

# VISA DENIAL LETTER FORM 221(g)

## What is the Form 221(g)?

The Form 221(g) denial letter is given when a Consular Officer determines that a final decision on a visa application cannot be made immediately. The case will be put on hold until the applicant's eligibility for the visa can be determined.

### There are two main types of 221(g) cases:

1. Those that need administrative processing in Washington D.C., due to various admissibility issues or the applicant is from a country of concern.
2. Those that need additional post processing to investigate or verify something in the applicant's home country or to request additional information or documentation relating to the applicant's qualifications for a visa.

**More than 1,000,000 visa applications are put on hold every year, but the majority of denials are overcome.**

## How do I know the reason I received it?

**Blue Form:** Additional supporting documents are needed

**White Form:** Further processing is needed

**Pink Form:** Additional processing is being undertaken to check the validity of the information provided

**Yellow Form:** Longer time is needed to determine the status of the applicant

## What Are My Options?

In order to overcome this type of denial, you must follow the instructions on the specific colored form you received. This might involve providing more documentation or simply waiting for the additional processing to be completed. If additional documentation is required, the form will indicate where and how you must submit it. You will have up to one year to submit the documentation, or your application will be permanently terminated.

If you are unable to overcome the denial, **be sure to find out the exact reason before you leave.**

**There is no appeal process, but you can apply again.**

## How soon can I apply again and how often?

You are free to apply again as soon as you want, but it is only recommended to do so when you have a valid reason, such as having corrected the reason for the denial or having a significant change in your circumstances. You are free to apply as many times as you like, but remember that a record is kept of each denial. Many applicants for student visas are approved on their second or third attempt. It is also recommended to secure the counsel of an immigration attorney or an immigration specialist. **Do not lose hope!**

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