

# National Interest Exception (NIE)

## Process and Instructions

**Please note: We cannot guarantee your submission will be approved for a NIE. To ensure your information is submitted to U.S. Customs and Border Protection with enough time for consideration, please submit your request using the steps outlined below before September 3.**

If you have not already done so, [register now](#) to attend IPW in-person. Only registered IPW delegates may apply for a NIE through U.S. Travel Association.

### PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR A NIE AS A REGISTERED IPW DELEGATE:

1. Follow [THIS LINK](#) to be taken to a portal to submit the required information. You will be asked to log in. Please use the email address associated with your IPW registration and your IPW ID as your password—this will be **listed at the top of the email you received with these instructions**. If you are unable to access the portal, but HAVE registered for IPW, please contact [ipw-nie@ustravel.org](mailto:ipw-nie@ustravel.org) via email with the Subject line: Delegate access to NIE Portal.



2. Once you log in, you will be prompted to provide information required for your NIE request. Please follow the instructions closely as they were developed with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to minimize mistakes or errors.

Your name must be submitted exactly as it appears on your passport and you must include the three-letter (**not** numeric) country code for your passport found [here](#). Please also submit your precise departure and return dates to cover your **entire stay** in the USA during and around IPW.

3. U.S. Travel will submit NIE request information to U.S. Customs and Border Protection on a rolling basis: **The NIE is valid for entering the U.S. 30 days after approval.** Delegates hoping to enter the U.S. for IPW will also need the required travel documents such as a passport and valid visa or ESTA. A delegate's visa or ESTA determines their permissible length of stay, not their NIE.
4. U.S. Travel will receive a response from U.S. Customs and Border Protection containing approval or denial for each applicant. U.S. Travel will send individual notices of approval or denial directly to the delegates upon receipt from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Individuals will **not** receive any communication or verification of NIE status directly from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. When applicants are approved, their individual immigration record will be annotated with the NIE approval. This is how airlines and Customs will be able to verify the approved NIE upon departure to and arrival in the U.S.
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  - c. Delegates will have 30 days from the approval date to use the NIE to enter the country. The NIE is valid for only one entry into the U.S.

[View the fields you will need to complete on the portal in order for us to submit your NIE application on the following page.](#)

## FIELDS FOR COMPLETION

First Name \*

Enter exactly as it appears on your Passport

Jane/John

Last Name (Surname) \*

Enter exactly as it appears on your Passport

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Title \*

Enter your business/professional title

Business Title

Role at IPW \*

Select the role that best describes your purpose for attending IPW

- ✓ -- Please Select --
- International Leisure Buyer
- MICE Buyer
- Press
- Visit USA
- International Advisory Chair (IAC)
- US Commercial Service
- Airline Representative
- Exhibitor Delegate

Arrival Date \*

Enter the date in which you arrive in the U.S. (MM/DD/YYYY format)

09/16/2021



Departure Date \*

Enter the date in which you will depart from the U.S. (MM/DD/YYYY format)

If approved your NIE is valid for 30 days from the date of approval.

09/30/2021



Please note: The format used for dates may differ from your customary format. Please use MM/DD/YYYY in the portal.

Date of Birth \*

(MM/DD/YYYY format)

12/13/1976



Passport Number \*

12346789

Passport Issuing Country Code (3 character) Alpha-3 Code (i.e., USA for United States of America) \*

Country codes can be found here <https://www.iban.com/country-codes>. Note this link of open another browser tab.

USA

Characters used: 3 (minimum 3).  
Characters used: 3 out of 3.

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## NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION

- All travelers, regardless of need for a NIE, must possess the necessary documentation (passport, visa, ESTA, etc.) for entry into the U.S. and abide by the CDC quarantine guidance and testing orders and guidelines upon arrival in the United States. Please visit [International Travel During COVID-19 | CDC](#) for more information on international travel requirements.

## COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR NIE APPLICATIONS

- Any individual who is registered for IPW 2021 that will be traveling from or through one of the following countries may apply for a 30-day National Interest Exception (NIE): Mainland China, Iran, Europe's Schengen region (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and Switzerland), United Kingdom/Ireland, Brazil, South Africa, and India.