

*U.S. Embassy Yerevan, Armenia*

*Immigrant Visa Unit*

**GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

*for IR and CR 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, a true copy, and a notarized English translation**. 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 (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; and 4) clearly identify the applicant. Head coverings and hats are only acceptable due to religious beliefs. Sunglasses or other paraphernalia are not acceptable, unless required for medical reasons (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 NVC): filled out in English (parts 1 and 2)
2. **Travel passport:** original and two (2) photocopies of all pages which contain information
3. **Birth certificate:** original, photocopy, and English translation\*\*
4. **Marriage certificate:** original, photocopy, and English translation.\*\* Married couples must bring a copy and translation for each spouse.
5. **Evidence of termination of prior marriage(s)**, such as divorce certificate (if applicable), death certificate of spouse (if applicable): original, photocopy and English translation.\*\*
6. **Police Certificates:** Applicants aged 16 and over are required to submit police certificates in all names as well as all dates of birth that they have used. Police certificates are available from Armenia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The police certificate must contain references to each place where the applicant has lived for more than six months since the age of 16. This includes localities where applicants lived during university studies. If an applicant has lived abroad for more than one year (excluding in the United States), a police certificate must also be submitted from the country where he/she lived. If not in English, an English translation is required.\*\*
7. **Military Documents:** Men aged 18 and over must present their military booklet or military registration document: original, photocopy and English translation.\*\*
8. **Proof of Relationship:** photos of petitioner and beneficiary together, letters to one another, phone bills, airplane tickets, emails, etc.
9. **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.
10. **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
11. **From the US citizen petitioner (mandatory) and co-sponsor (when required):**
  - **Form I-864 Affidavit of Support: ORIGINAL ONLY.**
  - **Form I-864A for Household Co-Sponsor:** This form must be signed by the petitioner and petitioner's household member if the petitioner is using their combined household income to meet the sponsorship minimum.
  - **Petitioner's prior year 1040 tax form and W2s:** If tax returns are not available, provide transcripts from the IRS.
  - **Co-sponsor passport or green card copy; evidence of current employment (recent paystubs or work letter) for all sponsors.**

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

**\*\* Please see page 1 for information about notarized translations.**