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The E-2 Treaty Investor Visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows a citizen of certain countries (with which the US government has signed a treaty, agreement, or special commercial arrangement) to receive this non-immigrant visa provided they make a substantial amount of investment in the USA in a business.

There are more the 60 countries in the world that have signed a treaty with the US government and the residents and citizens of these countries can qualify for an E2 visa. However, India is not on this list. If citizens of India wish to apply for an E2 visa, they first need to acquire residency or citizenship of a treaty country. This may then qualify them for an E2 visa.

Some of the treaty countries include Turkey, Grenada, Taiwan, Lithuania, Australia, France, Canada, Latvia, Bulgaria, Poland, Greece, Ireland and Spain.







## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Be a national of a country with which the United States maintains a treaty of commerce and navigation
- Have invested, or be actively involved in the process of investing, a substantial amount of capital in a bona fide enterprise in the United States; and
- Be seeking to enter the United States solely to develop and direct the investment enterprise. This is established by showing at least 50% ownership of the enterprise or possession of operational control through a managerial position or another corporate device
- The investment should be in a commercial enterprise that is at risk and the object is to generate profit
- Investment amount must not be obtained directly or indirectly from illegal and / or criminal activity





## **PROGRAM BENEFITS**

- There is no age, qualification, or language requirement for this visa
- To welcome businesses of all sizes and shapes, no investment amount is suggested or provided by the USCIS
- An E2 visa is granted for a period of two years and can be extended every two years provided the investor's intention is to stay only temporarily in the USA
- The main E-2 visa holder's spouse and children under the age of 21 years may qualify for a dependent visa
- In general, E-2 visa holders can work for only that company for which the visa has been granted