

C1/D Visa – Application Guide

During your employment, you must maintain a valid C1/D Visa. The C1 visa authorises entry into the United States while enroute to another foreign country, whereas the D1 visa is designated for seafarers working aboard a vessel that enters the United States and its territorial waters.

Upon commencement of your employment, it is imperative that your C1/D visa always remains valid. Given that you will be at sea for extended periods, it is essential to carefully plan the timing of future visa renewal applications around your leave periods.

Application Process and DS-160 Visa Questions

To apply for the visa, you must complete a DS-160 application form [online](#). In addition to this you must attend an interview at a US embassy. It is crucial that you answer all questions in the DS-160 application comprehensively. The table below provides guidance on responding to some of the questions:

DS- 160 Visa Questions	Recommended response
Purpose of your trip to the US	Other (Crew Member)
Specify Travel Plan	Yes
Date of Arrival	Enter the date stated in the enclosed supporting Document
Arrival City	Enter the city stated in the enclosed supporting document.
Date of Departure from US	Enter the date provided in the enclosed supporting document
Departure City	Enter the city provided in the enclosed supporting document
Location you Plan to Visit	Enter the city provided in the enclosed supporting document
Address where you will stay	On board the ship as provided in the enclosed Supporting Document: Contact: Carnival UK
Intended Length of Stay in US	Two (2) days
Person/Entity Paying for your trip	Company! Organisation
Name of the Company/Organisation	Carnival UK
Telephone number	+44 (0) 2380 655278
Relationship to you	Ship Owner
Is the Address of the party paying for your trip the same as your home or mailing address	No
Paying Address	Carnival UK, Carnival House, 100 Harbour Parade, Southampton, SO15 1ST, United Kingdom
Other persons travelling	No
Name of the Ship	Enter the ship provided in the enclosed supporting document
Ship Registration Number	Enter the registration number provided in the enclosed supporting document
Travel Information Section	Recommended response
Are you the principal applicant?	Yes
Purpose of your trip to the US	Other

Intended date of arrival	Enter the arrival date as provided in the enclosed supporting document
Intended Length of Stay in US	2 days
Address where you will stay	On board the ship as provided in the enclosed Supporting Document
Street Address	Carnival UK, 100 Harbour Parade
City	Southampton
State	Enter the city provided in the enclosed supporting document
Zip Code	55555 or 55555-5555
US Point of Contact Section	Recommended response
Name /Surname contact in the US	Select 'Do Not Know'
Organisation Name	Carnival UK
Relationship to you	Employer
Address of point of contact	Carnival UK
Address line 1	ie: Queen Mary 2; Enter the ship provided in the enclosed supporting document
Address line 2	Carnival UK, 100 Harbour Parade
City	Southampton
State	Enter the city provided in the enclosed supporting document
Zip Code	55555 or 55555-5555
Phone number	+44 (0) 2380 655278

Supporting Documents and Interview Preparation

With this guide, you will receive a supporting document to assist with your application. This document is necessary for your interview.

After completing the online application, you must schedule an appointment and attend an interview at a US Embassy. Appointments can often take several weeks to arrange; therefore, scheduling your interview should be a priority.

Non-immigrant visa appointments cannot be scheduled by email. If you are in the UK (including Northern Ireland), you will need to book your non-immigrant visa interview appointments online through the Visa Appointment Service website by clicking [here](#). Alternatively, you can call the visa appointment service line at 020 3608 6998. Lines are open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (local time; EST in the United States). The service is closed on all U.K. and U.S. holidays.

Visa Cost, Payment, and Reimbursement Arrangements

The cost of the C1/D visa is approximately USD \$185, although variations may occur depending on where you make your application. Payment for the visa must be made when you book an appointment, so ensure you have your payment card ready. You will also need your passport details when making the appointment. The US embassy accepts most major credit & debit cards but does not accept Visa Electron cards.

It is advisable to avoid canceling any appointment arranged with the US embassy. However, if it becomes essential, your appointment fee will remain valid for up to one year, provided you cancel the previous arrangements promptly.

Expect to be at the embassy for up to four hours for your interview. You must bring the following documents to your interview appointment:

1. Confirmation page of form DS-160
2. Valid passport
3. One passport size photo for each visa applicant, including infants (see the ["Photo Requirements"](#) webpage)
4. Employment contract and a letter (original) from the employer on letterhead identifying the crew member and describing in detail the nature and function of the position.
5. Documentation that demonstrates social, economic, and family ties to Italy. Such documents might include: *original residence permit for foreigners, certificate of residence, family status, marriage certificate, contract of sale or lease of property, employment contract, last pay slips, tax returns, bank statement, etc...*

Visa Approval and Denial

If your visa application is approved, the visa will be issued within a week to 10 days. The passport will be returned via DHL according to your selected delivery option (home delivery or pick-up at a designated DHL location).

If the visa is denied, your passport will be returned at the end of the interview along with a letter explaining the reasons for refusal.

Check your employment terms to understand reimbursement arrangements for visa costs and travel expenses. Carnival UK will reimburse your visa cost but not travel or accommodation expenses. To claim your expenses, please click [here](#).

For more information on applying for your C1D visa, please [click here](#).