



## U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

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# Immigrant Fee Payment: Tips on Finding Your A-Number and DOS Case ID

You can find your A-Number and Department of State (DOS) Case ID on your immigrant data summary, USCIS Immigrant Fee handout, or immigrant visa stamp. Your A-Number is the letter “A” followed by 8 or 9 numbers (such as A012345678). Your DOS Case ID is 3 letters followed by 9 or 10 numbers (for example, XYZ0123456789). If you are a Diversity Visa immigrant, your DOS Case ID will have 4 numbers followed by 2 letters and 5 more numbers (for example, 0000AB12345).

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## Immigrant Data Summary

When you attended your U.S. embassy or consulate appointment, you should have received an immigrant data summary stapled to the front of your immigrant visa package. You can find your A-Number and DOS Case ID at the top of the immigrant data summary, as shown in the picture below.

*Your A-Number and Department of State Case ID (DOS Case ID) are both required and can be found in your visa packet (see image below).*

### A-Number

Example: A-910118172

### DOS Case ID

Example: MEP20212118172



The image shows a USCIS Immigrant Fee Handout. At the top left is the USCIS logo. To its right is the text "U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services". Further right is the heading "USCIS IMMIGRANT FEE". Below this heading are two lines of text: "Your Alien Registration Number: A" followed by a blank line, and "Your DOS Case ID:" followed by a blank line. Two blue arrows point to these lines. Below the form fields is a paragraph of text explaining the fee: "As a recipient of an immigrant visa from the U.S. Department of State, you are required to pay \$220 USD to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The USCIS Immigrant Fee covers the costs USCIS incurs to process, file and maintain the immigrant visa package as well as produce and issue documents, including the Permanent Residence Card (commonly referred to as the Green Card)." This is followed by another paragraph: "You must pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee online using the USCIS Electronic Immigration System (USCIS ELIS) after you receive your immigrant visa package from the Department of State and before you depart for the United States. You will not receive your Green Card until you have paid the USCIS Immigrant Fee." The final paragraph states: "You may pay for yourself and for members of your family who will live with you in the United States. If you pay for other family members, you must have their Alien Registration Number (A-Number) and Department of State (DOS) Case ID available."

## USCIS Immigrant Fee Handout

When you attended your interview at the U.S. embassy or consulate, the DOS interviewing officer should have given you a USCIS Immigrant Fee handout. This document provides instructions on how to pay the USCIS Immigrant Fee and includes your A-Number and DOS Case ID in the top right corner, as shown below. Please make a copy of your USCIS Immigrant Fee handout or write down your A-Number and DOS Case ID and store it in a safe place. If you did not receive an immigrant data summary or a USCIS Immigrant Fee handout with your visa packet, please contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate that issued your visa to request a copy.

## Visa Stamp

You can also find your A-Number and DOS Case ID on the visa stamp (also called a visa foil) in your passport, as shown in the picture below.

- Your A-Number is identified as the Registration Number on your visa stamp. If your A-Number is fewer than 9 digits, insert a zero after the "A" and before the first digit to create a 9-digit number. For example, "A12345678" would become "A012345678."

