonimmigrant visa in order to visit the United States. Check <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for more information.

Q: Does a software developer count as a skilled worker?

A: If you wish to apply for an employment based nonimmigrant visa, you will be required to obtain an approved petition from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). If you have any questions about the petition process after reviewing our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/work.html> , contact USCIS.



Q: Is it possible to arrange an immigration appointment to have some questions answered in person?

A: It is not possible for individuals to attend the Embassy to discuss their circumstances prior to applying for a visa. If you want to travel to the United States to reside there indefinitely or permanently, you will require an immigrant visa. Information about immigrant visas is available on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> - if you have questions about the petition process, you should contact USCIS.

Q: Hi, I stay in the UK and I want to travel to US for attending meeting with customer. I have a B1/B2 visa issued to me in India. Can I use the same Visa to visit the US and attend meeting with my customer?

A: If your B-1/B-2 visa remains valid, you may use it to travel to a U.S. Port of Entry to apply for admission if your purpose of travel is to attend meetings, provided that you will not undertake gainful employment or productive activity in the United States. Final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is a matter for U.S. immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry and no assurances can be given in advance. If the passport containing your visa has expired, visit our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html for more information.

Q: i am a dv lottery winner.i am told interview will be in october.i need to visit a friend in US in june and i have already applied for immigrant visa though interview fo that will be in octobet.can i apply for non immigrant while waiting for dv lottery interview in october?

A: You may travel to the United States as the holder of a valid nonimmigrant visa or under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program, if you are otherwise eligible to do so - please visit <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/index.html> for details.

The decision about each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is made by U.S. immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry. You will be required to demonstrate that you are traveling for a visit only, after which you will return to your place of permanent residence abroad. As you have been selected for further processing in the Diversity Visa Program, you may find this difficult to establish.

Q: Hi, IAm Ecuadorean, I hold 5 years residence in UK, married to a British citizen, I'd like to visit my uncle and cousins in USA during my holidays, they are American citizens, what type of visa do I need and where can I find a form to apply, many thanks in advance.

A: If you would like to travel to the United States to visit family members and for tourism, you should apply for a B-2 (tourist) visa. Detailed information about the visa application process is available on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> We advise all applicants not to purchase tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: hi , i got my visa for 1 year but on ds-160 application i wrote my exact travel date but now i have changed the date for 2 weeks later and now im doubting is there in port of entry that makes any problem ? i have got my return ticket as well... thnks

A: If visa applicants have travel plans when they apply for a visa, they may provide this information via their application Form DS-160. However, applicants are not required to have travel plans when they



apply, and you need not be concerned if your preferred travel date has changed since you applied for a visa. Final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is a matter for U.S. immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry and no guarantees can be given in advance.

Q: my daughter is 11 year old british citizen, who is planning to travel to usa as a unsupervised minor. does she need a visa to enter to the usa? or should i apply for an esta application on her behalf? thank you in advance

A: Visit our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/index.html> to help you determine if your daughter is eligible to travel visa free under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program or if she will require a visa. If your daughter qualifies under the Visa Waiver Program, and is traveling via an air or sea carrier participating in the Visa Waiver Program, you should complete an ESTA registration on her behalf.

Q: hi i am not sure what is the process of applying for tourist visa and what documents i need to present? i want to visit my friends in america for christmass and i dont know when should i start with process to have visa for christmass? thank you

A: Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for detailed information about the application process, with particular reference to step 5 regarding supporting documents. As we cannot guarantee an outcome by any set date, we recommend that applicants apply as soon as possible in advance of their preferred travel date. We caution applicants not to purchase tickets or make final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: Last Sunday, in the early hours of the morning, I received an email informing me that the status of my ESTA had changed. When I checked my status I found out that my authorization to travel had been revoked. As I was due to travel in a few hours I went to the airport anyway hoping that this was an error. However, at checkin the bad news was confirmed and I had to abandon my holiday at great personal expense. Anyway, I have been told that I need to make an appointment with someone at the Embassy in London. Is there a number I can call? When I call the number on the website I am given lots of options none of which are applicable. Any help you can give me to make an appointment, even an email address to write to, would be much appreciated. Best wishes

A: Based on the information furnished, you will be required to apply for a nonimmigrant visa if you wish to travel to the United States for a visit. Detailed information, including how to schedule a visa interview, is available on our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> It is not possible for applicants to discuss their circumstances with a consular officer prior to applying for a visa.

