

[National Interest Exception \(NIE\)](#) - Application procedure at the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VALID U.S. VISA OR ESTA, use the visa wizard located [here](#) to determine the type of document that you need to travel. If you determine that you can travel on an ESTA, apply for the ESTA [here](#), and then return to this page and follow the instructions below. If you determine that you require a U.S. visa to travel, book an online appointment for a visa interview [here](#).

IF YOU HAVE A VALID U.S. VISA or ESTA:

1. You must be a resident of Luxembourg. If you are not a resident of Luxembourg, please contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate of your place of residence. Applications from non-residents will not be accepted, even if you work for a company established in Luxembourg or if your last visa was issued by the U.S. Embassy in Luxembourg.
2. Your travel to the U.S. must be planned within 10 days of requesting a National Interest Exception. An approved NIE will only be valid for a very limited time and for one entry only. Please note that we will not consider requests submitted earlier than 10 days before your planned departure date, and that we will not respond to requests received more than 10 days before a planned departure date. An NIE application is only possible if the applicant is **physically located outside the United States**.
3. If you meet conditions above, please send us one email with the subject line: NIE request - your last name - travel date

Your request must include information below:

- Scan of the bio data page of your passport
- Scan of your U.S. visa or ESTA confirmation
- Country of Birth:
- Planned itinerary: The port of entry in the U.S. must be known.

If you booked your flight already or if you have an airfare option, please provide a scan of relevant documents.

- Planned travel date:
- Justification for a NIE:
- Your Luxembourg address:
- Your phone #:

In general NIE processing time is one business day, you will be notified by e-mail if your request has been approved or denied. An approved exception is valid for a single entry to the United States. You must contact the Embassy if your point of entry changes unexpectedly. If you depart the United States and wish to return, you must be reassessed for a new National Interest Exception. Your admission remains subject to a determination by Customs and Border Protection officers at ports of entry and you may be subject to quarantine upon arrival.