

IMMIGRANT VISA PROCESS

Obtaining Green Card

THREE (3) PART PROCESS

THREE (3) DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

PART 1

- **Department of Homeland Security – USCIS Field Office – London**
 - Filing of the Petition for Alien Relative (Form I-130)
 - <https://uk.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/government-agencies/dhs/uscis/i130filing-html/>
 - Processing Time – 75-90 days
 - Once approved, most cases go directly to U.S. Consulate in London – see below

PART 2

- **Department of State – U.S. Consulate – Immigrant Visa Unit**
 - Immigrant Visa Processing
 - <https://uk.usembassy.gov/visas/family-immigration/applying-for-an-immigrant-visa-instructions/>
 - Processing Time – 120 days
 - Once immigrant visa is issued, foreign national will have approximately 5 months to enter the USA

PART 3

- **Department of Homeland Security – Customs, Border Protection (CBP)**
 - Upon physically entering the United States at port of entry, foreign national will become lawful permanent resident
 - Foreign passport to be stamped to show lawful permanent residency; can start to work and no restrictions from leaving USA
 - Green card will arrive approximately 4-5 months to USA address after payment of immigrant fee.