



## GUIDANCE FOR UNITED STATES VISA APPLICATION

Thank you for your interest in traveling to the U.S. to participate in a standards development activity! The U.S. visa application process is significantly different than the process in many other countries, and following guidance is intended to delegates to U.S.-hosted ISO and IEC meetings more clearly understand the process for application.

### Step One: Be informed

We urge you to carefully review all the information on procedures for non-immigrant visa application provided by the U.S. State Department. [Click here](#) for an official source of information about U.S. visa policy and procedures. Please follow all instructions provided on the website for your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate General website to avoid costly delays

Please remember that your application must be submitted through the U.S. Embassy or Consulate General that has jurisdiction over your place of residence. [Click here](#) for a list of all U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide.

### Step Two: Apply Early

Due to potentially long wait times for a visa interview and possible requirements for additional processing, applicants are encouraged to begin the visa application process as early as possible – **at least 6 months in advance of the intended travel**. Wait times for a visa interview can range from a few days to several months, depending on location and time of year. [Click here](#) to find the current average wait times for your local U.S. Embassy or Consulate

Applicants who are engaged in certain sensitive scientific or technical fields may be subject to additional administrative processing procedures, which can add additional time to the visa application procedures, in some cases up to 120 days.

### Step Three: Be Prepared

Applicants for U.S. visas should come to the visa interview with a thorough understanding of their travel plans and logistics. They should bring copies of meeting agendas, travel itineraries and other documents on official letterhead, as well as documentation to help demonstrate “strong ties” to their home country. [Click here](#) for more information

### Step Four: Inform ANSI of Problems as Early as Possible

Should you encounter any problems in the visa application process, ANSI as soon as possible. Although ANSI can not influence the U.S. government’s visa policies or consular decisions, it may be possible to provide advice on or other assistance.

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