

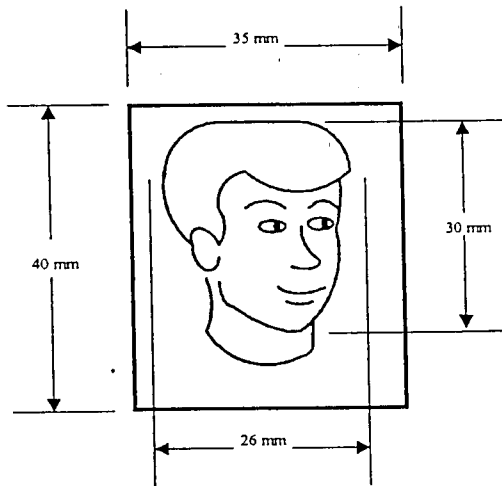


APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

All administrative processing in connection with your immigrant visa application has been completed. On the basis that you have all the documents needed in connection with your application for an immigrant visa, an appointment has been scheduled for you to come to the office on the date specified in the attached letter. All members of your family immigrating with you must appear with you on the above appointment date. If you **CANNOT KEEP THE APPOINTMENT**, please notify the office at once.

All intending immigrants, regardless of age, are required to undergo medical examinations. Complete instructions for these examinations are contained in the attached instruction sheet.

Each applicant, regardless of age, must present three photographs to the panel physician and two photographs to the consular officer at the interview.



- Photographs must show the subject in a $\frac{3}{4}$ frontal portrait as shown.
- Unless the applicant wears a head covering required by religion, the right ear (without earring) must be exposed, and head covering must not be worn. No eye glasses should be worn.
- Photograph outer dimension must be larger 1 $\frac{3}{8}$ " x 1 $\frac{5}{8}$ " (35mm x 40mm), but head size (including hair) must fit within the size illustrated (1" x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ") (26mm x 30mm)
- Photograph must be color with a white background. Surface of the photograph must be glossy finish.

- Photographic image must be sharp and correctly exposed.

Photograph must be un-retouched.

- Photographs must be taken within thirty (30) days of application date.
- Using felt pen to avoid mutilation of the photographs, lightly print the name of the subject on the back of all photos.

Bring with you all of the ORIGINAL documents (*if you have not already submitted them to NVC*) pertinent to your case and present them in the following order. Your application will be refused if you fail to bring all required documentation. Required documents are listed below.

Valid Passport(s)
Birth Certificate(s)
Adoption Decree(s) (if applicable)
Marriage Certificate (if married)
Death Certificate(s) (if applicable)

Divorce Certificate(s) (if applicable)
Police Certificate(s)
Court Record(s) (if applicable)
Evidence of Support
Medical Examination Information
Photographs

Affidavits of support and evidence of prearranged employment must be less than 12 months old when presented to the consular officer

You must be prepared to pay in cash a fee in United States currency or the equivalent in local currency for each visa. The fee is prescribed by Tariff Item No. 20 for the application, and Tariff Item No. 21 for the issuance of the visa. The fees must be paid separately. The total amount is stated in the attached information letter. Each person immigrating, regardless of age, requires a separate visa. Even if a person is found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded.

MOST IMPORTANT

No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued. A consular officer can make a decision only after your formal application and all documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed by that officer.

You are advised not to make any travel arrangements for departure from the country, not to dispose of your property or give up your job until the visa has been issued to you. An immigrant visa is usually valid for a maximum of six months from the date of issuance. You must travel and apply for admission to the United States within that 6-month period.

This office will make every effort to expedite your visa application on the day of your appointment, but it is a process which does require several hours. It is possible that you will have to spend the entire morning or afternoon in the office before final action can be taken on your application. Should complications arise, it is unlikely that you will receive the visa on the day of your appointment; you may have to return to this office another time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Section 203(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his or her visa application within one year from the date he or she is informed that it is possible to do so. This is the notice to you that it is now possible for you to pursue your application for a visa. If you fail to do so within one year from the date of the attached letter, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be canceled.

BRING ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS WITH YOU ON YOUR APPOINTMENT DATE

Upon arrival at this office on your appointment date, please present this letter to the receptionist.

Enclosures:

1. Medical examination information from the appropriate post

Important Notice Regarding the Method of Payment for Your Immigrant Visa

The American Consulate General in Montreal accepts credit card payments for immigrant visas. MasterCard and Visa credit card payments are acceptable.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF
CHILDREN UNDER AGE 14

The personal appearance at a visa interview for children under the age of 14 may be waived at a consular officer's discretion. Most children under the age of 14 whose parents will be applying for an immigrant visa at the U.S. Consulate in Montreal do not need to be present at a visa interview with their parents with the following exceptions:

- A child who is the beneficiary of a petition filed on his/her behalf by an U.S. citizen parent.
- An orphan adopted (or to be adopted) by an U.S. citizen.
- A child who does not have a legal, civil birth certificate showing the names of both parents.

