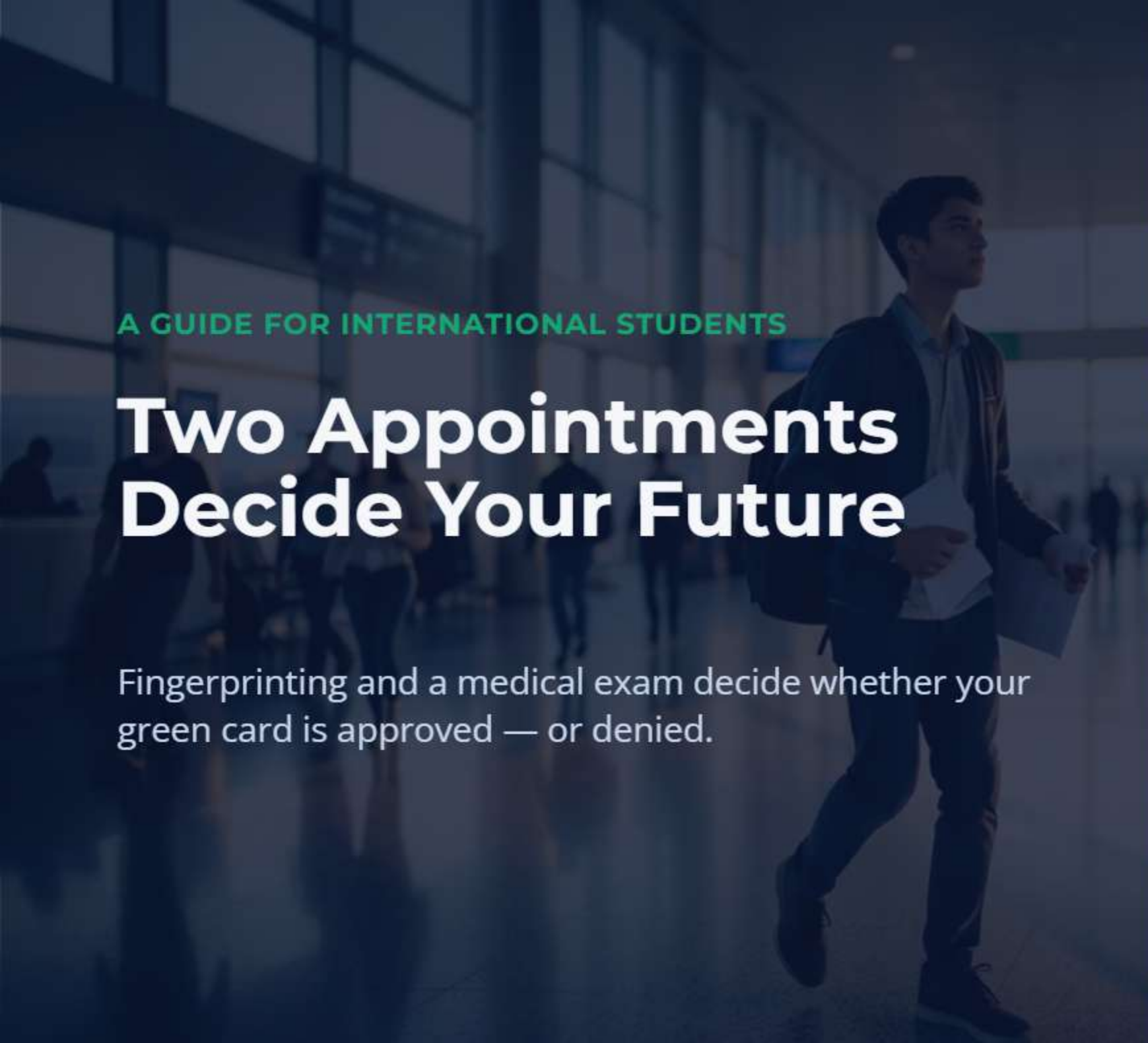


A young man with a backpack is walking through a large, modern airport terminal. He is looking to his right and holding some papers. The terminal has large windows and a high ceiling. Other people are visible in the background, some walking and some standing.

A GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Two Appointments Decide Your Future

Fingerprinting and a medical exam decide whether your green card is approved — or denied.



THE RISK

Skip one step and the door closes

- PVS denies the case — it never just waits for you.
- Any gap in status can block your next visa or job offer.
- Re-filing costs months, fees and a second medical exam.

Your status is a chain: one broken link delays everything.





STEP 1 • BIOMETRICS

Fingerprints are your identity, not paperwork

10 fingerprints, one photo, one signature — captured once.

