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Note: standard processing petitions must
be sent by US Postal Express Mail

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YOU'RE APPROVED — NOW WHAT?

As soon as the petitioner receives the I-797 Approval Notice, he/she should make a clean copy (for their files) and send the original to the beneficiary via air courier. The beneficiary should also have a copy of the petition itself.

The beneficiary should make several clean, two-sided copies of the I-797.

If a group/company, the beneficiary may need multiple copies for members travelling at different times.

Consular Procedures

Once you have received your I-797 Notice of Action, and assuming it is an Approval Notice, the artist(s), if non-Canadian, may now apply for his/her visa at the U.S. embassy or consulate designated on the Form I-129. Each consulate has different procedures and requirements.

Plan ahead: Call the consulate soon after you send the petition to the INS to find out its particular requirements.

By the time you receive the I-797, time will undoubtedly be running short. U.S. embassies and consulates can be slow. It is advisable to develop (and maintain) a relationship with the consulate.

Due to the rotational nature of Foreign Service assignments, it is most important that correspondence to a Foreign Service post be addressed to a section or position rather than to an officer by name. This will eliminate delays resulting from the forwarding of official mail

NOTE

Canadians need only present an original I-797 at the pre-flight inspection or port of entry. Canadians are not issued an actual visa but must give proof of INS approval nonetheless.