

YOUR WORKING CHECKLIST

Visa administrative processing and passport delivery

Is administrative processing the same as visa issuance?

No. The Department of State distinguishes additional administrative processing from visa issuance. The post's instructions, requested information and passport handling should be tracked separately without assuming a completion date or a favorable result.

Check the boxes on screen or by hand. Use the notes area for records to find and questions to ask.

Your preparation checklist

- ☐ The actual communication explains what the post stated about the case.
- ☐ Keep an inventory of any specific follow-up requested by the decision-maker.
- ☐ Record dates and official channels without treating silence as a new decision.
- ☐ A delivery event describes physical movement rather than the full legal outcome.

Notes and questions to follow up

Source links and current instructions

Sources checked October 25, 2026. Follow current instructions at the linked institution.

U.S. Department of State: Visa information: frequently asked questions

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/frequently-asked-questions.html>

USCIS: I-539: Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status

<https://www.uscis.gov/i-539>

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<https://immigrantinsider.com/status/administrative-processing/>

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