

Some Further Advice

Language If you are presenting documents in any language other than English, make sure all documents are translated.

Originals and Copies Keep a copy of the petition and all supporting documents. Originals are not required except for original signatures on the petitions. Petitions and all supporting documents must be submitted in duplicate. This does not apply to I-539 applications.

Tracking the Application Your employer in the United States will receive a receipt from the USINS acknowledging the application for a visa. It will include telephone numbers and a reference file number, which can be used if you need to know when the documentation is to arrive at the port of entry.

Medical Coverage It is highly recommended that you carry health insurance while visiting the United States, as medical services can be very costly. Suitable travel insurance packages are available for various time periods from most major insurance companies and a large number of financial institutions.

Customs Clearance Going through Customs will be a lot easier if you list all the items you will be temporarily exporting on an ATA Carnet. Details can be obtained from the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 1080 Beaver Hall Hill, Suite 1630, Montreal, QC H2Z 1T2; tel.: (514) 866-4334.

A Word of Caution Minor criminal convictions, certain health problems, as well as certain types of past and present political activity, may result in your being denied entry to the United States. If you think you may have a skeleton in your closet, check with a U.S. consulate in Canada first so you are prepared at the border. In many circumstances, you will be able to obtain a Waiver of Excludability (Form I-192) from the nearest office of the USINS. The waiver can take up to six months to process. If you need to cross the border frequently to perform, ask for a border crossing card along with your waiver. And remember, Canadian pardons do not pardon any conviction for U.S. Immigration purposes.