Q: I would like to apply for B1/B2 Visa i left USA almost 11 year back as i took voluntary departure, i have a business here in UK and i would like to attend an exhibition in USA

A: We suggest that you refer to our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> , with particular reference to Step 2, for information about the B-1 (business) visa application process.

Q: My band are wishing to tour around the USA playing a series of small concerts (performing to around 200 people per concert) between the 26th of July until the 16th of August. We will be entering the country via Canada as we will be touring there beforehand. I am just wondering what type of visas we will need and how long does it take to process them?



A: Based on the information supplied, if you and your band members are normally compensated for performing - regardless of whether or not you make your living as a performer - you will require O or P visas in order to travel to the United States to perform concerts. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/ability.html> for more information.

Q: Can students of other nationalities with current UK study visas apply for a tourist visa from the UK? If yes, what documents are they expected to bring for an interview?

A: Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application and issuance, regardless of their nationality or status in the United Kingdom, can apply for a U.S. nonimmigrant visa at the Embassy in London or the Consulate General in Belfast. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for information, with particular reference to Step 5, for information about the visa application process.

Q: Can two siblings (not UK nationals) applying for a US visa from the UK embassy take the same date and time for the interview

A: We recommend that you review our YouTube video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhcdWS05Fyw&feature=c4-overview&list=UUFXBhKIGsJ_Ek71dlkFMkYQ for information about how to schedule visa interview appointments as a family group at the same time.

Q: I will be applying for a green card as i have been offered a job in america. Can my long term boyfriend apply for a visa to live with me and work. I am female .

A: If your partner wishes to travel to the United States in order to reside there indefinitely or permanently, he will also be required to qualify for an immigrant visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for a list of all the available immigrant visa classifications.

Q: I am renewing a B2 visa. The application process stated that I may need to attend an interview again, but i still need to schedule an appointment first. At what point after making an appointment will I be told whether i do or do not need to attend?

A: All B-2 (tourist) visa applicants between the ages of 14 and 79 inclusive are required to appear in person to apply for the visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> , particularly the YouTube video, for information about how to schedule a visa interview.

Q: my 20 year old son sent his documents yesterday for a j1 visa to work at camp america - he worked there last year so was interviewed then - he has a flight booked for sat 7th june is he likely to get his documents back in time or should i advise him to delay his flights

A: We are unable to guarantee an outcome by any set date, which is why we advise applicants against purchasing tickets unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel. However, if an application is approved following a visa interview, the average processing time is 3-5 working days plus a further 1-2 days for delivery. Timescales are provided for



guidance only as processing varies in each individual case. Your son should expect to receive an email once the Embassy's approved courier service has received his passport for delivery.

Q: Hello I have question and I need a favor. My girlfriend who born in USA but she was about 10 years in Poland now she went to Chicago because Her mother died and in USA is her father and 3 years old brother . Her father 6 months ago has a operation and she said she can not come back to europe because her father can not be alone there with son.we did apply over month for K Vissa but still we not get any news .She is crying because we dont see each other over 9 months and we was planned marriage Can You help us please I have got all paper works u need from me certificates of no criminal record from Poland and UK because lam over 7 years in England

A: Please note that the Embassy is not involved in the process until they receive an approved petition in the visa applicant's name, which can take up to eight weeks from the date of the petition approval. If a petition has been filed with USCIS in the United States but not yet approved, you can check www.uscis.gov for updates. We advise applicants not to make final travel or wedding plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: I have a British passport with an American vB1/B2 visa. I recently renewed my passport and would like to know if the visa can be transferred to the new passport and if so how do I go about doing that. If not, do I have to apply for a new visa?

A: If you have a valid U.S. visa in an expired passport, check our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html for advice to help you determine if the visa is considered valid for travel.

Q: Hi i have a few questions 1. does my visa have a specific start date or does it start from when your interview date is taken? 2. i have dates of a school year on my D2019 form will that be my start date?

A: Final determination on each individual's eligibility for a visa, including the validity period, is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer following a visa interview. If a visa application is successful, the visa is valid from the date of issuance. If you have been asked to provide your start date, please refer to your Form DS-2019.

