

NIE request process

Step 1

Please see the following page on our website, specifically FAQ 1.6, which details the next steps.

[U.S. Visa and Travel FAQs | U.S. Embassy & Consulates in the United Kingdom](#)

FAQ 1.6) I am NOT exempt from the Presidential Proclamation but I need to apply for a visa or travel with a valid visa or valid ESTA/I want to request national interest consideration/I've been told I need a 212(f) waiver. What should I do? 

If you are applying for a visa, you will be assessed for a National Interest Exception (NIE) as part of the visa application process and do not need to request an NIE separately.

If you already have a valid visa or an ESTA and do not fall under one of the exemptions to the Presidential Proclamation but you have an urgent or humanitarian need for travel, such as for critical medical treatment, or you think you may qualify for another possible exception, please [click here to contact us](#).

In your message, please:

Request 'National Interest consideration.'

Briefly outline your reason for travel.

State whether you currently have a valid visa, a valid ESTA or neither.

Please only submit your request if your intended travel is within 60 days. We will not be able to respond to requests that are further in the future.

Please note, all National Interest Exceptions (NIE) are now valid for 12 months and multiple entries as long as you are traveling for the same purpose for which you originally received an NIE. If you have received a previous NIE in the past 12 months, it will remain valid until one year after its original approval date. You do not need to apply for a new NIE until your original exception expires. The determination of your eligibility for admission to the United States will be made by U.S. Custom and Border Protection (CBP) officials. We are unable to reissue a new approval letter. If you received an NIE from an Embassy or consulate other than the U.S. Embassy in London or from CBP, you may wish to contact them directly in order to check the validity of your NIE.

Step 2

We are currently receiving a large volume of emergency requests. Please DO NOT send multiple requests. This delays our ability to respond as quickly as possible.

- Please choose your type of inquiry below:
 - My question concerns ESTA
 - Do I need an E-passport to travel to the United States?
 - Can I apply for a visa in the United Kingdom?
 - I have an issue with the DS-160

- I have completed a DS-160. How do I apply for a visa?
- I need to know the status of my application.
- I need an expedited appointment.
- I have been arrested, cautioned, convicted. Do I need a visa?
- I have a valid visa in an expired passport.
- My inquiry concerns immigrant visas and is not covered by information on your website.
- My inquiry concerns nonimmigrant visas and is not covered by your website.

Step 3

Complete the 4 questions and submit.

Step 4

You should receive an email from LondonInfoUnit@state.gov answer the questions fully and submit the requested documentation prior to submission.

Step 5

Wait to hear.

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