

Visa Requirements by Country

We have compiled the visa requirements to visit Los Angeles for citizens of each of the APEC nations. Information about the 90 day visa can be found on page 2, whereas information on the 6 month visa can be found on pages 3 and 4. Canadian citizens should refer to page 5 for their visa information.

Countries that will require a 90 day visa:

- Australia
- Brunei Darussalam
- Chile
- Japan
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- The Republic of Korea

Countries that will require a 6 month visa:

- Chinese Taipei
- Hong Kong China
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Mexico
- Papua New Guinea
- People's Republic of China
- Peru
- Russia
- Thailand
- The Philippines
- Viet Nam

90 Day Visa Requirements

Possess a passport with an integrated chip (e-passport)
Register on-line through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)

Meet the standard VWP conditions mentioned below:

A citizen of one of the countries listed above, and in possession of a VWP-compliant passport.

Possess the ESTA authorization

Staying in the U.S. for 90 days or less

Plan to travel for:

a. Business - The purpose for your planned travel is to consult with business associates, travel for a scientific, educational, professional or business convention, or conference on specific dates, settle an estate, or negotiate a contract.

b. Pleasure/Tourism - The purpose of your planned travel is recreational in nature, including tourism, vacation (holiday), amusement, visits with friends or relatives, rest, medical treatment, activities of a fraternal, social, or service nature, and participation by amateurs, who will receive no remuneration, in musical, sports and similar events or contests.

c. Transit - If you are traveling through the United States.

AND if entering the U.S. by air or sea must be:

Holding a return or onward ticket. If travelling on an electronic ticket, a copy of the itinerary must be carried for presentation to the immigration inspector.

Travelers with onward tickets terminating in Mexico, Canada, Bermuda or the Caribbean Islands must be legal residents of these areas.

Entering the United States aboard an air or sea carrier that has agreed to participate in the program. This includes aircraft of a U.S. corporation that has entered into an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to carry passengers under the Visa Waiver Program.

6 Month Visa Requirements

The B-1/B-2 visitor visa is for people traveling to the United States temporarily for business (B-1) or for pleasure or medical treatment (B-2). Generally, the B-1 visa is for travelers consulting with business associates, attending scientific, educational, professional or business conventions/conferences, settling an estate or negotiating contracts. The B-2 visa is for travel that is recreational in nature, including tourism, visits with friends or relatives, medical treatment and activities of a fraternal, social or service nature. Often, the B-1 and B-2 visas are combined and issued as one visa: the B-1/B-2.

Qualifications:

If you apply for a B-1/B-2 visa, you must demonstrate to a consular officer that you qualify for a U.S. visa in accordance with the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). Section 214(b) of the INA presumes that every B-1/B-2 applicant is an intending immigrant. You must overcome this legal presumption by showing:

That the purpose of your trip to the United States is for a temporary visit, such as business, pleasure, or medical treatment

That you plan to remain in the United States for a specific, limited period of time

Evidence of funds to cover your expenses while in the United States
That you have a residence outside the United States, as well as other binding social or economic ties, that will ensure your return abroad at the end of your visit

Personal or domestic employees and crew members working aboard vessels within the Outer Continental Shelf may qualify for B-1 visas under certain circumstances.

Some foreign nationals may be ineligible for visas according to The Immigration and Nationality Act. You can read more about The Immigration and Nationality Act and visa ineligibility [here](#).

6 Month Visa Requirements (continued)

Application Items

If you apply for a business/tourist visa, you must pay your \$160 application fee and submit the following:

A Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application (DS-160) Form. Visit the DS-160 web page for more information about the DS-160.

A passport valid for travel to the United States with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay in the United States (unless country-specific agreements provide exemptions). If more than one person is included in your passport, each person desiring a visa must submit an application.

One (1) 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm) photograph taken within the last six months. This web page has information about the required photo format.

If a visa is issued, there may be an additional visa issuance reciprocity fee, depending on your nationality. The Department of State's website can help you find out if you must pay a visa issuance reciprocity fee and what the fee amount is.

In addition to these items, you must present an interview appointment letter confirming that you booked an appointment through this service. You may also bring whatever supporting documents you believe support the information provided to the consular officer.

Canadian Visa Requirements

Citizens of Canada traveling to the United States do not require a nonimmigrant visa, except for the travel purposes described below. Canadian citizens who are inadmissible to the United States under immigration law, or have previously violated the terms of their immigration status in the United States can [Learn More](#) about ineligibilities related to Canadians on the CBP website.

Canadian citizens with ineligibilities also have the option of applying for a visa and a waiver at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate if it is more convenient for them.

Canadians require nonimmigrant visas for temporary travel to the United States for these purposes:

Foreign government officials (A); officials and employees of international organizations (G); and NATO officials, representatives, and employees assigned to the United States (NATO)

Treaty traders (E-1)

Treaty investors (E-2)

Fiancé(e)s (K-1)

Children of fiancé(e)s (K-2)

Spouse of a U.S. citizen traveling to the United States to complete the immigration process (K-3)

Children of a foreign citizen spouse (K-4) described above

Informant supplying critical information relating to a criminal organization (S-5)

Informant supplying critical information relating to terrorism (S-6)

Qualified family member (S-7) of an S-5 or S-6 visa holder described above