

# YOUR NONIMMIGRANT VISA INTERVIEW

We recommend that you print this guide and bring it with you. It will help you prepare for your interview and find your way to the U.S. Embassy in London.

## PREPARING FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT

It is important that you plan ahead. If you arrive with items you cannot bring into the Embassy, or without necessary documents, we may have to cancel your appointment or refuse your visa application until you are ready. **Avoid unnecessary inconvenience and expense by being prepared!**

Return to [uk.usembassy.gov/visas](http://uk.usembassy.gov/visas) and select the type of visa you are applying for to make sure you have all the required documents.

**Important:** you must bring a printed copy of your appointment instruction page and your Form DS-160 confirmation page with you. You cannot be admitted to the Embassy without them and it is not possible to print them when you arrive.

## WHAT YOU CAN BRING

You can bring your mobile phone, e-reader, or tablet device. Key fobs and cycle/motorcycle helmets are also permitted. There is no cafeteria or vending machine available in the waiting room. However, you may bring snacks with you and water or juice in sealed plastic bottles. No glass bottles are permitted.

Large bags/suitcases (above cabin baggage size) and laptops cannot be admitted to the Embassy. Other items that cannot be brought into the building include perfume and cologne (above 30ml) and weapons. Prohibited items **cannot** be stored at the Embassy so leave them at home or store them securely before you arrive. Left luggage facilities are available for a fee at several airports, coach stations, and mainline train stations, including Waterloo and Victoria.



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## HOW TO GET TO THE EMBASSY

All visa interview appointments take place at  
**Embassy of the United States of America, 33 Nine Elms Lane, London, SW8 5DB.**

We recommend traveling by public transport as there is no public parking at the Embassy. There is a London journey planner on the Transport For London (TFL) site at [tfl.gov.uk](https://tfl.gov.uk).

The closest Tube and rail station is Vauxhall (Victoria line) which is in Zone 1/2 with transport links from mainline train and coach stations in London. From there, the Embassy is approximately 10 minutes away. You can take Exit 1 for a scenic river walk along the Thames. Alternatively, the Embassy is two stops by bus from Vauxhall station. The buses that call at the "U.S. Embassy" stop outside the building are 156, 344 and 436.

Battersea Park and Queenstown Road railway stations are also nearby.

## WHEN YOU ARRIVE

When you reach the Embassy, please follow the blue signs for the Visa Services entrance. Please arrive 15-30 minutes in advance of your appointment to go through airport-style security. When you enter the building you will obtain a ticket number and then you will be directed to take the elevator to the Visa Services waiting room on the first floor.

When your ticket number appears on the screens in the waiting room, you will be asked to go to a window to submit documents. The same ticket number will later appear on the waiting room screens to direct you to the window where your visa interview will take place.

**Please do not attempt to submit any documents that are not requested from you.** You will be asked to show the specific documents necessary to decide if you qualify for a visa under U.S. law.

If your application is approved at the interview, routine visa processing takes approximately 3- 5 working days, plus a further 1- 2 days for delivery. Consular staff cannot answer questions about delivery. You can check the delivery arrangements you made at [ais.usvisa-info.com/en-gb/niv](https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-gb/niv). The courier will contact you with delivery tracking information when visa processing is complete.

We cannot guarantee visa issuance by any set date, which is why we advise against booking U.S. travel tickets until you have received your passport containing a valid visa appropriate for your purpose of travel. **No expedited visa processing is available.**