Q: Hi am based in UK for the last 5 year and currently on UK post study work permit my current visa will expire in June 2016. Am working in UK itself. Originally I am from India and looking forward to visit friends in US for 2 weeks. a)Which country should i apply for my US visit visa? India or UK??b) How much fund i need to show in my account??c) I have earlier travelled to most of the European countries, Asian Countries and Middle east country should i mention that.d) What document i need to show for my application

A: Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom at the time of application and issuance, regardless of nationality or status in the United Kingdom, can apply for a visa here. See <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for information about the visa application process. If you apply for a visa, you may wish to bring documentation demonstrating that you have sufficient funds to cover your expenses in the United States in case this is requested by the Consular Officer However, there is no set amount of funds that you are required to possess, and there is no set form that the evidence of funds should take.



Q: I have an indefinite multiple entry b1 b2 visa issued in August 1987. I want to travel to the USA for a 3 week holiday this August. Can I use this visa or do I need to apply for an ESTA?

A: The U.S. Government stopped issuing “indefinite” validity visas in 1994. Since then, an indefinite visa is considered valid for 10 years from the date of issuance. As your visa is no longer valid, you should apply for a new visa, unless you are eligible to travel visa free under the Visa Waiver Program - check <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/index.html> for more information.

Q: Hi, I am a British Citizen with a valid B1/B2 visa and am travelling to Costa Rica via Newark. Will this be OK for transit or do I need an ESTA transit visa? I am only going to be in Newark for a few hours before my flight to Costa Rica.

A: Registration under ESTA is only for individuals that intend to travel to the United States visa free under the Visa Waiver Program. If you have a valid B-1/B-2 visa you may use it to travel to a United States Port of Entry to apply for admission to transit the U.S. The decision about each traveler’s eligibility for admission to the United States is made by immigration officials at the U.S. Port of Entry – no guarantees can be given in advance. If your valid visa is in an expired passport, see our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html for further information.

Q: i am a university student in the UK and i want to come to america as part of a gap year what type of visa do i have to get that can let me work and travel around USA?

A: The United States doesn’t offer a work visa for casual employment; if you would like to travel to the United States to work, you will need to apply for the appropriate employment based visa. Check our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/work.html> for more information.

Q: Hi, I have a valid Visa Type: R and Class: B1/B2 issued on 22-Apr-2009 and valid until 16-Apr-2019. Please note that i have not travelled to US on this visa until now, Now i am planning to visit US in June-14. Since i have not travelled on this visa until now after issue date i need confirmation that i am all okay to travel now in June-14....thanks

A: If your visa is valid and is appropriate for your purpose of travel, you may use it to travel to a U.S. Port of Entry to apply for admission. The decision on whether to admit or deny a visitor is made by U.S. immigration officials at the Port of Entry. If you have a valid visa in an expired passport, check our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html

Q: I am a UK resident looking to start a video production company in the UK, my first potential client has industry in the USA and would like me to go over with a small crew and film in the USA. What visa would I require to film this corporate video in the USA?

A: We recommend that you contact us directly via our contact form at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html with additional information about your purpose of travel, including where the video will be distributed and shown.

Q: Hello. My brother and I are applying for a US visitor visa from the UK. We are at the page to sign each application but have not seen where to click to apply as a family.



A: To clarify, you should each complete and electronically submit a Form DS-160, and then refer to the YouTube video mentioned in our earlier response for information about how to schedule your visa appointments together as family members.

Q: I am on a Tier 2 dependant visa for last 1 year, and planning to go for H1B stamping in UK. Do I need a police clearance certificate ??

A: Detailed information about the H-1B visa application process is available on our website, with particular reference to Step 5 for information about the documents you should bring to your visa interview: <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>

Q: Hi, Are former greencard holders who have since left the US and returned to the UK eligible to travel under the VWP/ESTA?

A: If you have not already done so, please visit our website at <http://dld.bz/i407> for information about how to formally abandon your LPR status. Once you have confirmation that you have formally abandoned your LPR status, visit <http://dld.bz/nivinfo> to help you determine if you are eligible to travel under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program or if you should apply for a nonimmigrant visa.

Whether traveling under the terms of the Visa Waiver Program or as the holder of a valid visa, final determination on each individual's eligibility for admission to the United States is entirely a matter for U.S. Immigration Officials at the U.S. Port of Entry and no assurances can be given in advance.

Q: Good afternoon, Could you please tell me if somebody applies for a fiancée visa to go to the USA but is leaving her child, permanently in the UK. Does the American Embassy need to know the full details?

A: You should complete all visa application forms truthfully and to the best of your ability. Therefore, if you are asked for any information about children, you should provide the information even if your child is not applying for a visa with you.

