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## E-2 Investor Visa Program Opened to Israelis May 1

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Effective May 1, 2019, the E-2 investor visa program has opened to Israelis under a reciprocal treaty investor agreement signed between the United States and Israel.

Certain Israeli nationals who are lawfully present in the United States can now request a change of status to the E-2 treaty investor classification. The U.S. Embassy in Israel notes that Israeli companies seeking E visas for their owners or employees must apply at the Branch Office in Tel Aviv and establish that the trading enterprise or investment meets the requirements. For both first-time applicants and renewals, the company must submit supporting documents, including the individual application for the employee, **by mail**.

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