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B-1/B-2 Visitor Visa: Business and Tourist Travel to the United States

B-1 / B-2

A visitor visa for short trips to the United States for business or pleasure, from meetings and conferences to tourism, family visits and medical treatment.

$ 185	6 months	Multi-year	No
Visa application (MRV) fee	Typical stay per entry, set by CBP	Multiple-entry validity, often issued	Work or study allowed

Why the B-1/B-2

The B-1/B-2 visitor visa covers short trips to the United States for business or pleasure. B-1 allows meetings, conferences and contract negotiations, while B-2 covers tourism, visiting family and friends and medical treatment. At the interview, applicants must show the visit is temporary, that they can pay for it and that they have strong home ties. A visitor visa does not permit employment or study. Phoenix helps with the DS-160, documents and interview answers.

Key benefits

Tourism and family
Visit family and friends or travel as a tourist.

Business travel
Attend business meetings and conferences, and negotiate contracts.

Medical treatment
Travel to the United States for medical treatment.

Multi-year visas
Multiple-entry visas with multi-year validity are often issued.

At a glance

Visa type
Visitor visa (business / tourism)

Employer sponsor
No

Length of stay
Typically up to 6 months, set by CBP

Work or study allowed
No

Program overview

- B-1 covers business; B-2 covers tourism, family visits and medical treatment; usually issued together
- Applicants must show a temporary visit, the means to pay for it and strong ties to their home country
- Most refusals happen under section 214(b) when those points are not shown

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Visit purposes

B-1 and B-2 are usually issued together, covering both business and pleasure travel.

B-1 business

Meetings

Business meetings, conferences and contract negotiations. Employment is not permitted.

B-2 tourism

Tourism

Tourism and visiting family and friends.

B-2 medical

Treatment

Travel to the United States for medical treatment.

Eligibility requirements

- A valid passport and an accurate DS-160, with social media identifiers disclosed
- A clear, temporary purpose for the visit
- Sufficient funds to cover the trip
- Strong ties to your home country (employment, family, property)
- Visa fee paid and an in-person interview attended

Good to know

- The B-1/B-2 visa application (MRV) fee is **$185**
- A **$250** Visa Integrity Fee was enacted in 2025; collection was not confirmed at Pakistani posts as of late 2026
- A visa may be valid for years, but each admission is typically up to six months, as decided at entry
- After a 214(b) refusal you may reapply when your circumstances or evidence have meaningfully changed

Your application journey

Preparation

01 Consultation with Phoenix on trip purpose and documents

02 Complete the DS-160 accurately, including social media identifiers

Interview

03 Pay the visa fee and book the interview

04 Prepare answers on purpose, funding and home ties

05 Attend the interview in Islamabad or Karachi

Travel

06 **Travel and comply with the admission period granted at entry**

Talk to a Phoenix advisor

We assess your eligibility, compare the routes open to you and manage your application from first consultation to approval.

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