

# U.S. Visa Guidance for Individuals Affected by Events in Lebanon

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The United States continues to work to assist U.S. citizens in Lebanon. In order to facilitate family reunification, we have resumed full immigrant visa processing at Embassy Beirut for Lebanese family members of U.S. citizens.

Routine nonimmigrant visa processing is not available in Beirut at this time, but individuals may apply for a nonimmigrant visa at any U.S. embassy or consulate.

## Immigrant Visas:

- In order to facilitate family reunification, we have resumed full immigrant visa processing at Embassy Beirut for Lebanese family members of U.S. citizens.
- The National Visa Center (NVC) will directly email petitioners, beneficiaries, and representatives of spouses, children under 21, and parents of U.S. citizens with approved I-130 petitions to provide an immigrant visa interview appointment date and instructions. Please check your email for updates.
- Immigrant visa cases will continue to be processed according to the final action date published in the [Visa Bulletin](#). In November/December, Embassy Beirut will schedule for interview currently eligible family preference immigrant visa cases and nonimmigrant Fiancé (K-1) visa cases.
- Individuals wishing to transfer their immigrant visa case from Embassy Beirut to another U.S. embassy or consulate may contact NVC via [the Public Inquiry Form](#) and in the “Enter Your Inquiry Below” box, include:
  - The U.S. embassy or consulate where you would like your case transferred; and
  - Your likely dates of travel and your preferred date for a new appointment.
- Applicants are required to arrange their own travel to the alternate embassy or consulate for their visa

appointment, including complying with any visa requirements for entering that country to attend their visa appointment.

- For any other inquiries regarding immigrant visas for Lebanese family members of U.S. citizens, please contact [Embassy Beirut's Visa Navigator at lb.usembassy.gov/visa-navigator/](https://lb.usembassy.gov/visa-navigator/) or email [BeirutIV@state.gov](mailto:BeirutIV@state.gov).
- **For Individuals Seeking to File an Immigrant Visa Petition:**
  - If the petitioner is in the United States: File a petition with USCIS online at [Petition for Alien Relative | USCIS](#). You can request expedited processing. Petitions can also be filed by mail, but filing online is generally faster: [File Online | USCIS](#).
  - If the petitioner resides outside the United States: U.S. citizen petitioners residing abroad may qualify to file a petition in-person at a U.S. embassy or consulate for their spouse, unmarried child under age 21, and parents. Please contact the embassy or consulate where you would like to file a petition to request this service.

### Nonimmigrant Visas:

- Routine nonimmigrant visa processing is not available in Beirut at this time
- You can apply for a nonimmigrant visa at any [U.S. embassy or consulate](#).
- Application instructions vary by embassy. Follow the instructions on the website of the embassy or consulate where you would like to apply: [List of U.S. Embassies and Consulates](#).
- If you have a nonimmigrant visa application pending in Beirut, it cannot be transferred. You must reapply at another location.