

Announcements

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF YOUR VISA FEE

10 July, 2023

Visa application fees are valid to use for 365 days from date of purchase. After the 365 days, if the applicant has not scheduled their interview appointment or submitted their application to apply for a U.S. Non-Immigrant visa (including K fiancé visas), the fee will expire and the applicant will forfeit the right to use the fee for a visa application. However, as a result of the suspension of routine consular operations due to COVID-19 in early 2020 and the U.S. Department of State's efforts to restore all routine visa operations as quickly and safely as possible, the Department extended the validity of visa application fees until September 30, 2023 for all fees that expired between February 20, 2020 and September 30, 2022.

Please check the validity of your visa fee and read the below important information:

- To check the expiry date of your visa fee, log into your account on this website (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com/> (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com/>)), click the Continue button, and select Payment Receipt option. The visa fee expiry date for each visa applicant is listed on the Payment Receipt.
- If you do not use the fee before the fee expiration date, you will be required to pay a new fee if you want to apply for a visa. You can use the visa fee until 23:59 EST time on the expiration date.
- If you have already used your visa fee to schedule an appointment in the future (after the visa fee expiration date), you will not be able to cancel or reschedule your appointment after the fee expiration date, unless you pay a new visa fee. Your current appointment is still valid even if it is scheduled after the visa fee expiration date. Please plan to attend your scheduled visa interview appointment.
- You will NOT be able to cancel or reschedule your appointment after the visa fee expiration date. If you try to cancel or reschedule your appointment, the scheduling system will display a warning message indicating that your visa payment of the original appointment has expired and if you wish to continue with your appointment cancellation or reschedule, the system will require you to pay a new visa fee.
- If you miss your interview appointment and the fee used to schedule the appointment is already expired, you will be required to pay a new visa fee if you wish to continue with your visa application. Plan to attend your scheduled visa interview scheduled appointment to avoid having to pay a new fee.
- If you already attended your consular appointment but you were refused under section 221(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act and your visa application is still pending review, you are not affected by the visa fee expiration date because the visa applicant is already in progress. You should follow the guidance received during your interview.

Please check information posted on <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/> (<https://ais.usvisa-info.com/>) for the most updated information regarding your visa fee and appointment.

Important information about the privacy and security of your account on this

website

30 May, 2023

Your privacy and security are important. We strongly recommend that you do not share your sign in credentials for this Site, with anyone, under any circumstances. Our team will never request your credentials either over the phone, or via e-mail. Sharing your credentials could result in misuse or compromise of your personal information. Additionally, the use of automated tools such as bots, scripts, or other non-human interfaces within this Site is prohibited. Such tools not only have the potential to jeopardize the integrity of your personal data, but may also result in delays in the processing of your application. Refer to the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use of this Site for additional details. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a high standard of security and privacy.

Update on Change to U.S. Travel Policy Requiring COVID-19 Vaccination for nonimmigrant travel

12 May, 2023

The Administration will end the COVID-19 vaccine requirements for international air travelers at the end of the day on May 11, the same day that the COVID-19 public health emergency ends. This means starting May 12, noncitizen nonimmigrant air passengers will no longer need to show proof of being fully vaccinated with an accepted COVID-19 vaccine to board a flight to the United States. CDC's Amended Order Implementing Presidential Proclamation on Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic will no longer be in effect when the Presidential Proclamation Advancing the Safe Resumption of Global Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic is revoked.

Please see: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/05/01/the-biden-administration-will-end-covid-19-vaccination-requirements-for-federal-employees-contractors-international-travelers-head-start-educators-and-cms-certified-facilities/> (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/05/01/the-biden-administration-will-end-covid-19-vaccination-requirements-for-federal-employees-contractors-international-travelers-head-start-educators-and-cms-certified-facilities/>).

Important information about your upcoming visa appointment

2 May, 2023

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

Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fee Increase

31 March, 2023

The U.S. Department of State has increased certain nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application processing fees and Border Crossing Card (BCC) fees for Mexican citizens age 15 and over. These fee increases are effective as of June 17, 2023.

- The application fee for visitor visas for business or tourism (B1/B2s and BCCs), and other non-petition based NIVs such as student and exchange visitor visas, has increased from \$160 USD to \$185 USD.
- The application fee for certain petition-based nonimmigrant visas for temporary workers (H, L, O, P, Q, and R categories) has increased from \$190 USD to \$205 USD.
- The application fee for a treaty trader, treaty investor, and treaty applicant in a specialty occupation (E category) has increased from \$205 USD to \$315 USD.

Other consular fees remain the same, including the waiver of the two-year residency required fee for certain exchange visitors. Applicants who have already paid a visa application fee that is currently valid and non-expired, but who have not yet appeared for their visa interview or are waiting for their case to be processed, will not be charged any additional fees.