The appointment takes about 15 minutes at a PVS center.

Biometrics stay valid for 12 months, then you repeat them.

Missing this visit cancels your case automatically.

STEP 2 • MEDICAL EXAM

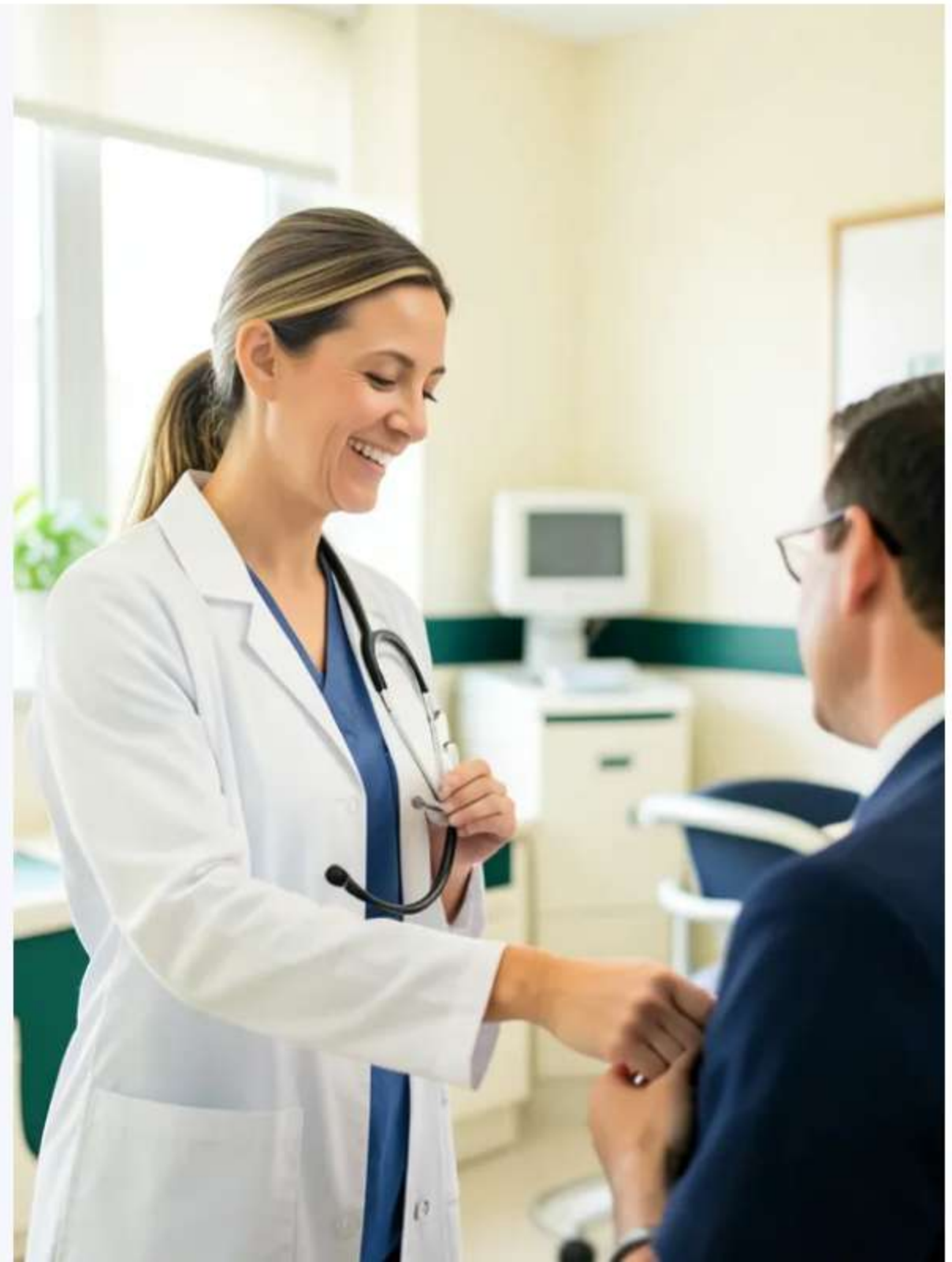
The medical exam proves you are safe

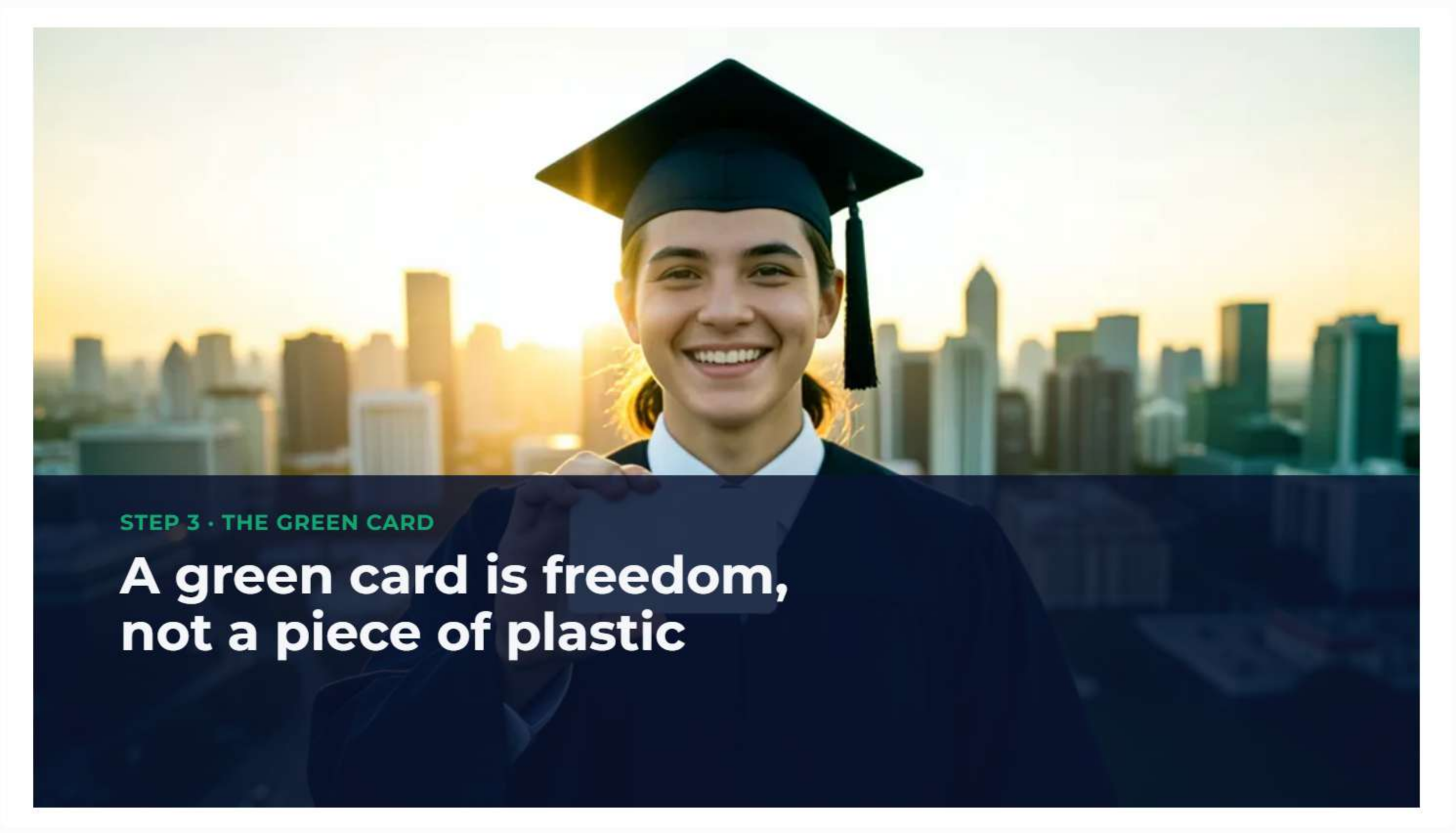
Book only with a PVS-designated civil clinic.

It screens for TB, required vaccines and communicable disease.

Form I-693 stays valid for 2 years — plan around it.

A cheap clinic that is not on the list wastes your money.



A young woman with dark hair, wearing a black graduation cap and gown, is smiling broadly. She is holding a small, light green rectangular card in her right hand. The background is a city skyline at sunset or sunrise, with warm golden light illuminating the scene. The image has a dark blue overlay at the bottom where the text is located.

STEP 3 • THE GREEN CARD

**A green card is freedom,
not a piece of plastic**



MYTH VS FACT

Myths that cost students status

~~"I can do it next semester."~~

Deadlines do not move for anyone.

~~"Any clinic near campus works."~~

Only civil surgeons on the USCIS list count.

~~"My fingerprints last a lifetime."~~

They expire after 12 months — scan again.

