

How Much Money Do I Need to Invest for an E2 Visa?

Let's be honest, investing money can be scary. Will it pay off? How much is too much? It's like planting a seed - you gotta wait for the good stuff to grow.

Especially with this E-2 visa thing, there's no magic number for investment. No wonder everyone's freaking out! You don't want to dump all your cash in and end up broke, right?

Look, investing is a gamble for sure. There are no guarantees of success. But hey, that's why I'm here! I've been down this road before, and I'm gonna share what I know about E-2 visa investments. So, buckle up and let's clear up this confusion!

What exactly is an E-2 visa?

E-2 visa is one of the categories of the [US investor visa program](#). It is a temporary visa applicable to foreigners willing to do business in the US. They can start a new business here or buy one that is already running. The validity of this visa is up to five years, but you can [stay here legally](#) as long as you continue the business by renewing your visa status.

How does an E-2 visa benefit people?

E-2 visa is beneficial for people living outside the US who want to live and work here with legal authorization. If you are coming here to open your E-2 company, you can bring your spouse and children as dependents. After coming here, your spouse can do a job and your children under twenty-one years old can study without any restriction.

Other nonimmigrant visas do not provide any option for the spouses to work here. However, if your child is over the age of twenty-one, they can apply for an [F-1 student visa](#) to continue their education.

What are the primary requirements to get an E-2 visa?

Since an E-2 visa is specially designed for foreign investors, you have to invest certain amounts of money to get this visa. So, what are the basic requirements for an E-2 visa?

- ⇒ If you are interested in getting the E-2 visa, first you should check whether your country is on the [treaty country list](#) where the United States wants to make business relationships.
- ⇒ You have to make sure that you will go back to your home country when your visa status expires.

- ⇒ After entering the US, the investor should perform the business-related activities actively, like purchasing the equipment and necessary stuff.
- ⇒ The amount of investment is not fixed, you have to invest a significant amount that would be enough to support your business without any risk.
- ⇒ You have to show that your business is real and you have earned the investment capital in an ethical and lawful way.
- ⇒ If you want to get a partnership from an existing business, you have to own fifty percent of the entire business.
- ⇒ You have to show a standard business plan and your ability to hire enough workers to establish the business.
- ⇒ As investing money in a business and getting enough profit is an uncertain issue, you might not get back the invested money in the event of business loss. So, while investing money for an E-2 visa, you have to ensure that you will not ask for the money in return in such a situation.

How can you determine the substantial investment for an E-2 visa?

There is no minimum fixed amount to invest for an E-2 visa, but you can determine the substantial amount with the help of a proportionality test. The regulatory body will conduct a proportionality test based on how much money you are investing in the business and the total business value. This test is important to understand whether your investment is big enough or not.

But why do you need to understand the extent of your business to make an investment?

In a true sense, the size or proportion of your business can ultimately determine the amount of your investment. Your investment must be big enough compared to the total value of the business.

Suppose, you are going to purchase a proportion of a running business, and the company is small, medium, or big-sized. In such cases, you have to invest a large amount of money to make your investment work well. Similarly, if you are going to start a new and fresh business, you have to spend a huge amount to establish your business.

So, how can you prove that your investment is substantial enough to start a business?

To prove that you have put in a good amount of money to run the business successfully, you have to show some documents to the immigration office. These documents also ensure that you won't take or ask for the invested money back.

- ⇒ Your overall financial records and how much you have used for the investment
- ⇒ If you purchase any portion of your property or other stuff, you have to show them
- ⇒ Bank statement showing the records of payments
- ⇒ Receipt showing cancellation of money order
- ⇒ Letter of agreement that proves your interest in this business
- ⇒ You have to show other documents indicating that you have safely deposited the money until the agreement continues to run.
- ⇒ If you purchased something to use for the business, show the document.
- ⇒ In the case of collecting loans from the bank, you need to [show papers](#) for it.

As you are investing a lot of money in your E-2 company, will you get some money from the total investment to bear your visa costs?

In response to your question, I can assure you that, yes, you can use a certain amount of the total invested money to manage your visa processing fee. Suppose, before applying for the visa, you had invested \$150,000 USD. Then, your E-2 company will use some of the money from the total investment for your visa-related expenses.

What minimum investment amount do immigration experts recommend for this visa?

Investing more money can increase the chances of [E-2 visa approval](#). However, according to the suggestion of immigration experts, you should invest at least \$100,000 USD or more. Although this invested amount may vary from company to company, \$100,000 USD is considered a substantial amount.

If you don't have this much money, still you will be qualified for an E-2 visa. You need to have an active plan before making the investment.

- ★ First, determine which type of business you are going to start. Is it a tech startup or a manufacturing firm?
- ★ In the case of a tech startup, you can invest less money compared to the manufacturing industry.
- ★ You will be overwhelmed to know that, after investing only \$70,000 in an IT company, most people get their E-2 visa. And, it's true. You just need to prove that this small amount of money can cover all the expenses of your business.

How can you manage the money needed for a low-cost and high-cost business?

Most investors want to spend money on an existing business, as it is already developed. So, if they invest here, there will be no possibility of risk in business. This is a high-cost business because you have to invest a huge amount in it. And, this amount is equivalent to the purchasing cost of the business. But how can you manage a lot of money for such an expensive business? You can borrow a certain portion of the money and pay the additional amount to get your visa.

If the business cost is more than a million, you can pay half of the total amount. The rest you can borrow from a bank or other financial organization. But for a low-cost or smaller business, the investment amount should be greater than the borrowing amount. If the required investment amount is one million USD,. You can pay only \$30,000 USD and borrow the larger portion. Even you are not allowed to pay the half portion in such a small business. So, you have to pay the larger portion to get an E-2 visa in the case of a low-cost business.

In short

The money you will get as a profit from your E-2 business will be necessary enough to help the US economy, not only your family and your own expenses. So, the invested amount should be large enough to get the expected profit in return.

If you have enough money to start and maintain a business, you might be eligible for an E-2 visa. You just need to do a proper calculation with the logical justification that this investment would be sufficient to grow your business. But how can you determine that your invested money is enough to get E-2 visa approval? This is what we have tried to explain in our short discussion.

Besides, we have given a special tip for people who have budget issues but want to set up their business in the US. If this discussion helps you figure out the investment side of the E-2 visa, leave a comment below! And if you know someone who's scratching their head about how much to invest, share this conversation with them

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Confused about E-2 visa investment? Get clear, actionable info to qualify for your visa and kickstart your US business dream.