**E VISAS & INVESTING IN THE UNITED STATES**

**E-1 Treaty Trader Visa
E-2 Treaty Investor Visa**

**What is an E Visa?**

# Visa for nationals of treaty countries (including New Zealand) who are coming to the United States temporarily:

* To work for a company which is 50%+ owned by nationals of the same treaty country;
* (E-1) To engage in the ongoing bilateral exchange of a substantial amount of goods or services; OR
* (E-2) To develop, direct, or provide specialized skills to an enterprise in which the owner has invested a
substantial amount of capital.

**E-1 Treaty Trader Requirements**

# For a company/employee to qualify:

* The trade must already exist, or involve integrated, binding contracts that call for an immediate exchange of items of trade;
* The trade must be substantial and be in a continuous flow that involves numerous transactions over time;
* The majority of the treaty company’s international trade must be between the U.S. and the treaty country.

**E-2 Treaty Investor Requirements**

# For a company/employee to qualify:

* The investment must be substantial and sufficient to ensure the successful operation of the enterprise.
* The business must be a real operating enterprise.
* The investor must be coming to the U.S. to develop and direct the enterprise.
* If the applicant is not the investor, he or she must be employed in a supervisory, executive, or highly specialized skill
capacity.

**Who qualifies for an E-1 visa?**

**More information about E Visas**

# Examples of approved E-1 enterprises:

* A clothing retailer with the vast majority of international sales going to US customers.
* A consulting company that provides IT services to customers in the United States.
* A company that exports large amounts of dairy products from New Zealand to the United States.
* TV and film production crew coming to the U.S. to provide their services in shooting and producing a new television series.

**Who qualifies for an E-2 visa?**

# Examples of approved E-2 enterprises:

* Large companies in the auto and auto parts industry.
* A company that builds custom motorcycles in Florida.
* A chiropractor with a medical office in the U.S. that has several employees.
* A company producing airplane parts for U.S. aviation companies.
* A company setting up industrial mining facilities.
* A “Mom-and-Pop” gas station and convenience store with a few U.S. employees.
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**What documents are required?**

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The full list is on our website. Some typical documents to show evidence of trade and investment are:

* Business registration documents, stock certificates, and articles of incorporation.
* Bills of landing, invoices, inventories, and client lists.
* Loan, mortgage, or lease documents.
* Tax returns and payroll records.
* Licenses, utility bills, and samples of
advertising.
* Applicant’s resume, training certificates, and diplomas.

**Your visa interview**

# Be prepared to discuss:

* Your business.
* The investment you made or are making.
* Your business plan.
* Your previous professional and/or business experience.

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