

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

Embassy of the United States of America

Bern, Switzerland

**[https://ch.usembassy.gov/visas/
nonimmigrant-visas/](https://ch.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/)**

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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.



E VISAS FOR INVESTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

Treaty Trader (E-1)

Treaty Investor (E-2)

U.S. Department of State

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



E-1

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

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-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.

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

