

IMMIGRANT VISA FOR A CHILD OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN

American citizens holding a residency visa for the UAE may petition for an immigrant visa for a child under 21 years of age at the U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi. Please check that the child does not qualify for a transmittal of U.S. citizenship at birth through a parent (see uae.usembassy.gov).

To request an appointment, please contact the embassy by email at abudhabiiv@state.gov. If you do not have access to email, please call the Embassy at 971-2-4142333 between 2:00 and 4:00 pm or send a fax to 971-2-4142241.

For petitions filed at Abu Dhabi, please be advised that the visa will not be completed on the day of the interview. At the time of their initial interview, applicants will be advised of the length of time that they should expect to wait before administrative processing can be completed (1 to 8 weeks). Please do not call the Consular Section to ask for an estimate of the length of processing as no estimate can be given prior to the initial interview.

BOTH PETITIONER AND THE BENEFICIARY MUST APPEAR PERSONALLY ON THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS.

1. FORMS

- I-130 PETITION FORM - <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>
- DS-230 (I AND II) APPLICATION FORM - <http://foia.state.gov/FORMS/visa.asp>

2. PETITIONER'S PASSPORT and ONE PHOTOCOPY

3. CHILD'S PASSPORT and TWO PHOTOCOPIES

4. CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE and TWO PHOTOCOPIES of all pages

- TRANSLATION of birth certificate and TWO PHOTOCOPIES

5. PHOTOGRAPHS

- TWO COLOR PHOTOGRAPHS of the applicant - Size: 5cm by 5cm (2" by 2") color full face photographs; applicant must be directly facing the camera. The photograph must have a white or off-white background.

6. POLICE CERTIFICATE

- Only from countries in which your child lived for more than one year after the age of 16. Not needed from the UAE, Iran and some other countries, please check with the embassy.

7. MEDICAL EXAM

- Must be done in the UAE by approved panel physicians (see embassy website). Must bring vaccination documents.

8. FEES

- AED 1314 to file the petition
- AED 1407 for the immigrant visa
- APPROX. USD 150 for the medical exam (paid in AED to the physician)

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT IS ONLY FOR CHILDREN ABOVE 18 YEARS OF AGE:

PETITIONER'S DOMICILE AND EVIDENCE OF FINANCES

- Petitioner must be domiciled in the US.
- I-864 FORM - <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/index.htm>
- TAX RETURNS (1040) and W-2 FORM for the last tax year

THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENT IS ONLY FOR STEPCHILDREN:

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE/DIVORCE/DEATH CERTIFICATE

- If filing a petition for a step child, you will be required to present an ORIGINAL CURRENT MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE and original divorce/death certificate for both petitioner and spouse.
- ONE PHOTOCOPY of the original and ONE PHOTOCOPY OF TRANSLATION is required.