Presidential Proclamation on Health Care Revoked

2 June, 2021

On May 14, 2021, President Biden revoked Presidential Proclamation 9945, Suspension of Entry to Immigrants Who Will Financially Burden the United States Healthcare System.

Expiration of Presidential Proclamation 10052

2 April, 2021

Presidential Proclamation 10052, which temporarily suspended the entry of certain H-1B, H-2B, J (for certain categories within the Exchange Visitor Program), and L nonimmigrants, expired on March 31, 2021.

Visa applicants who have not yet been interviewed or scheduled for an interview will have their applications prioritized and processed in accordance with existing phased resumption of visa services guidance. Visa applicants who were previously refused visas due to the restrictions of Presidential Proclamation 10052 may reapply by submitting a new application including a new fee.

Rescission of Presidential Proclamations 9645 and 9983

22 January, 2021

On January 20, 2021, President Biden signed a Presidential Proclamation titled "Ending Discriminatory Bans on Entry to the United States." This proclamation ends the travel restrictions under Presidential Proclamations 9645 and 9983 that had suspended entry into the United States of certain nationals, based on visa type, from Burma, Eritrea, Iran, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Nigeria, North Korea, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Venezuela, and Yemen. Please visit the link for additional information: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/rescission-of-presidential-proclamations-9645-and-9983.html> (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/News/visas-news/rescission-of-presidential-proclamations-9645-and-9983.html>).

16 September, 2020

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-

ae/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-

ae/niv/information/announcements#790-

important information about the privacy and security of your account on this website 20230530195008).

Update on Change to U.S. Travel Policy Requiring COVID-19 Vaccination for nonimmigrant travel (/en-

ae/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-ae/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>).

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>

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Iranian E Visas

27 January, 2020

The 1955 U.S.-Iran Treaty of Amity, Economic Relations, and Consular Rights is now terminated. Consequently, the U.S. Department of State no longer has a basis under U.S. law to issue E-1 or E-2 visas to principal applicants who are nationals of Iran. Refunds are not permitted for Iranian E-1 or E-2 applicants with pending applications. Nationals of Iran that are qualified for an E visa under a different treaty or legislation, such as may be the case with Iranian dependents or dual nationals, may still be issued a visa if otherwise eligible under U.S. immigration law. Iranian applicants may apply under a different NIV classification for which they believe they are able to establish eligibility under U.S. immigration law. Iranian applicants that submit new applications and fall within the scope of Presidential Proclamation 9645 and are otherwise eligible for a visa will be duly considered for a waiver.

For more information, you may also visit <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil-Documents-by-Country/IranIslamicRepublicof.html> (<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/Visa-Reciprocity-and-Civil-Documents-by-Country/IranIslamicRepublicof.html>).

Extension of Validity for Venezuelan Passports

12 June, 2019

As of June 7, 2019 the Department of State recognizes that previously issued Venezuelan passports and “prorrogas” have been extended by decree of interim Venezuelan President Guaido for an additional five years past their printed date of expiration. Passports rendered valid by this decree will be accepted for visa and other consular services.

Important Notice

26 October, 2017

NO PHOTOGRAPHY PERMITTED OF THE U.S. CONSULATE OR IN ITS VICINITY

New Security Policy

12 July, 2017

Important, Applicant are not allowed to bring bags, laptops, or large electronic devices to the Consular Section at the time of the interview.

Important Information Concerning DS-160 Applications

1 May, 2017

Due to a temporary technical issue, we are not able to transfer DS-160 applications easily from one Consular Section to another. The Consular Section location selected for your interview appointment must match the Consular Section location entered on the DS-160 form. If you wish to schedule your interview in a Consular Section other than the one listed on the DS-160 form, you must complete a new DS-160 form and submit it to the Consular Section where your interview will take place by following these instructions:

- Log on to <https://ceac.state.gov/> (<https://ceac.state.gov/>) and complete a NEW DS-160, selecting the correct interview location (Abu Dhabi or Dubai), before appearing for your appointment.
- You do NOT have to pay another MRV fee. The fee you paid when you submitted your first application is still valid for your interview.
- DO NOT REUSE THE BARCODE THAT YOU USED WHEN YOU SUBMITTED YOUR FIRST APPLICATION. You need to create an entirely new DS-160 application for each person in your appointment group.
- After you have completed a new DS-160 application, submit the DS-160 application to the Consular Section where you have scheduled your interview (Abu Dhabi or Dubai). Do this for each member of your appointment group.
- Print the new DS-160 confirmation sheet(s) with the new barcode(s) and bring them to your scheduled interview.