A to Z's of Consular Processing: Trends, Strategies and Pitfalls for IV and NIV

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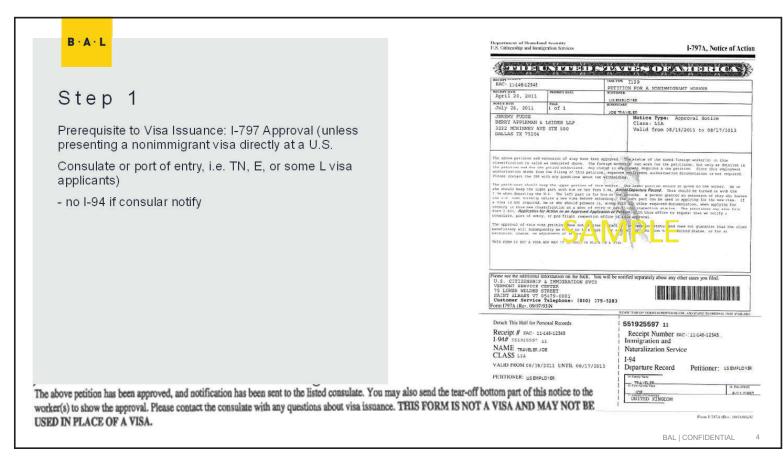


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STEPS:

- 1. Prerequisite to Visa Issuance
- 2. Identifying the correct U.S. Consulate
- 3. Complete the DS-160 nonimmigrant visa application
- 4. Schedule an appointment and determine local U.S. Consular Requirements
- 5. Assemble the visa application and determine the visa fees
- 6. filing the application: interviews (or waiver), approvals, and anticipate delays
- 7. Using the visa to enter the U.S. and additional entry requirements and considerations



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Step 2

- · Identifying the correct U.S. Consulate
- Third country national (TCN) considerations
- Special carve-out for Canadians



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Step 3 - DS-160

Complete the DS-160 nonimmigrant visa application:

- Prerequisite before booking visa appointment
- Common questions
- Disclose social media handles
- Dependents must complete one separately
- See DoS for sample and additional resources

Step 4

Schedule an appointment and determine local U.S. Consular Requirements

- Timing Updates (processing times are improving until there is another rush over the holidays)
- Interview Waiver updates
- Portal and Website updates
- Expedite Requests

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