

## O and P Work Visas

### What is an O visa?

O visas are issued to those with extraordinary ability in the sciences, arts, education, business, and athletics, or extraordinary achievement in motion picture and television production, and their essential support personnel.

### What is a P visa?

P visas are issued to athletes, entertainers, artists, and their essential support personnel who are coming to perform in the United States.

### What can I do on B1/B2, P, or O visa?

	B1/B2 visa	P visa	O Visa
Perform for free or for money	X	✓	✓
Shoot a music video	X	✓	✓
Accept an award, attend a music conference	✓	✓	✓
Record music	X	✓	✓
Business meetings, auditions	✓	✓	✓
Tourism	✓	Yes, but limited	✓

### What is the application process?

1. First, a I-129 petition must be filed with USCIS in the United States. It may take up to six months for your petition to be approved, so please plan ahead.
2. When you receive the approved petition, complete form DS-160.
3. Go to GTBank Ghana to pay the \$190 application fee.

4. Email [OPVisasAccra@state.gov](mailto:OPVisasAccra@state.gov) to request an appointment for an O/P visa interview. (Slots available once a week – Thursday afternoons). If a spouse or other derivative is accompanying you, please appear together for the interview.

#### **Documents to bring to the interview:**

- Passport
- Photo (5cmX5cm, color on white background – no eyewear)
- Copy of your approved I-797 notice
- DS-160 confirmation sheet
- Payment receipt of the \$190 application fee from GTBank Ghana

#### **Helpful Links**

I-129 Form: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-129>

Checklist: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-129Checklist>

Filing Instructions: <https://www.uscis.gov/i-129-addresses>

#### **Questions?**

General inquiries for USCIS - <https://www.uscis.gov/contactcenter>

Interview appointments in Accra and other questions about O and P visas – [OPVisasAccra@state.gov](mailto:OPVisasAccra@state.gov)