



# USA

## E-2



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## ABOUT E-2 VISA

The E-2 is essentially a visa for entrepreneurs who want to come to the U.S. to open and operate a business. The regulations refer to it as a “Treaty Investor Visa” and this simply means that there must be a treaty between your country and the U.S. that allows you to apply for the E-2. Most countries are eligible, however some major countries like China, India, Russia and Brazil are not. An E2 visa can be obtained by an investor who is a national of a country which has a treaty of commerce and navigation with the US. The investor must be coming to the US to direct and

develop the operations of an enterprise in which has invested, or is actively involved in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital. A petition is not required if the investor is applying for an E2 visa outside of the US. The investment involved must place lawfully acquired, owned, and controlled capital at commercial risk with a profit objective, and be subject to loss if the investment fails. Although there is no limit on the number of times that an E2 visa may be renewed, it is a temporary visa. It is not to be confused with an EB-5 investor green card.



## COUNTRY PROFILE

- Capital: Washington, D.C.
- Population: 335 million
- Area: 9.8 million sq km (3.8 million sq miles)
- Major language: English
- Life expectancy: 74 (men) 80 (women)
- Currency: USD
- Exchange Rate (as of May 2024): 1 AED = 3.678 USD





## E2 VISA - DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENTS

An application for E2 visas must be filed with the appropriate fee payment, and evidence that:

- The visa investor is a national of a country with whom the US has the requisite treaty or agreement;
- The investor (or in the case of employees of a treaty investor who seek an E-2 visas) will direct or develop the enterprise. The investor must demonstrate that he controls the enterprise by showing ownership of at least 50% of the enterprise, by possessing operational control through a managerial position or other corporate device or by other means;
- The investor has invested in or is actively in the process of investing in the enterprise;
- The investment is substantial, i.e. sufficient to ensure the investor's financial commitment to the successful operation of the enterprise and big enough to support the likelihood that the investor will successfully direct and develop the enterprise;
- The investment enterprise is not a marginal enterprise;
- If the applicant is not the principal investor, he or she must be employed in an executive or supervisory capacity, or possess skills that are highly specialized and essential to the operations of the commercial enterprise. Ordinary skilled or unskilled workers do not qualify.
- The applicant intends to depart the US upon the expiration of E-2 status.

## TYPICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS ABOUT E2 VISA INVESTMENT

- You cannot just keep money on U.S bank account, you need to invest
- Investment cannot be a house or piece of land. It must be an active for profit business.
- You need to buy franchise or business BEFORE you submit E2 Visa application
- Approximate investment amount is \$150,000 to \$200,000.
- You can use money from the RELATIVES. Officially, money can be given to you only as a GIFT and not as a loan.



## E-2 PROGRAM ADVANTAGES

- No minimum amount of investment, depending on the type of business;
- Allows for regular Visa renewals (no maximum time cap) approximately every two years, for the Investor, Spouse, and unmarried children under the age of 21, so long as the Investor continues to “develop and direct” the intended E-2 business in the USA;
- E-2 Visa can be processed rather quickly: approximately 4-6 months (from the time of filing);
- The investor invests in his or her own business;
- The investor must continually “develop and direct” the business he/she is investing in, while the spouse may pursue any other work activity;
- Investor, Spouse, and children (unmarried, under 21) are entitled to a U.S. Social Security Number, and can work, study, and enjoy the benefits of living in the United States;

## IS E-2 FOR ME?

- You must be a citizen or national of a country that partakes in a treaty of commerce with the United States;
- Must solicit entry to the United States exclusively to develop and direct the U.S. business entity. This is established by evidencing a minimum of 50% ownership of the business entity; however, the “acceptable” percentage of ownership and amount of investment is viewed on a sliding scale by the U.S. Consulate, and
- Have invested, or are in the process of investing a significant amount of capital in a bona fide business entity in the United States;.

## STEPS

The following Steps are involved in the Process:

### PROCESS:

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| Step 1 | Commence by furnishing you with essential guidance and information to initiate the process effectively.   |
| Step 2 | Assist you in establishing your company and bank account within the United States, while meticulously compiling all necessary documentation for your E2 Visa application, including a meticulously crafted business plan. This phase typically spans approximately one month. |
| Step 3 | Present a curated selection of highly profitable franchises or businesses, providing comprehensive insights into the pros and cons of each option. Empower you to make an educated decision aligned with your goals and aspirations.  |
| Step 4 | Facilitate the introduction to your selected company, ensuring a seamless transition through the investment process.  |
| Step 5 | Execute the meticulous preparation and submission of your E-2 visa application to either USCIS or the U.S Embassy in your country. Expedite processing, enabled by payment of the U.S Government's expedited fee, ensures a swift response within 14 days.                    |
| Step 6 | Provide comprehensive coaching and preparation for your interview at the U.S Embassy, ensuring readiness for the rigorous E2 visa adjudication process. Upon successful completion, secure E2 visa stamps are issued in your passports.                                       |
| Step 7 | With the necessary visas secured, embark on the journey to the United States with your family, commencing your new endeavor with confidence and assurance.  |