

Application for Returning Resident (DS-117)

Once you have prepared your documentation for the interview, please email the Consulate where you will be applying for an appointment.

[U.S. Consulate General, Sydney](#)

[U.S. Consulate General, Melbourne](#)

[U.S. Consulate General, Perth](#)

Documents to prepare for your appointment

DS-117 - Application to Determine Returning Resident Status

Fee – paid on the day of interview *non-refundable, regardless of the decision on the application*

Please bring the original of the following items along with a copy as described.

Current Passport - *Biographic page of your valid passport / U.S. entry stamp(s)*

Previous Passport(s) - *Biographic page of your valid passport / U.S. entry stamp(s)*

Green card - *Front and Back of card*

Original Expired Re-Entry Permit (if applicable) - *Biographic page / U.S. entry stamp(s)*

Supporting documents (if applicable)

Airline Boarding Passes / Itinerary - *(Dates of travel outside of U.S.)*

Recent U.S. Tax returns

Evidence of economic ties to the U.S.

U.S. Property Ownership / Rental

U.S. Employment letter and U.S. Employment Pay Slips

Family and Social ties to U.S.

Proof that your stay out of the U.S. was BEYOND YOUR CONTROL such as Medical Incapacitation, Employment with a U.S. company or another reason.

After the Interview

If your DS-117 is approved, you will be required to apply and qualify for the SB-1 immigrant visa. This process could take an additional two to four months. You will be required to attend a second interview at the U.S. Consulate General, Sydney.

--Only if direct, please pay your fee(s) --

Applicant: S U R N A M E, Given Name(s)

Number of Applicant(s)	
Fee Amount USD180.00 (35A)	