



# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

EB-5 IMMIGRANT INVESTOR VISA PROGRAM

World-class education and lifestyle

Investment from US\$ 500,000

Financing allowed

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

The U.S. EB-5 Immigrant Investor Visa Program was created in 1990 by the Immigration Act of 1990 to create jobs and attract capital. In 1993, Congress enacted the Appropriations Act, which amended the EB-5 program and created a “pilot program” targeting low-employment areas. Since 1993, applicants are allowed to invest via regional centres half the intended sum. In turn, regional centres bear the burden to invest the funds in a low-employment area and to create a minimum of 10 jobs. Main applicants are entitled to bring their spouse and their unmarried children under the age of 21 to the U.S.

## COUNTRY FACTS

The U.S. is the world's leading economic and military power. Its GDP is a quarter of that of the world. American cities like New York, Los Angeles, and San Francisco are leading world cities in finance, entertainment and arts. American universities and medical facilities are the best in the world. The U.S. is a free country with a constitution and a federal system of governance.

## KEY BENEFITS

### Visa-free travel

Permanent residents of most nationalities can travel visa-free to Canada, Mexico, and Central America.

### Permanent residence

Applicants qualify for permanent residence after 2 years.

### Naturalisation process

Applicants are eligible for citizenship following 5 years of residence.

### Low residence requirement

Applicants are only required to be physically present at least 1 day every year.

### Democratic country

The country has a stable political environment with a democratically elected government and a common law legal system.

### Return on investment

Applicants can choose to invest in ventures that provide return on their investment.

### Tax on foreign income

U.S. residents are exempted from taxation on their foreign income up to \$104,100 a year.

### High-quality education and healthcare

The U.S. offers some of the best universities and medical facilities in the world.

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## INVESTMENT OPTIONS



US\$ 1 million  
Business investment

or



US\$ 500,000  
Investments  
via a regional centre

## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Applicant must first choose his investment project with the regional centre he wishes to invest with and transfer the funds into an escrow account. After gathering the required documents, the form I-526 is submitted. After the petition is approved, the DS-239 is submitted to the U.S. consulate or embassy near the investor, or the I-485 for investors already present in the U.S. Upon receipt of the application, the applicants might be required to attend an interview and need to pass the medical examination.

Once the EB-5 visa is approved, the applicant has 180 days to enter the U.S. After 2 years of maintaining the investment and fulfilling the jobs conditions, investors fill out the I-829 form to have the conditions removed from their Green Card.

## REQUIREMENTS

The EB-5 investor visa enables the applicant to settle in the U.S. under certain conditions. The investor must invest either US\$1 million in a business venture of his own or invest US\$ 500,000 towards a regional centre project in a low-employment targeted area. In both cases the investment needs to create 10 full-time jobs in those targeted areas. The applicant is not allowed to seek financing and their investment needs to be placed at risk. After 2 years, if the investment is fruitful, the investor can petition to have the conditions removed from his Green Card.

An investor can include both their spouse and unmarried children under 21 years of age in the application. Furthermore, they will need to prove that the investment has been obtained through lawful means. The investor must also submit a police certificate and perform a medical examination to show good health, as do the rest of his dependents. If the investor has chosen the direct business investment, he will be asked to prove engagement in the daily running of the business in order to qualify for the unconditional Green Card. The investors are required to be present at least 1 day every year of the 2-year conditional period. After receipt of the unconditional Green Card, the applicant and his family can begin the naturalisation process after a further 3 years of residence.

The processing time for receiving the EB-5 investor visa is currently a bit more than 2 years. Chinese investors may experience further delays due to quotas.

### Government Fees

Main Applicant I-526	US\$ 3,675
Main Applicant I-485	US\$ 1,140
Main Applicant I-829	US\$ 3,750
Dependent I-485	US\$ 1,140
Dependent < 14 years I-485	US\$ 750
Dependent I-829	US\$ 3,750

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