

## **Department of State expands interview waiver eligibility**

The Department of State has temporarily expanded the ability of consular officers to waive the in-person interview requirement for people applying for nonimmigrant visas in the same classification that they currently hold. The Department of State made the announcement on December 29, 2020. Previously, only those applicants whose visas expired within 12 months were eligible for an interview waiver. Under the new policy, if an applicant's visa expired within 24 months, he or she will be eligible to for an interview waiver. This policy will remain in effect at least until March 31, 2021.