PLEASE NOTE: Minor children who do not have to be present at the visa interview must be physically present in Canada since everyone who receives an immigrant visa must present the visa to an officer of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at a U.S. port of entry to be admitted as a legal permanent resident.

Also note that the consular officer may request, at his/her discretion, that a child be present at the interview.

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**Consulate General of the
United States of America**

Montreal, Canada

Physical Examinations for Immigrant Visa Applicants

Please Read Carefully

Each Immigrant Visa Applicant, including children, regardless of age, must have a medical examination. Medical examinations may only be done by one of the specially appointed panel physicians listed on the attached page. You cannot have the examination done by your family physician or any other doctor not listed on the sheet of approved physicians. Please telephone one of the designated physician's offices to arrange your medical exam. Please give the doctor the date of your immigrant visa appointment or explain that you are a fiancé(e) visa applicant. The panel physician will advise you regarding the cost of the exam and tests. NOTE: You must bring your **passport or other photo-identification, three photos (recently dated - see sample on reverse side) and your appointment letter** to the doctor's office, radiologist and lab where your blood test is taken. On the date of your VISA APPOINTMENT at the Consulate General, bring your x-ray and unopened medical report to this office, **Place Felix Martin, 1155 St. Alexandre Street, Montreal.**

The examination will include a medical history, physical examination, chest X-ray and blood tests for syphilis and HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus). The physical examination will include at a minimum examination of the eyes, ears, nose and throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin and external genitalia. You may have the examination even though you are having your menstrual period. Children under 15 years of age do not routinely require a chest X-ray or blood tests.

United States Public Health Service regulations allow for an exemption of the chest x-ray requirement **for pregnant women.** If you are pregnant and do not wish to have the X-ray, a temporary exemption will be granted. To be granted the exemption, you must bring with you to your appointment, written certification of your pregnancy signed by your personal physician or obstetrician.

If you had syphilis you must present the panel doctor with a written certificate, signed by a doctor or public health official, proving that you were adequately treated. If you have ever had a positive VDRL or other blood test for syphilis and were not treated, please bring a written explanation signed by your doctor.

If you have ever had a positive skin test for tuberculosis, please bring a certificate from your doctor, outlining the circumstances surrounding the positive tests result and, indicating what, if any, treatment you were prescribed and for how many months you took the treatment. If you have ever been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis, you must present a written certification, signed by your doctor, to prove that you were adequately treated. The certificate must include dates and types of medications taken. If you have ever had an abnormal chest X-ray, please arrange to borrow the last X-ray films taken of you and bring them to the Visa Medical Appointment. The actual films, not the typed reports, may be required to compare with the X-rays that will be taken at the Visa Medical Appointment.

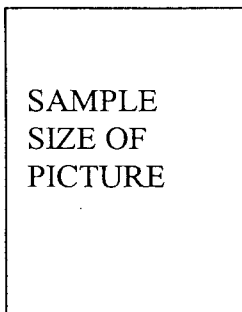
Applicants treated or hospitalized for psychiatric or mental illness, alcohol or drug abuse, must present written certification which must include the diagnosis, duration of treatment rendered, and prognosis.

Applicants with mental retardation or learning disabilities must present a report outlining their problems and any special requirements as far as education or supervision that may be required.

If you have had any history of harmful or violent behavior resulting in injury to people or animals, or harm to inanimate objects, you must provide information which will allow the doctors to determine if your behavior was related to any psychiatric or medical problem, or to drug or alcohol use. Harmful behavior includes attempted suicide or harm to yourself no matter how minor in nature.

Applicants being treated for chronic medical problems, or those taking medications on a regular basis, should be familiar with the medical conditions that they are suffering from, and the names of the medications they are taking. If you are not sure of the diagnoses, please have your doctor prepare a certificate outlining your problems, the current treatment, and prognosis. Please bring a list of any medications that you may be taking.

AIDS NOTE: As part of your examination, a blood test for the antibody to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required. The results of a positive test must be reported to the consular officer and to the appropriate Canadian public health authorities.



