SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Applicants must establish that the trading enterprise or investment enterprise meets the requirements of the law for the E visa classification. For more details, see our website.

Required forms:
- Form DS-160 – Application for nonimmigrant visa
- Form DS-156-E - Nonimmigrant Treaty/Trader Investor Visa Application

Suggested documents
- Proof of nationality
- Ownership documents
- Evidence of Trade / Investment
- Evidence of real and operating enterprise

THE VISA INTERVIEW

Be prepared to discuss:
- Your business
- The investment you made or are making
- Your business plan
- Your previous professional experience
- Business experience

FOR E VISA INFORMATION

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For more information on investing in the United States, visit www.selectusa.gov

- A U.S. government service that helps investors navigate the American marketplace;
- Guides investors to competitive locations based on business needs and available local incentives;
- Connects businesses to partners at state and local levels;
- Helps investors understand American regulatory environment.
INVESTING IN THE UNITED STATES

Nonimmigrant visa for nationals of treaty countries (including Switzerland, Germany, Italy, Austria, France and other countries) coming to the United States temporarily:

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR E1 AND E2 VISAS
- Requisite treaty exists
- Individual and/or business is a national of the treaty country
- Applicant intends to depart the United States when the E-1 or E2 status terminates

TREATY TRADER QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Activities constitute international commercial trade
- Trade is substantial
- Trade is principally between the United States and the treaty country
- Applicant will be in an executive/supervisory position or possesses skills essential to the firm’s operations in the United States

E-1
To carry on substantial trade principally between the United States and the treaty country

TREATY INVESTOR QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Applicant has invested or is actively in the process of investing
- Enterprise is a real and operating commercial enterprise
- Investment is substantial and more than a marginal one solely for earning a living
- Applicant is in a position to "develop and direct" the enterprise
- Applicant, if an employee, will be in an executive/supervisory position or possesses skills essential to the firm's operations in the United States

E-2
To develop, direct the operations of an enterprise, or provide specialized skills to an enterprise in which the owner has invested or is in the process of investing a substantial amount of capital.