



# **Under the CEAC:**

## Navigating the Choppy Waters of the NVC

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## Summary of the NVC and CEAC



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### NVC's Role as Intermediary Agency

- ✓ Ensure visa fees are paid
- ✓ Prepare the case file for consular officer
- ✓ CEAC reflects the consular officer's decision
  
- ✗ Does not engage in legal decision-making
- ✗ Does not engage with issues regarding medical exams or ASCs

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## Immigrant Visas v. Nonimmigrant Visas

Role is more substantial for IV cases with the DS-260 submission, managing collection of required documents, affidavit of support forms, and visa fees before the case is greenlighted to be sent to the consular officer

For NIV cases, the DS-160 application is completed on CEAC; but the rest of the documentation is usually provided directly to the consular officer at the time of the interview without prior submission to the CEAC

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## Overview of the IV Application on CEAC

The screenshot shows the CEAC Immigrant Visa portal. At the top is the U.S. Department of State logo and the text "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". A "Contact Us" link is in the top right. Below the header, the page is titled "Immigrant Visa" and "Sign In". A welcome message states: "Welcome to the Consular Electronic Application Center – Immigrant/Diversity Visa portal. To access your case, please enter your case number below." A red warning box says: "Please do not use the browser's back or refresh buttons while using the CEAC site. Instead, use the navigation links on the page. You will lose information if you use the browser's back or refresh button, and will need to log back into the application." A "Privacy Act" section follows, detailing authorities, purposes, routine uses, and disclosures. A checkbox for "I have read the terms of the Privacy Act Notice" is present. Below this is a "Case Number" input field and a "Continue" button. On the right, a sidebar contains the text "Important: Before You Begin" and a link to "Browser Requirements". A note at the bottom of the sidebar says: "\*\*Please be patient. Download times may vary depending on your internet connection speed.\*\*"

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