



U.S. Embassy in Cameroon

Immigrant Visas

*On June 22, 2020, the President of the United States signed a Proclamation which extends the suspension of the entry of certain immigrants to the United States through December 31, 2020. Under the Proclamation, the Department of State temporarily will not issue immigrant visas, with certain exceptions as laid out in the Proclamation itself. Immigrant Visas types which will not be interviewed or issued through the end of 2020 include Diversity Visas, IR5s (parents of U.S. citizens) and all Family Preference cases. **No more 2020 Diversity Visas will be interviewed or issued. The Proclamation is not retroactive, meaning that it does not affect those currently holding visas.** The full text of the presidential proclamation is available on the White House website [here](#).*

*If you have an immigrant or diversity visa that has **already** been issued and is expired and you did not travel, you will need to obtain a new one. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are not currently open for the renewal of such visas, but please email us a photo of your **expired** immigrant visa at YaoundeIV@state.gov and we will provide you with more information and register your interest in visa renewal once routine visa services resume. Please be patient. Questions about flights and border closures should be directed to the commercial airlines or government of Cameroon.*

In response to significant worldwide challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of State has temporarily suspended routine visa services at all U.S. Embassies and Consulates. Embassies and consulates have canceled all routine immigrant and nonimmigrant visa appointments as of March 20, 2020, but will continue to provide emergency and mission-critical visa services as resources and local conditions allow. We will resume routine visa services as soon as possible but are unable to provide a specific date at this time. Please see these notices which contain detailed information about the current status of visa services worldwide and visa restrictions related to the COVID-19 global pandemic: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/ea/covid-19-visa-services-and-restrictions.html>

Immigrant visas to the United States are processed for citizens and residents of Cameroon at the U.S. Embassy in Cameroon.

To apply for an immigrant visa, a foreign citizen seeking to immigrate generally must be sponsored by a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident immediate relative(s), or prospective U.S. employer, and have an approved petition before applying for an immigrant visa. The sponsor begins the process by filing a petition on the foreign citizen's behalf with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). You may wish to review our [Directory of Visa Categories](#) on usvisas.state.gov to learn about the different types of immigrant visas to the United States, including our Diversity Visa Program. Then, follow the steps on the [Immigrant Visa Process](#), or on the [Diversity Visa Process](#), on usvisas.state.gov to begin applying for an immigrant visa.

Once USCIS has approved your petition and you have completed pre-processing with the National Visa Center (NVC), or if you have been selected in the Diversity Visa Lottery and completed processing with the Kentucky Consular Center (KCC), review the instructions given to you by the NVC or the KCC, along with the information presented on this website, for further guidance and instructions.

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