Q: Hello, I sent my notification of application of readiness form 2 weeks ago, how long would I expect to wait to receive my interview appointment date? And when I receive this date, how long is it usually until the interview date. I ask this as I need to arrange travel and accommodation. Thank you.

A: You can expect to receive your interview appointment date by mail within six weeks of submitting the Notification of Applicant Readiness form. We cannot guarantee an interview on or by any set date.

Q: My daughter who is a US Citizen is applying for Universities in the USA - would I be able to accompany her as her guardian/parent when she has received acceptance for University - I am a British Citizen - which Visa would I have to apply for - & would I be able to purchase an apartment/house near her university? My mother & father were US Citizens (both deceased) & I have always planned on returning to US but through family illness have had to stay in UK as my mother came here to live with us when she became terminally ill so she could be near her mother/sister

A: You may have a claim to U.S. citizenship if one of your parents is a U.S. citizen. Please see our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/passports/citizenship.html for information about eligibility. If you believe that you may qualify under these guidelines, follow the instructions to apply for your first U.S. passport.



Q: I'm a US Citizen married to an Australian who also has Italian citizenship. I submitted a copy of his Italian passport for my I-130 to show he had the right to stay in the UK, but if the Visa goes through he would like it going on his Australian passport because that is where his family is. The I-130 has been approved and now moved to the Immigration unit at the London Embassy. Is it okay to request this when we ultimately go for our Visa interview or will it be on his Italian passport no matter what now?

A: We recommend that your husband should specify new passport details when he completes Form DS-260, and explains to the Consular Officer during the visa interview that his passport details have changed since the petition was filed.

Q: I appreciate that I should not book a trip until I receive my visa. However, on the basis that I am renewing a visa, rather than applying for the first time, can I assume that my visa renewal will be granted? I have not been in trouble since the first visa was granted.

A: Final determination on each individual's eligibility for a visa on each occasion can only be made by the adjudicating consular officer following a visa interview. We can't pre-adjudicate visa applications or speculate on a likely outcome.

Q: Hello, my wife is a U.S. citizen, we are currently residing in the U.K.; very recently she has been accepted for a Four Year PHD at a university in the U.S. which will commence in August. We do not want to be separated for an extended period of time, I wish to accompany her to the U.S. and intend to settle and seek employment. Due to the narrow time window we are dealing with; is it possible for me to gain access to the States through applying for an Advance Humanitarian Parole and then apply for my permanent residency Stateside? If this is not the case, then is there a more suitable visa that I should apply for?

A: If you wish to travel to the United States to reside there indefinitely or permanently, you should apply for immigrant visa. See our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/immigrant-visas.html> for more information. If you have any questions about the petition process, including eligibility, approximate timescales, where to file a petition, fees or completing the application form, you should contact USCIS directly. Contact details can be found on their website at www.uscis.gov

Q: excuse me, I am an Egyptian physician currently in UK, I will participate in the national match for medical residencies and I need to renew my (B1/B2) visa which ends next month. can I apply in London Embassy and which category, B1 or B2? thank you

A: Anyone physically present in the United Kingdom, regardless of their nationality or status in the United States, can choose to apply here. If you are unsure about the appropriate visa classification for travel after reviewing our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html>, contact us directly via our contact form at http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/contact_page.html to provide further information about the activities that you will be undertaking in the United States.

Q: Hi, I'm Romanian and will apply for a non-immigrant visa to attend a conference in San Diego later this year. I was wondering if the visa will restrict me from visiting a good friend in Philadelphia. Thanks!

A: Based on the information you have furnished, you should apply for a B-1/B-2 visa. Please see our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/niv/apply.html> for more information about the visa application



process. Final determination on each individual's eligibility for a visa is a matter for the adjudicating consular officer and no assurances can be given in advance. We advise applicants not to final travel plans unless they have received their passport containing a valid U.S. visa appropriate for their purpose of travel.

Q: Hello, I am a EU citizen married to an American citizen. We are currently living in the UK and will apply soon for a spouse visa for me so that we can move to the US. My wife does not have income from the US anymore, so we are planning to use my (the intending immigrant) assets to fill the financial criteria (i-864). Do my assets need to equal 3 or 5 times the poverty limits?

A: If a petition is approved in your name, you will be sent instructions about how to proceed with your application, including information about the documents to bring to your visa interview. However, for your reference, you may wish to visit our website at <http://london.usembassy.gov/i864.html> , specifically the FAQs, for detailed information about Form I-864, poverty guidelines, tax returns and domicile requirements.