

US H-1B Visa Stamping — Document Checklist

After USCIS approves your H-1B petition (Form I-797) you still need the visa stamped at a US consulate. The interview waiver (dropbox) is no longer available for H-1B or H-4 applicants, so plan for an in-person interview. Since 15 December 2025, H-1B and H-4 applicants must also set their social-media profiles to public, and many appointments in India were rescheduled to later dates — check the scheduling portal often and use the emergency request process only if you qualify.

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Tick each box as you put the document in your file. **Required** = asked for in the official instructions. **Supporting** = carry if it applies to you; the officer may ask for it.

Required for the appointments

☐	Valid passport Valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay, with a blank page for the visa.	REQUIRED
☐	Old passports Bring every previous passport, especially any with earlier US visas.	SUPPORTING
☐	DS-160 confirmation page Printed page with the barcode. Name, date of birth and passport number must match your passport exactly.	REQUIRED
☐	Appointment confirmation letter Print it for both appointments — the VAC (biometrics/OFC) and the consular interview. Check it for any extra instructions; the letter overrides general guides.	REQUIRED
☐	I-797 approval notice Bring the original or a clear copy, as your appointment instructions say.	REQUIRED
☐	Social-media profiles set to public All handles listed on your DS-160.	REQUIRED

Usually not needed — carry just in case

☐	Visa fee (MRV) payment receipt Not normally needed at the counter — the fee is already linked to your booking. Keep the receipt number for your records and for rescheduling.	SUPPORTING
☐	Printed photograph Only if your DS-160 photo upload failed or the appointment letter asks for one: 2 x 2 in (51 x 51 mm), white background, taken in the last 6 months, no glasses. A photo is also captured at the VAC.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: job & employer

☐	Employment verification letter From the US employer: title, duties, salary, work location.	SUPPORTING
☐	Copy of the petition (I-129) and LCA	SUPPORTING
☐	Recent pay slips If already working in the US on H-1B.	SUPPORTING
☐	W-2s / US tax returns For renewals.	SUPPORTING
☐	Client letter, SOW / PO For third-party worksite or consulting roles.	SUPPORTING

Supporting: qualifications

☐	Degree certificates & transcripts Plus credential evaluation if it was filed with the petition.	SUPPORTING
☐	Experience letters & updated resume Must match the petition.	SUPPORTING

Tips before you submit

- Know your petition: job title, salary, worksite, employer and (if relevant) end client.
- If you get a 221(g) slip, note exactly what is requested and respond quickly.
- Don't travel to India for stamping without a confirmed interview date — appointments have been moved at short notice.

Need an earlier appointment date? Get instant Telegram slot alerts and appointment help at www.earlyvisaslots.in