BOOKING YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Only the following physicians have been designated to perform a U.S. Immigration Medical

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dr. Ian Morgan
Woking Medical Services
Suite 420, 1144 Burrard St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2A5
604-681-8873 (fax: 662-7729)

ALBERTA

Dr. Willem A. Viljoen
2-4020 17th Avenue, S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T3E 0C5
403-242-0484 (fax:242-0448)

Dr. H. S. Chana
9937 113th St.
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1N7
780-488-2232 (fax: 488-3124)

SASKATCHEWAN

Dr. Peter H. W. Chau
928 8th Street
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7H 0R8
306-244-1561

Dr. Nestor Ficzyez
2125 11th Avenue, Room 301
Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3X3
306-352-4664

MANITOBA

Dr. Ray Singer
95 Sherbrooke Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 2B2
204-775-4471

Dr. Jerry Drexler
790 Sherbrooke Street
Winnipeg, Manitoba
204-774-6541

ONTARIO

Dr. Howard Seiden and Associates
Front-Frederick Health Services
145 Front Street East
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416 -362-5603

MDS Executive Health Services
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Toronto, Ontario M5H 3E5
416-364-3008

**MDS Executive Health Services/
Dr. Al Laity**
450 Central Avenue, Suite 201
London, Ontario N6B 2E8
519-433-4150

**MDS Executive Health Services/
Dr. Maureen Stewart**
1919 Riverside Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K1H 1A2
613-523-8998

**Howard Seiden & Associates/
Dr. Laura Penava**
3955 Tecumseh Rd. East
Windsor, Ontario N8W 1J5
(1-866-362-5603)

QUEBEC

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Polyclinique de la Capitale
4225 4e Avenue Ouest, Suite 4
Charlesbourg, Quebec G1H 6P3
418-623-3890

MDS Executive Health Services
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Montreal, Quebec H3G 1L5
514-931-0352

**Howard Seiden & Associates
Sanagex Medicine du Travail**
5345 boul de l'Assomption, #180
Montreal, Quebec H1T 4B3
1-866-362-5603

NEWFOUNDLAND

Dr. J.C. Westby
West Coast Med Clinic
3 Church Street
Cornerbrook, NFLD A2H 2Z4
709-634-5642

Dr. J.D. Vaughn-Jackson
2 Mount Cashel Road
St. John's, NFLD A1A 1X7
709-753-1450

NOVA SCOTIA

Dr. Frank Doane
6169 Quinpool Road
Halifax, NS B3L 4P8
902-422-4555
(fax:902-422-9253)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Dr. A.L. Roberts
3 Crestwood Drive
Charlottetown, PEI C1A 3H2
902-892-2777

While many of the panel physicians listed above are able to provide exam and lab results within a few days, we suggest that you complete all medical requirements at least 3 weeks before your visa appointment if possible.

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ATTENTION

Applicants who were previously issued J1 visas and who had studied, worked, or lived in the United States as exchange visitors, and those who are currently in the U.S. as exchange visitors should be aware that the two-year foreign residence requirement may apply to them. Section 212(e) of the Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) provides that certain aliens admitted to the U.S. under INA 101(a)(15)(J) are subject to a two-year foreign residence and physical presence. The requirement also applies to spouses and children of the J1 visa holders if they entered the U.S. under the exchange visitor program.

An immigrant visa may not be issued if there is a finding of ineligibility under section 212(e). The consular officer will provide those affected by this requirement with information about how this ineligibility may be overcome.

Please review if any of the following situations applies to you.

- 1) If your 21st birthday is prior to your appointment date, please immediately contact the American Consulate General where you are scheduled for an appointment so that they can advise you whether an earlier appointment is possible in your visa category. Visa categories are based upon the age of the applicants at the time of visa issuance, rather than when the petition was filed, and failure to receive your visa prior to your 21st birthday may mean that you are no longer eligible for an immigrant visa.
- 2) If you have qualified for immigration under the visa category of F2A or IR2 (child of a legal permanent resident or U.S. citizen) and have already turned 21, or any person in this case has qualified as a "child" of the principal applicant and has turned 21, the eligibility under that category has expired. Please contact the American Consulate General where you have your appointment to see if you or that person qualifies under a different category now.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VISA APPLICANTS CONCERNING VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

Recent changes to United States immigration law now require immigrant visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations (listed below) prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa. Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations of immigrant visa applicants are now required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the new vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations.

- mumps,
- measles,
- rubella,
- polio,
- tetanus and diphtheria toxoids,
- pertussis,
- influenzae type b (Hib) and,
- hepatitis B,
- varicella,
- pneumococcal,
- influenza.

In order to assist the panel physician, and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant visa, all immigrant visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the panel physician's review at the time of the immigrant medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Certain waivers of the vaccination requirement are available upon the recommendation of the panel physician.

Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.