

Urgent Information For Visa Applicants

Please review the information below before scheduling or attending a visa-related appointment.

[IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF YOUR VISA FEE \(/en-za/niv/information/announcements#797-](#)

[important information about the validity of your visa fee 20230707202213\)](#)

[Important information about the privacy and security of your account on this website \(/en-za/niv/information/announcements#790-](#)

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[Update on Change to U.S. Travel Policy Requiring COVID-19 Vaccination for nonimmigrant travel \(/en-za/niv/information/announcements#788-](#)

[update on change to u s travel policy requiring covid 19 vaccination for nonimmigrant travel 20230512005010\)](#)

[Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fee Increase \(/en-za/niv/information/announcements#775-](#)

[nonimmigrant visa processing fee increase 20230331193712\)](#)

[Important Announcement on Waivers of the Interview Requirement for Certain Nonimmigrant Visas](#)

[\(/https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/important-announcement-on-waivers-of-the-interview-requirement-for-certain-nonimmigrant-visas.html\)](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/important-announcement-on-waivers-of-the-interview-requirement-for-certain-nonimmigrant-visas.html)

U.S. Visa and Travel Updates

For the latest information from the U.S. Department of State regarding visa issues and travel to the United States, please visit: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news.html>

[\(/https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news.html\)](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news.html).

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Welcome, U.S. Nonimmigrant Visa Applicants

You are at the official nonimmigrant (temporary) visa information and appointment website for the U.S. Embassy in South Africa.

Important information about your upcoming visa appointment

Applicants must fill out a DS-160 online visa application form completely and correctly at

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> (<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>), before scheduling a visa appointment.

Starting on May 2, 2023, applicants with scheduled appointments who entered an incomplete or fictitious DS-160 confirmation number in the appointment system should update the DS-160 barcode number before the appointment. The DS-160 barcode number can now be updated up to one time without having to cancel the existing appointment.

If you bring a DS-160 visa application form to your interview that is different from the DS-160 confirmation number entered in the appointment system, your application may not be accepted and applicants will have to schedule a new appointment based on regular appointment availability.

Steps to follow to update the DS-160 confirmation number:

1. Log into your account at <https://ais.usvisa-info.com> (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com>).
2. In the "Applicant Summary Page", click on the "gear" icon and select "Edit"
3. Update the "DS-160 Number" field with the complete and correct confirmation number
4. Click "Save"
5. Attend your appointment on the scheduled date and time

[More \(/en-za/niv/information/announcements#784-important information about your upcoming visa appointment 20230502144041\).](#)
[Apply \(/en-za/niv/information/niv_questions\)](#)

Select this option if you have never used this site before and you have completed a DS-160
<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv> (<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>).

[Continue \(/en-za/niv/users/sign_in\)](#)

Select this option to continue or review an existing visa application, or if you have already established an account on this site.

[How to Apply \(/en-za/niv/information/niv\)](#)

Learn more about the visa application process