

Urgent Information For Visa Applicants

Please review the information below before scheduling or attending a visa-related appointment.

[IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF YOUR VISA FEE \(/en-fr/iv/information/announcements#797-](#)

[important information about the validity of your visa fee 20230707202213\)](#)

[Important information about the privacy and security of your account on this website \(/en-fr/iv/information/announcements#790-](#)

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[Update on Change to U.S. Travel Policy Requiring COVID-19 Vaccination for nonimmigrant travel \(/en-fr/iv/information/announcements#788-](#)

[update on change to u s travel policy requiring covid 19 vaccination for nonimmigrant travel 20230512005010\)](#)

[Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fee Increase \(/en-fr/iv/information/announcements#775-nonimmigrant visa processing fee increase 20230331193712\)](#)

[Important Announcement on Waivers of the Interview Requirement for Certain Nonimmigrant Visas \(https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/important-announcement-on-waivers-of-the-interview-requirement-for-certain-nonimmigrant-visas.html\)](#)

U.S. Visa and Travel Updates

For the latest information from the U.S. Department of State regarding visa issues and travel to the United States, please visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news.html> (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news.html>).

[More \(/en-fr/iv/information/announcements#611-u s visa and travel updates 20200916214654\)](#)

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Welcome, U.S. Immigrant Visa Applicants

You are at the Official Immigrant (permanent) Visa support website for the U.S. Embassy in France.

Important Information Regarding Applicants Outside of France and NIE Validity

1. Applicants outside of France should make an appointment with the Embassy where they are currently located

The U.S. Embassy in Paris continues to follow procedures that prioritize the health and safety of our applicants and our employees. As a part of these efforts, any applicants who have traveled outside of France in the prior 10 days will not be admitted for their appointment and will be asked to reschedule for a future date. Additionally, and as a reminder, the U.S. Embassy in Paris only accepts applications from persons who are physically in France and Monaco. **Applicants outside of France should make an appointment with the Embassy where they are currently located.**

2. NIE validity

We understand there has been some confusion regarding the National Interest Exceptions issued at the time of interview. Please note that we cannot issue a J-1 visa without also issuing a National Interest Exception simultaneously. Unless an applicant is specifically told otherwise by the interviewing consular officer, all National Interest Exceptions are valid 30 days before the start date of the program listed on the applicant's DS-2019. Applicants should not travel more than 30 days before the start date of their program. They should not travel after the start date listed on the DS-2019. The last day of their National Interest Exception is the start date listed on the DS-2019, so they may travel on the actual start date.

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[important information regarding applicants outside of france and nie validity 20210702152614\).](#)

[Register \(/en-fr/iv/information/iv_services\).](#)

Register your Consular Immigrant Visa appointment date and time or request Returning Resident support services.

[Continue \(/en-fr/iv/users/sign_in/iv\).](#)

Review and manage your existing Consular Immigrant Visa Appointment or Returning Resident request.

[Visa Information \(https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-fr/iv/information/iv_overview\).](https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-fr/iv/information/iv_overview)

Learn more about the Immigrant Visa application process.