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Investor Visas & Recent U.S. Travel Policy Developments

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What we'll discuss

- Treaty Investor and Trade (E) Visas
- National Interest Exceptions (NIEs)

Investor Visas : E2

- **The investor has invested or is actively in the process in investing.**
- **The enterprise is real and operating.** It cannot be a paper organization or a speculative investment / idea.
- **Either is, or soon will be, a successful enterprise.** Business is more than marginal (has the capacity to generate more than enough income to provide a normal living for the investor and his or her family).
- **The applicant must be employed in a supervisory or executive capacity, or possess highly specialized skill essential to the efficient operation of the firm.**

Trader Visas : E1

- **Business must have a meaningful exchange of goods, moneys, or services.**
- **The international trade must be "substantial."** There must be a sizeable and continuing volume of trade.
- **The trade of the U.S. enterprise must be principally between the U.S. and the treaty country.** More than 50 percent of the international trade involved must be between the United States and the country of the applicant's nationality.
- **The applicant must be employed in a supervisory or executive capacity, or possess highly specialized skill essential to the efficient operation of the firm.**

National Interest Exception (NIE): Who needs one?

- Presidential Proclamation 10143
 - Geographic COVID-19 proclamation that restricts travel from the Schengen Zone to the U.S.
- Exceptions can be requested for:
 - Vital support of critical infrastructure

Chemical, commercial facilities, communications, critical manufacturing, dams, defense industrial base, emergency services, energy, financial services, food and agriculture, government facilities, healthcare and public health, information technology, nuclear reactors, transportation, and water/wastewater systems.

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National Interest Exception (NIE): Notes

- NIEs apply for only for **1 entry, within 30 days.**
- Air passengers traveling to the United States must present to the airline documentation of a negative COVID-19 test taken within the previous three days, or documentation of recovery from COVID.
- If you are *not* eligible, you may wish to consider spending 14 days outside of the Schengen zone.

National Interest Exception (NIE): How do I apply?

- Review the information at: <https://pl.usembassy.gov/presidential-proclamation-faq/>
- Send an email to WarsawNIE@state.gov

Other Helpful Links

General Information

- U.S. Embassy Warsaw:
<http://pl.usembassy.gov>
- Travel to the United States:
<http://travel.state.gov>
- Visa application process (including all types of visas):
<http://ustraveldocs.com/pl>