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3. Enter the NVC Invoice ID Number provided to you by the NVC. The information is located in the NVC instructions you received.
4. Click on the Sign In Button.

I am the

My NVC Case Number is

My Invoice ID Number is

Sign In



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Immigrant Visa - Summary Information


You are ready to complete the DS-261, the Electronic Choice of Address and Agent. The DS-261 tells the Department of State how to contact you during the course of your immigrant visa processing. You may use this form to designate an agent to receive correspondence concerning your application. Your agent can be your petitioner, another relative, a friend, an attorney, or a charitable organization, such as a church or other immigrant assistance organization. As mail delivery is often unreliable in many parts of the world, we strongly encourage you to appoint an agent who has an address in the United States.

To begin/complete the DS-261, please click on the Choice of Address and Agent menu option above.

If your agent is unable to make online payment, he or she must follow the [alternate payment instructions](#).

Statuses for Case Number: FRN1999662009

CHOICE OF ADDRESS AND AGENT

 **Agent/Attorney Name and Address Information:** **Incomplete** [View](#) [Edit](#)

FEES

 **Affidavit of Support (AOS) Fees:** **Paid** [View](#)

 **IV Application Processing Fees:** **Paid** [View](#)

Number of IV Fees: 1 Paid: 1 In Process: 0 Not Paid: 0

IV AND ALIEN REGISTRATION

 **Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration:** **Not Available** [Start](#)

Number of Applications: 1 Completed: 0 Incomplete: 0 Not Started: 0



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You have selected the Choice of Address and Agent form. This form is for individuals who have received notification from the National Visa Center that their immigrant visa case is ready for initial processing.

The following instructions contain important information about the form process. Please read all the instructions carefully.

Information for completing the Electronic Choice of Address and Agent form:

1. Provide true and complete answers to all questions you are asked. Failure to provide an answer to a question that is applicable to you may result in cancellation of your form.
2. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters unless you are specifically directed to provide an answer in your native alphabet. Forms submitted in any language other than English may be rejected. Letters like ñ, é, ü, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter words like Muñoz or Sémonin as Munoz or Semonin, unless otherwise asked.
3. Review all the information you entered for accuracy.

I certify that I have read and understand the above. I am now ready to begin the Choice of Address and Agent form.

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Electronic Choice of Address and Agent

Agent/Attorney Name and Address Information

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FORM NUMBER: DS-261
EXPIRATION DATE: XX/XX/XXXX
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Personal Information

Surnames
[Text Box]
(e.g., FERNANDEZ GARCIA)

Help: Surnames
Enter all surnames as listed in your passport or travel documentation. If only one name is listed in your passport, enter that as your surname.

Given Names
[Text Box]
(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Help: Given Names
If your passport or travel documentation does not include a given name, please enter "FNU" in Given Names.

Beneficiary ID
[Text Box]
(e.g., 0123456789)

Help: Beneficiary ID
Enter the Beneficiary ID provided to you by the National Visa Center (NVC). Your ID is located on the letter entitled ACL Letter, or on your Immigrant Visa Fee Processing Invoice if you have already received one. If you are unable to locate your Beneficiary ID, please contact the NVC.

Email Address
[Text Box]
(e.g., emailaddress@example.com)

Help: Email
You must provide an email address. The email address you provide will be used for correspondence purposes. Provide an email address that is secure and to which you have reasonable access.

Q: Have you already legally immigrated to the U.S. and no longer need to apply for an immigrant visa?
A: Yes No

Q: Do you wish to appoint an agent or attorney to receive mail about your visa application?
A: Yes No

Correspondence from the U.S. Department of State regarding your visa application will be sent to:

Street Address (Line 1)
[Text Box]

Street Address (Line 2) *Optional
[Text Box]

City
[Text Box]

State/Province
[Text Box] Does Not Apply

Postal Zone/ZIP Code
[Text Box] Does Not Apply

Country
[Dropdown Menu: SELECT ONE]

Home Telephone Number
[Text Box]

Work Telephone Number
[Text Box] Does Not Apply

Mobile/Cell Telephone Number
[Text Box] Does Not Apply

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Agent/Attorney Name and Address Information

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FORM NUMBER: DS-261
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Personal Information

Surnames
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Given Names
(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Beneficiary ID
(e.g., 0123456789)

Email Address
(e.g., emailaddress@example.com)

Help: Surnames
Enter all surnames as listed in your passport or travel documentation. If only one name is listed in your passport, enter that as your surname.

Help: Given Names
If your passport or travel documentation does not include a given name, please enter "N/A" in Given Names.

Help: Beneficiary ID
Enter the Beneficiary ID provided to you by the National Visa Center (NVC). Your ID is located on the letter entitled ACL Letter, or on your Immigrant Visa Fee Processing Invoice if you have already received one. If you are unable to locate your Beneficiary ID, please contact the NVC.

Help: Email
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A: Yes No

Q: Do you wish to appoint an agent or attorney to receive mail about your visa application?
A: Yes No

Correspondence from the U.S. Department of State regarding your visa application will be sent to:

Agent Surname

Agent Given Name

Agent Street Address (Line 1)

Agent Street Address (Line 2) *Optional

City

State/Province

Postal Zone/ZIP Code Does Not Apply

Country Does Not Apply

Country * SELECT ONE -

Agent Home Telephone Number Does Not Apply

Agent Work Telephone Number Does Not Apply

Email Address of Agent
(e.g., emailaddress@example.com)

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Electronic Choice of Address and Agent

Agent/Attorney Name and Address Information

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EXPIRATION DATE: XX/XX/XXXX
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Q: Have you already legally immigrated to the U.S. and no longer need to apply for an immigrant visa?

A: Yes No

Provide the following information:

Select the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Office from which you received your Permanent Resident Card (Green Card).

- SELECT ONE -

What is your Alien Registration Number?

(e.g., A1234567890)

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Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the form.

Your form is now ready to be submitted. Please note that this does not mean that your application for an immigrant visa is complete--additional information will be needed.

By clicking "Sign and Submit Form" you are electronically signing the form. You are required to electronically sign your form yourself, unless otherwise exempt by regulation, even if the form has been prepared by someone other than yourself. Your electronic signature certifies that you have read and understood the questions on this form and that your answers are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. The submission of a form containing any false or misleading statements may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or the denial of entry into the United States. All declarations made in this form are unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury. (28 U.S.C. 1746).

Monday, April 27, 2009 - 9:47:24 AM EST

Preparer of Form

Q: Did anyone assist you in filling out this form?

A: Yes No

Enter the code below as shown:



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Preparer of Form

Q: Did anyone assist you in filling out this form?

A: Yes No

Provide the following information:

Preparer

Surnames

Given Names

Does Not Apply

Organization Name

Does Not Apply

Address

Street Address (Line 1)

Street Address (Line 2) **Optional**

City

State/Province

Does Not Apply

Postal Zone/ZIP Code

Does Not Apply

Country

Relationship to You

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