

L-1 INTERVIEW SUCCESSFUL, NOW WHAT? | FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. At the Consulate, they returned two forms to me. What do I do with these forms?

When you applied for the L-1 visa at the U.S. Consulate, you submitted the paperwork that we prepared in triplicate, i.e. three copies. Often the Consulate will stamp and return two of the forms to you. If the Consulate returned these to you, here is what you should do. One is for your records and one you should present to the CBP officer when you go through immigration at the airport in the U.S.

2. Do I need to fill out the ESTA form used for the Visa Waiver?

No, this is only for the visa waiver program. You are not entering the U.S. under the visa waiver program. You are entering as an L-1 visa holder.

3. When I enter the U.S., there are several lines. Which line do I use?

Go to the "Visitor" line.

4. What is the Form I-94 and when do I receive it?

The Form I-94 serves as evidence that a nonimmigrant has been lawfully admitted to the United States. Please download and print a copy of your Form I-94 record from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) website, <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94>. Please also send us a copy of your I-94, the endorsed Form I-129S, and the L-1 visa stamp after you enter the U.S.

5. What about my family members do you need copies of their visa stamps and I-94s?

Yes please send us copies of their L-2 visas and I-94 after entering the U.S.

6. I am married. Can my spouse work in the U.S.?

A spouse is eligible to apply for work authorization. The spouse however can only apply once they arrive in the U.S. in L-2 status.

7. I have children. Can they apply for work authorization?

The children who enter the U.S. on L-2 visas are not eligible for work authorization. They can apply for an ITIN: <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/General-ITIN-Information>.

8. When can I apply for my Social Security Number? Can I do this before I enter the U.S.?

If you do not yet have a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN), you must apply for one after you enter the United States. It is important that you apply at your local Social Security Administration (SSA) office for a SSN to use for tax and wage withholding purposes. The SSA will not issue a SSN to an individual until the SSA has obtained confirmation of the individual's identity and employment authorization from the USCIS.