

# Conducting Business in the United States

Update on Visa Processing,  
Choosing the Right Visa, &  
U.S. Travel Requirements



# Updates

- U.S. is open for business and welcomes travelers!
- Visa Waiver Program Updates – ESTA
- Visa Processing at U.S. Embassy Copenhagen
- Extension of Interview Waiver Program
- Choosing the right business visas and processing updates by visa category
- U.S. Travel Requirements
- Best practices and Contact Information



# ESTA Visa Waiver Program

- Business and tourist travel for up to 90 days
- Apply online at least 72 hours before your flight
- If refused, may still qualify for a visa
- Find out if you are eligible before you apply



# Interview Waiver Program

- NIV renewals same visa within 48 months of expiration
- Academic F, M, J (Not J trainee, intern, au pair), H-1, H-3, H-4, non-blanket L, O, P, Q
- Requirements: (1) Prior visa issuance or ESTA travel, (2) no prior denials that were not overcome, (3) citizen or resident of Denmark, and (4) physically present in Denmark.
- Visit appointment website to receive “Invitation to Submit by Mail”



# Multiple Business Travel Options

- Visa Waiver Program (ESTA)
- B-1 Temporary Visitor
- Petition-Based Visas:
  - H-1B Temporary Worker
  - L-1 Intracompany Transfer
- E-1/E-2 Treaty Trader/Treaty Investor



## **B1/B2 Temporary Visitor Visas**

- Participate in business meetings, conferences, trade shows
- Negotiate contracts or consulting with business associates
- Participating in short-term training
- Send service technicians for equipment/machinery purchased from a company outside the United States or to train workers
- Send foreign-based employee for H1B-type (i.e. positions requiring a university degree) temporary work or for training and whose salary will be paid by your foreign business



# Petition-Based Visas

- H-1B Temporary Worker
  - U.S. based employer or subsidiary files a petition for a specialty occupation worker with university degree.
  - Number capped, B-1 in lieu of H.
- L-1 Intracompany Transfer
  - Managers/executives or specialized knowledge transferring to parent/branch/subsidiary/affiliate in United States



## E-1/E-2 Treaty Investor

- Setting up or investing in a US-based company
- Majority Danish-owned company that invested substantial capital in the U.S. subsidiary.
- No petition. No numerical limit.





	L-1 Visas	E-1/E-2 Visas
Visa available to nationals of any country?	✓	Nationals of treaty trader countries only
Must have worked for a related company for one year?	✓	✗
Ability of spouse to work in U.S.	✓	✓
Can the visa be renewed indefinitely assuming applicant re-qualifies?	✗	✓

# Tips

- Take advantage of ESTA and Interview Waiver Programs!
- Apply for ESTA early!
- Apply for visas early to allow time for unexpected processing
- Make sure DS-160 and ESTA applications are complete and correct
- Submit only complete applications by mail.



# Contact Information

- ESTA website: [esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta](http://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta)
- For information regarding all types of visas: [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)
- For filing petitions: [USCIS.gov](http://USCIS.gov)
- For visa inquiries: [Support-Denmark@ustraveldocs.com](mailto:Support-Denmark@ustraveldocs.com) and +45(0)8988 7555
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