YOUR CHECKLIST

Do these four things — in order

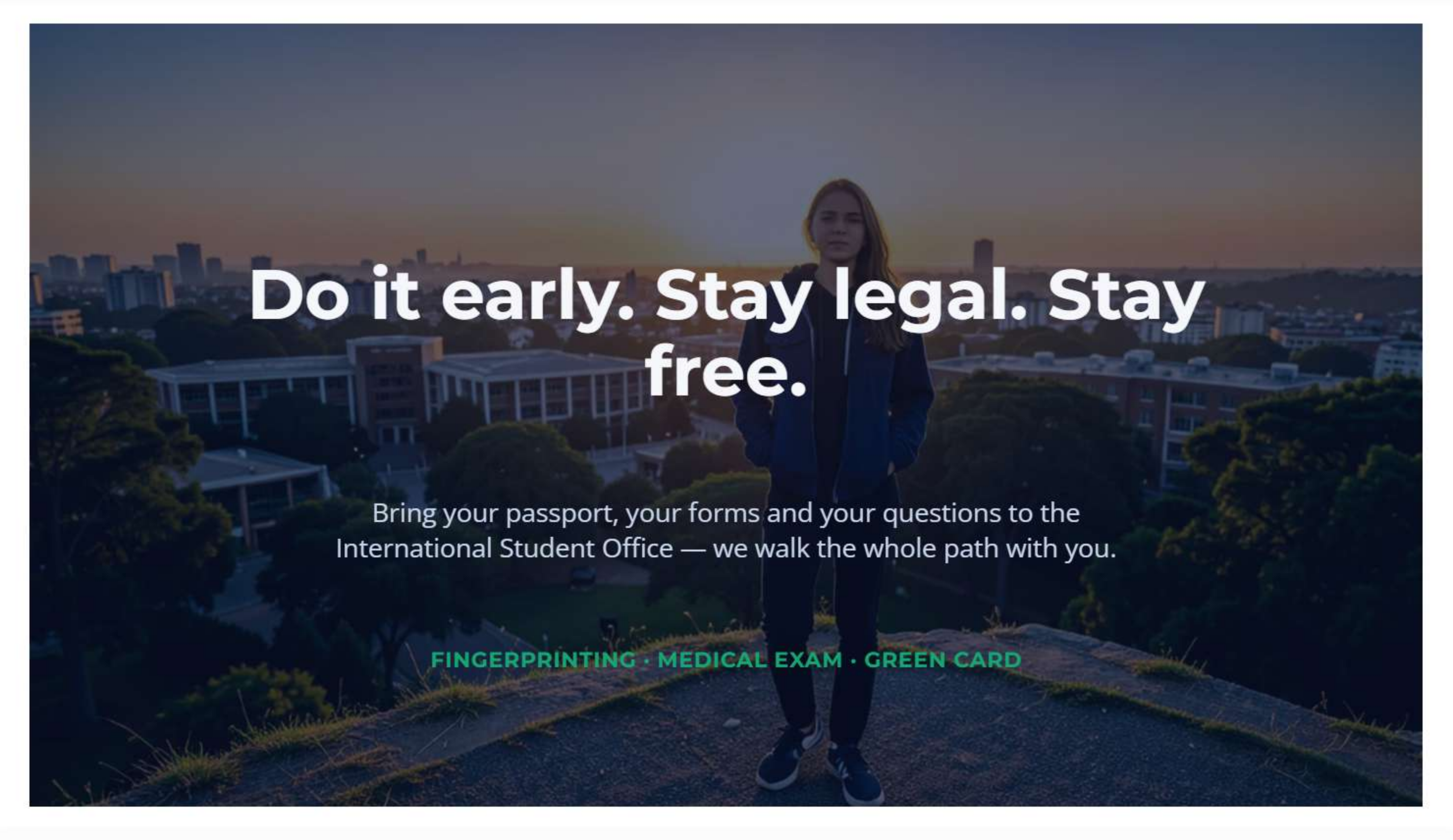
- 1 Book the medical exam the week you arrive.
- 2 Attend biometrics — never reschedule it.
- 3 Keep every receipt, form and stamp.
- 4 Store digital copies in two places.



The system does not reward the lucky. It rewards the prepared.

— the advice every international advisor repeats

Start the medical exam before your semester gets busy.

A young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a dark blue jacket and black pants, stands on a paved path on a hill. She is looking directly at the camera. In the background, there is a city skyline at dusk, with buildings and trees visible. The sky is a mix of orange and blue.

Do it early. Stay legal. Stay free.

Bring your passport, your forms and your questions to the International Student Office — we walk the whole path with you.

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