

US Visa Dropbox (Interview Waiver) – Document Checklist

The Interview Waiver Program ('dropbox') was cut back sharply from 2 September 2025. For most Indian applicants it is now only available to renew a B1/B2 (or C1/D) visa when: the previous visa was in the same category and issued for full validity, it expired less than 12 months ago, you were 18 or older when it was issued, you have never been refused (or the refusal was overcome), and you apply in your country of nationality or residence. F-1, H-1B, H-4, L and J applicants now need an interview, and children under 14 / adults over 79 no longer get an automatic waiver. Even if you qualify, the consulate can still call you for an interview.

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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 drop-off

☐	Current passport Valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended travel.	REQUIRED
☐	Passport containing your previous B1/B2 visa	REQUIRED
☐	DS-160 confirmation page	REQUIRED
☐	Appointment confirmation letter Follow any document list printed on it.	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
☐	Employment letter / recent bank statement Rarely reviewed for dropbox, but carry in case they are requested.	SUPPORTING

Tips before you submit

- Check the eligibility questions carefully before booking – the rules changed in 2025.
- Arrange documents in the order listed in your appointment instructions.
- Don't book non-refundable travel until your passport is back.

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