

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

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Consular Processing Strategy

- **WHEN to choose consular vs. in-country filing?**
 - NIV considerations
 - IV considerations

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Step 2

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



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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