

7 Things to Consider

Before you start your immigration journey

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Timing:

Timing is never straight forward in an immigrant visa petition, no matter the type of immigrant visa. This is a government process, which can have various delays for several reasons. Timing often changes and sometimes you just get unlucky or lucky on the length of your process.

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Cost:

It's no secret that is expensive to immigrate to the United States. You will encounter various attorney fees, filing fees, and potentially consulting fees, depending on the type of visa you are applying for. The cost of living in the United States is also more expensive than many countries around the world. Be sure that you are financially ready to embark on this journey when you begin so that costs do not inhibit your immigration process.

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Travel:

Traveling back and forth to the United States will likely not be possible while you have an active immigrant visa petition. Be sure to consider this along with the timing of your process.

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Type of Visa:

- a. Really consider the type of visa you are applying for. What are the requirements? What are the qualifications? How long on average is the process? How long is the path to citizenship? What opportunities does it provide for you?
- b. These are all things to consider. For example: A family-based petition may take much longer than an employment-based petition, but in an employment-based visa process you have to do more to fulfill the requirements of the visa.

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Backlogs, Wait Times, and Popularity:

Immigration to the United States is not slowing down. It is a good idea to look at the Visa Bulletin for the visa type you are applying for to gauge the popularity and wait times for the visa type. Some immigrant visas may have a backlog of multiple years for your country of birth. Some may be in a temporary hold, which suggests that they are rising greatly in popularity.

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Support and Resources Available:

This process can be time consuming and frustrating. Consider what your support system will be during this time, whether it's family, friends who have done the process, an agency or something else. Having people on your side during your journey will help you go through this process.

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Do you have a disqualification?:

Make sure you have no disqualifications before applying for your visa. If you are disqualified for the visa, then if you still apply you will be wasting money, time, and energy on your immigration journey.

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