



CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION NETWORK, INC.

**Update from the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez and the National Visa Center
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CLINIC

- Nonprofit agency founded in 1988 to support local immigration service providers
- Largest charitable legal immigration network in the United States includes over 380 nonprofits in 48 states, with over 2,300 accredited representatives and attorneys
- Programs:
 - Training and Legal Support
 - Defending Vulnerable Populations
 - Capacity Building
 - Advocacy
 - Religious Immigration Services
- www.cliniclegal.org



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Webinar Agenda and Format

- Opening Remarks
- Question and Answer Session
 - Staffing
 - Covid-19
 - Expedite requests
 - Communications
 - Biometrics and medical exams
 - Case scheduling
 - Public charge/affidavit of support
 - Expiration of visas/I-129F approval notices
 - Termination under INA § 203(g)
 - Waivers



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Opening Remarks U.S. Consulate General Ciudad Juarez



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The National Visa Center

Focusing on people, not paper

*CLINIC Webinar Presentation
December 2020*

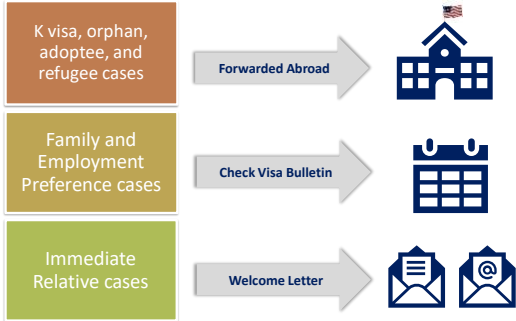
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Visa Type Determines Action



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Applicant Instructions – NVC Processing

Check TSG for instructions on how to complete every-step of the process.

Log in to CEAC to check case status, messages, and manage the case.

Complete the following seven steps:

- Pay Fees
- Complete the Affidavit of Support Form
- Collect Financial Evidence
- Complete the Online Visa Application DS-260 Form
- Collect Civil Documents
- Scan the Collected Documents
- Upload and Submit the Scanned Images

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DS-260 Form

- Online Smart Form.

Available for All Traveling Applicants.
- Available only in English.

Print the Confirmation Page.
- Sections for Each Category.

NVC clerically reviews submitted forms for completeness.

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Affidavit of Support Form



Submit all pages, even if they are blank.



AOS forms must be signed by the financial sponsor(s).



AOS forms valid indefinitely.



I-864W form is no longer required.



Public charge considerations by consular officers.



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Document Collection



Region-Specific teams dedicated to understanding and working with specific countries.



Civil Documents must be issued by the foreign country issuing authority.



Use the Reciprocity Tables to learn the document's requirements for each country (nvc.state.gov/documents).



For unavailable documents submit a detailed written explanation to NVC.

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Document Scanning



Collect, Scan, and Save the forms and documents.



Submit **all** the Forms and Documents **at the same time**.



Use your smartphone to submit the documents to NVC.



Do Not Mail Documents to NVC (*unless instructed*).



Follow the Scanning Tips & Guidelines (nvc.state.gov/scan)

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Qualification for Interview

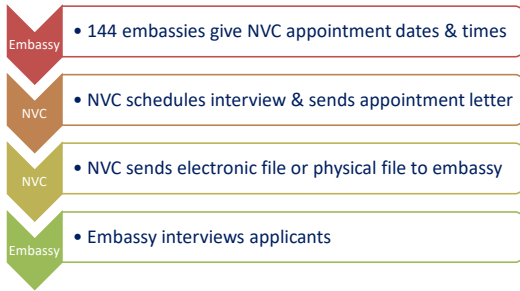
- Cases must be documentarily complete.
- NVC completed administrative review when:
 - Fees are paid (IV fee + AOS fee)
 - All Documents are submitted:



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Visa Interviews Scheduled Monthly



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NVC Customer Tips



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NVC Timeframes



Timeframes are unique to each case, and they are always changing.



Timeframes depend on volumes from USCIS and case parties' responses.



We are not where we want to be but are working hard to meet this goal.



We post the processing dates online on a weekly basis.

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Webpage <https://nvc.state.gov>

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Questions?

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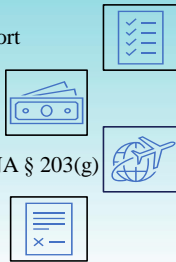
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