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E-2 Treaty Investor Visa: Investor Visa for Treaty Nationals

E-2

Live in the United States while developing and directing your own operating U.S. business, with no fixed minimum investment and status renewable while it qualifies.

None	2 years	50%	$ 315
Fixed minimum investment	Stay per entry, renewable	Minimum ownership or operational control	Visa application fee per applicant

Why the E-2

The E-2 visa allows nationals of treaty countries to live in the United States while developing and directing a real, operating U.S. business in which they have made a substantial investment. There is no fixed minimum: the amount must be substantial relative to the business's total cost and at risk. E-2 status is renewable while the business qualifies, and spouses can work. It is not a green card, so Phoenix also plans a long-term strategy.

Key benefits

Run your own business
Live in the U.S. and run your own business, with no fixed minimum investment amount.

Renewable status
Renewable for as long as the business continues to qualify.

Family benefits
Spouse is authorized to work in the U.S.; children under 21 can accompany you and attend school.

Direct embassy filing
Apply directly at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad without a USCIS petition.

At a glance

Visa type
Renewable treaty investor visa

Investment
No fixed minimum; must be substantial

Employer sponsor
No; apply through your own business

Length of stay
Up to 2 years per admission, renewable

Program overview

- For treaty nationals who develop and direct a real, operating U.S. business
- Pakistan has been an E-2 treaty country since 1961; Pakistanis apply at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad
- Not a green card, but can be combined with a later EB-2 NIW or EB-5 green card strategy

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Qualifying criteria

There is no fixed investment amount, but the investment and the business must meet each of these tests.

Substantial investment

No minimum

Substantial relative to the total cost of the business, committed and at risk, from lawfully sourced funds.

Operating enterprise

Active

A real, operating commercial enterprise, not a passive investment.

Not marginal

U.S. hiring

The business should generate more than a minimal living for the investor's family, often by hiring U.S. workers.

Ownership or control

50%

At least 50% ownership or operational control, so you develop and direct the business.

Business plan

5 years

A credible business plan, typically covering five years of operations, hiring and growth.

Eligibility requirements

- Citizenship of an E-2 treaty country (such as Pakistan)
- Documented source and path of the invested funds
- A completed DS-160 and E-2 application package, and an embassy interview

Good to know

- The E visa application (MRV) fee is **$315** per applicant; Pakistan's reciprocity schedule shows no issuance fee
- Pakistan's schedule shows up to 60-month multiple-entry visas (verify on travel.state.gov)
- Visa validity differs from stay: each entry grants up to two years of E-2 status, renewable while the business qualifies

Your application journey

Planning

01 Business and budget review with Phoenix
02 Select or establish the U.S. business
03 Prepare a business plan covering operations, hiring and growth

Application

04 Invest the funds and document their source and path
05 Assemble the DS-160 and E-2 application package
06 Embassy interview preparation and interview

Long term

07 **Long-term green card options planned**

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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