

E-2 VISA SERVICE PLANS

For German and Japanese investors · Frankfurt and Tokyo packets

Flat fees & Defined deliverables.

Start here - Paid strategy session \$299 Credited in full if you engage within 14 days.

45 minutes plus a one-page file-or-don't-file memo: treaty nationality, substantiality and marginality flags, consular versus change-of-status, and entity issues.

Three plans

SILVER Consular File \$8,500 flat fee 50% on engagement 50% when the packet is ready to submit	GOLD · MOST CHOSEN Build & File \$12,000 flat fee 40% on engagement 40% when the entity is live and the source-of-funds memo is delivered 20% when the packet is ready to submit	PLATINUM Structured Investment \$16,500 flat fee 40% on engagement 30% at entity / structure / source-of-funds milestone 30% when the packet is ready to submit
Best for The U.S. company already exists. Funds are clean and personal. First-time German or Japanese principal filing in Frankfurt or Tokyo / Osaka. Includes • Eligibility and filing-route memo (consular vs. I-129) • Personalized exhibit checklist in German and English, or Japanese and English • DS-160 / DS-156E preparation and answer-consistency review • Source-of-funds review of a client-assembled file • Legal review of a client-provided business plan - one revision cycle • Frankfurt or Tokyo packet: cover letter, exhibit index, tabbed PDF and paper-assembly instructions • Filing coordination and pre-interview-review follow-up • One 60-minute mock interview in the language used at the window • One 221(g) or RFE response of ordinary scope Not included <i>Entity formation, plan drafting, translations, dependents, purchase-agreement work, or multi-company restructuring.</i>	Best for The typical client: a German or Japanese founder who still needs a clean U.S. company and a source-of-funds story before the consulate sees the file. Everything in Silver, plus • Florida LLC, with an operating agreement drafted so U.S. citizens and green-card holders do not break the 50% treaty-nationality test • EIN / Form SS-4 • Registered-agent year 1 in Florida if we accept the representation • Investment sequencing memo: what must be spent or irrevocably committed before the DS-160 • Source-of-funds roadmap (bank records, Steuerbescheide, sale contracts, gift letters) and two revision cycles on the SOF exhibit • Business-plan drafting • Second mock interview if the first one shows a problem • 30-day post-approval landing checklist (I-94, spouse EAD timing, what not to do)	Best for Purchase of an operating business or franchise. German GmbH or Japanese K.K. holding chain. Two investors. Prior refusal or 221(g). Change of status plus a later consular visa. Everything in Gold, plus • Ownership-chart redesign across German / Japanese and U.S. entities • Purchase agreement / APA immigration pass (not the commercial deal itself) • Loan, gift, or escrow language reviewed for E-2 "at risk" rules • Coordination call with German-qualified of-counsel or Japanese-speaking operations on the foreign-side documents • Change-of-status I-129 track or consular track, chosen at engagement • Second 221(g) or RFE included • 12-month compliance calendar, the start of the renewal product <i>Work past the written fence converts to hourly at \$375 after written notice.</i>

What you receive: the Frankfurt / Tokyo packet

The fee buys a consulate-formatted file. Silver assembles it from what you send. Gold builds the company and source-of-funds. Platinum rebuilds the structure when the holding chart is wrong.

#	Tab	What it proves
1	Attorney cover letter	FAM elements in post order: treaty nationality, ownership, investment at risk, real enterprise, investor develops and directs, not marginal, intent to depart.
2	Exhibit index	Numbered, bilingual labels matching the paper tabs and the PDF bookmarks.
3	Identity and treaty	Passports and proof that the company owners, not only the applicant, are German or Japanese nationals.
4	Ownership chart	One page showing why U.S. citizens and LPRs do not break the 50% test.
5	U.S. entity set	Articles, operating agreement, EIN letter, banking proof, authorizing resolutions.
6	Investment ledger	Every dollar committed or spent, with wires, invoices, lease, equipment and inventory. Running total on page one.
7	Source-of-funds chronology	Dated story plus exhibits: asset sale, savings, dividends, Steuerbescheid, notarial contract.
8	Business plan	E-2 plan, not a bank plan. Staffing, five-year P&L, why the enterprise is not marginal.
9	Premises and operations	Lease, photos, website, contracts, payroll if any.
10	DS-160 / DS-156E printouts	With a one-page consistency memo against the corporate file.
11	Interview one-pager	Twelve questions you will encounter at the consulate with the officer, answered in the interview language, one page for the waiting room.
12	Digital twin	A Binder mailed to the consulate and a pdf version via email.

Add-on services & required government fees

Priced separately. Government fees are separate.

Add-on	Fee	Note
Each dependent DS-160 and packet	\$750 first / \$500 each after	Family of four stays predictable
Spouse Form I-765 after admission	\$650	Separate engagement after the visa is in the passport
Certified translations	Per page, or \$150/hour coordination	Not absorbed into the flat fee
Extra mock interview	\$400	Beyond the plan allotment
Extra 221(g) or RFE beyond the plan cap	\$1,200	Ordinary-scope responses only
In-country I-129 instead of consular filing	+\$1,500 on any plan	Different workflow; choose at engagement
Premium processing (change of status only)	USCIS fee + \$350 handling	Optional
E-2 renewal / consular re-issue	\$3,750 or \$5,500	\$5,500 if the business changed. Offered at approval.
First-year compliance retainer	\$1,800 / year	Quarterly check that the business is still not marginal
Florida real estate / FIRPTA / closing	Separate engagement	Not folded into E-2 Gold
German citizenship / other matters	Separate engagement	not bundled into the visa fee

Government and third-party costs you should budget separately

Consular MRV fee (currently \$315 per applicant), Visa Integrity Fee if charged at issuance (Frankfurt is currently not charging it), any reciprocity fee, USCIS fees if filing I-129, state formation fees, registered-agent renewals after year 1, accounting and tax advice, licensing, and courier costs. Amounts change.

Scope fences that keep the flat fee flat

- Two business-plan revision cycles; further cycles are hourly.
- Source-of-funds review assumes lawful personal funds. Corporate distributions, crypto, third-country layers, or a reconstructed cash history are Platinum or hourly.
- Purchase of an existing business or franchise is Platinum.
- A change of business concept after engagement is a written change order.
- Interview no-show, consulate closure, or a policy change is not a refund event.
- Approval is not warranted. We sell a complete, consulate-formatted file and competent preparation.
- Client delay of more than 45 days on a document request pauses the clock and can reset the next installment date.
- German-law documents are reviewed with German-qualified counsel. A Florida lawyer is not practicing German law.
- Work beyond the written fence on Platinum converts to \$375/hour after written notice.

How an engagement starts

1. Book the \$299 strategy session. If you engage within 14 days, that fee is credited against the plan.
2. We send a plan recommendation and you choose (Silver, Gold, or Platinum) and a scoped engagement letter.
3. First installment is due on signing. Work starts when funds clear.
4. You receive the exhibit checklist in your language within five business days of engagement.
5. The remaining installment(s) are invoiced against the milestones on this sheet.

Important

Government filing and consular fees, translations, third-party business-plan preparation, accounting and tax services, licensing fees, and other third-party expenses are not included unless the engagement agreement says so. Results vary. Past client outcomes are not a guarantee. Use of this sheet does not create an attorney-client relationship. U.S. counsel is Alexander Thornton, Attorney at Law, licensed in Florida and the District of Columbia. German-law advice is given only by German-qualified counsel (of counsel).

Request a strategy session

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