

DOCUMENTS FOR VISA PROCESSING

FOLDER 1

- Passport
- Visa interview letter and fee receipt
- I-20 (Student's copy)
- Admission letter from the University
- Scholarship letter
- Photographs

FOLDER 2

- Admit/Reject summary.
- Admit/ Reject letters.
- CEAC (DS-160) confirmation page

FOLDER 3

- GRE/TOEFL Scores
- Resume
- SOP

FOLDER 4

Affidavit of support
IT returns - Sponsor (Last three years)

FOLDER 5

Consolidated financial statement
Bank statements or passbooks
Loan sanction letter (if applicable)

FOLDER 6 (LIQUID INVESTMENTS)

Life insurance policy of a parent
Shares
National saving certificate
Fixed deposit receipt
Gold evaluation certificate. Property evaluation documents and gold evaluations are the least preferred because they are the ones which could be exploited in a wrong way. One cannot mess with the bank statements. The visa officers are well aware that you wouldn't be selling off your property to fund education. Hence, I would suggest you show most of the I20 amount through bank deposits, be it in the form of savings account or fixed deposits.

FOLDER 7

- Fixed asset valuation report

FOLDER 8

- Transcript(s)
- Mark sheets
- Degree certificate(s)

FOLDER 9

- 10th and 12th certificates and mark sheets

FOLDER 10

- Miscellaneous

Try your best to carry the original receipts of all bank statements, fixed deposits, and NSC. Don't take a chance.

Please remember that this list is meant to help you gather and organize the documents you will usually need but is not exhaustive. Depending on your circumstances you might need to produce special documents.

SOME INFORMATION ON BANK CERTIFICATES:

- It is issued by the bank where your sponsor has a savings account.
- It must be on the letter head of the bank.
- All copies must be signed by the Branch Manager.
- In case the bank issues only one original copy, all the photocopies must be signed.
- Copies must be attested by the same Branch Manager.
- This certificate is not required to be in a sealed envelope.
- Usually, the balance in the account is equivalent to the first.
- Yearly expenses of the most expensive University that you have short listed.
- You must request the bank to mention the balance in your account in US dollars.
- It could be as per the market rate of the date of issuance of the certificate.

[A sample format for the Bank Certificate.](#) ***Keep in mind that this is a suggested format, a different format would still be valid. This is just a rough representation of the bank statement to give the reader an idea of how it is supposed to look.***

FAQS REGARDING 221G ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING

Do not panic. You are not the only one who has been handed the pink slip, there have been others before you and they have come out of this just fine. It is not a reason to give up hope, hang in there! This list of questions has been answered by students who were issued an 221g.

These are the personal observations of a few students, and the scenario might be quite different in your case.

1. WHAT IS 221G SECURITY CHECK/ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING?

Section 221(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act is the provision of law that enables the consular officer to put a visa application on hold until the applicant provides requested documentation, or the consular officer resolves an issue requiring further investigation, such as a security check/ administrative check (Google it to find an official definition). It is also termed as pink slip/yellow slip in some of the consular offices.

2. WHAT IS THE REASON THAT I WAS GIVEN A 221G SECURITY CHECK?

Although there are many reasons a candidate can be issued a 221g security check, the most observed reason in the case of F1 applicants is that their field happens to be listed on the Technology Alert List (TAL) and the visa officer needs a Visas Mantis Security Advisory Opinion on your application.

3. WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS DURING THE VISA INTERVIEW IF I GET A 221G?

If the consular officer decides that you need to undergo administrative processing, you will be asked about your current research, planned research, US academic advisor and other similar questions. You will be asked to send the responses to these questions as an email, to an email address provided by the visa officer.

4. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES MY VISA IS APPROVED AFTER BEING ISSUED A 221G SECURITY CHECK?

Quite high, do not panic. As a matter of fact, according to statistics from 2008-2012 released from the US department of homeland security, more than 85% of the 221g cases were approved a visa later on.

5. HOW LONG DO I NEED TO WAIT TO GET MY VISA AFTER THE 221G ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSING IS DONE?

The entire processing time might vary from anywhere between 3 weeks to 3 months. Once approved the visa is sent you through courier service in 3 days.

6. I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS SINCE I RECEIVED THE PINK SLIP. I AM GETTING FRUSTRATED! WHAT SHOULD I DO? OR. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG,

I AM BEGINNING TO WONDER IF I'M GOING TO GET THE VISA IN TIME. SHOULD I DEFER MY ADMIT? OR I GOT A 221G IN JUNE. I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING THESE OTHER FORUMS, AND AM SEEING OTHER PEOPLE RECEIVE THEIR VISAS WITHOUT MUCH HASSLE. WHY IS MINE TAKING SO LONG?

There are preparations you can do for the journey without investing too much money. Like, spending time in the kitchen and learning how to cook, trying to find potential roommates, gathering information about the travel and things to do once you arrive here, getting a health checkup along with the TB and meningitis formalities, making a to do/to buy list.

As far as possible, delay doing things that need you to spend a considerable amount of money for. Postpone things such as buying airline tickets or shopping. Keep yourself distracted but be prepared. You will have to do things in a hurry when you finally receive that most-awaited-for visa!

Deferring admits:

The question of deferring your admit doesn't need to come up until early August. There are cases where people have received their admits as late as July, visa in the last week of July and arrive in the US a couple of weeks after that. Keep International Student Services in the loop with respect to your 221g delays.

There are people who have managed to arrive during the last week of August and still got things done right!

****THIS IS ONLY A LIST OF POSSIBLE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED QUESTIONS. THE READER MUST VERIFY THE INFORMATION BASED THEIR SPECIFIC SITUATION. ****