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## Renew My Visa

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### Overview

Repeat travelers to the United States may, under some circumstances, renew their visas without appearing at the U.S. Embassy/Consulate for an interview. Additionally, some governments allow their citizens to travel with a valid visa in an expired passport, provided the traveler also has a valid passport. If your government allows travel with a valid visa and a combination of an expired and valid visa, then the U.S. government will allow you to travel to the United States with your old passport containing a valid visa and your new, valid passport.

## Qualifications

You may submit your visa application at a Team Stanley location as either an Interview Waiver or Drop-Box submission and proceed without a consular interview if you meet all of the following qualifications:

### INTERVIEW WAIVER PROGRAM "DROP-BOX" CHECKLIST

**If you can answer “yes” to all of the following questions, you may qualify for our Interview Waiver Program “Drop-box”. You do not need to schedule an appointment at a Visa Application Center. Please login, create your profile, proceed with your application and print 2 copies of the submission letter. Drop off your passport along with the listed documents mentioned on the submission letter at one of the 11 service centers.**

### **Eligibility Criteria for all applicants except child below 14 years and applicant above 80 years of age:**

- My most recent visa was issued in India
- I received my visa after January 1, 2008
- My prior visa is not annotated “Clearance Received” or “Department Authorization”.
- My most recent visa (in the same class for which I am applying) was not lost or stolen.
- My most recent visa (in the same class for which I am applying) was issued on or after my 14th birthday
- I have no refusals for a visa in any category after my most recent visa issuance
- I have a previous U.S. visa in the same class as the visa for which I wish to renew;
- If I am applying for a B1/B2, C1D, or J visa, my prior visa in the same classification is still valid or expired within the last 48 months;**OR**
- If I am applying for an F/M/J visa, my prior visa in the same classification and same Academic Institution is still valid or expired within the last 48 months; **Note:** F/M visa interview applicants must submit their original I-20 form and J visa interview waiver applicants must submit their original DS-2019 form along with their passport.**OR**
- If I am applying for an H or L (individual) visa, my prior visa in the same classification with the same petitioner is still valid or expired within the last 12 months. **Note: Blanket L1 visa applicants do not qualify, but Blanket L2 spouses are eligible.**

### **Eligibility Criteria for Child below 14 years:**

- Valid visa copy of the same visa category of either parents in which the child is applying

### **Eligibility criteria for applicants over 80 years of age:**

- Applying on or after 80th birthday
- My most recent visa application was not refused.

### INTERVIEW WAIVER PROGRAM CHECKLIST

**If you can answer “yes” to all of the following questions, you may qualify for the Interview Waiver Program. Please schedule an appointment at a Visa Application Center for fingerprints.**

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- My most recent visa was issued in India
- I received my visa after August 1, 2004
- My prior visa is not annotated “Clearance Received” or “Department Authorization”.

- My most recent visa (in the same class for which I am applying) was not lost or stolen.
- My most recent visa (in the same class for which I am applying) was issued on or after my 14th birthday
- I have no refusals for a visa in any category after my most recent visa issuance
- I have a previous U.S. visa in the same class as the visa for which I wish to renew;
- If I am applying for a B1/B2, C1D, or J visa, my prior visa in the same classification is still valid or expired within the last 48 months; **OR**
- If I am applying for an F/M/J visa, my prior visa in the same classification and same Academic Institution is still valid or expired within the last 48 months; **Note:** F/M visa interview applicants must submit their original I-20 form and J visa interview waiver applicants must submit their original DS-2019 form along with their passport. **OR**
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**Note:** Using the interview waiver or drop-box service does not guarantee visa issuance. In some cases, you may be required to appear for a visa interview at the U.S. Embassy/Consulate, for example, if you submit an incomplete and/or inaccurate application. Submit your application well in advance of your planned travel to allow for the possibility that a visa interview will be necessary.

## How to Apply

### Step 1

Pay the visa application fee and any reciprocity fee associated with your visa. [This webpage \(in-niv-visatypeinfo.asp\)](#) lists all of the visa fees associated with the most common nonimmigrant visa types. Instructions for how to pay your fees are available on [this webpage \(in-niv-paymentinfo.asp\)](#).

### Step 2

Complete the [Nonimmigrant Visa Electronic Application \(DS-160\) form \(in-niv-ds160info.asp\)](#). After completing the form, print and save your confirmation page.

### Step 3

Register an account on [this webpage \(https://cgifederal.secure.force.com/?language=English&country=India\)](https://cgifederal.secure.force.com/?language=English&country=India). Follow the steps to schedule an interview. Answer the questions carefully.

If you meet the requirements for interview waiver:

- Schedule an appointment at one of our Visa Application Centers where your fingerprints and photo will be taken.
- Your current passport
- Your current or most recent visa
- Supporting documentation in original and one photocopy required for your [visa type \(in-niv-visatypeinfo.asp\)](#)
- Children applying through IWP or drop-box should submit photocopies of their parents' visas and one photograph taken within the last six months (conforming to the guidelines on [this webpage \(in-niv-photoinfo.asp\)](#)). **Note:** Children under 14 years of age are not required to attend the appointment at the Visa Application Centre. Accompany/Guardians/Parents should carry the above documents.

If you qualify for drop-box submission, you will receive a drop-box submission letter containing a document checklist. Print two copies of the drop-box submission letter. Drop off your passport along with the listed documents

mentioned on the submission letter at one of the 11 service centers.

- Your current passport
- Your current or most recent visa
- One copy of the drop-box letter
- One photograph taken within the last six months (conforming to the guidelines on [this webpage \(in-niv-photoinfo.asp\)](#)). In the vast majority of cases, YOU MAY NOT SUBMIT THE SAME PHOTOGRAPH THAT APPEARED ON YOUR LAST VISA. Failure to submit a valid photograph will delay the processing of your case.
- Supporting documentation in original and one photo copy required for your [visa type \(in-niv-visatypeinfo.asp\)](#)
- Children applying through IWP or drop-box should submit photocopies of their parents' visas.

#### Step 4

Deliver your documents for IWP at one of our Visa Application Centers or drop-box visa application to a [Team Stanley Office \(in-loc-documentdropoff.asp\)](#). Bring the second copy of your document checklist with you. A Team Stanley employee will review your document checklist before accepting your application for delivery to the U.S. Embassy/Consulate.

Note: Failure to submit the above documents as per criteria will delay the processing of your case.

#### Step 5

If additional information is needed to complete processing of your case, you will be informed by email. If your application is approved, your passport and visa will be delivered for pickup to your selected Document Collection center you specified when you scheduled your interview. Details on passport delivery are available on [this webpage \(in-loc-passportcollection.asp\)](#).

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The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs [website \(http://travel.state.gov\)](http://travel.state.gov) and Consular Embassy/Consulate websites are the definitive sources of visa information. Should there be discrepancies in content, the Consular Affairs website and Consular Embassy/Consulate websites take precedence.