

# Introducing the DS-160 U.S. Visa Application Form



**U.S. Embassy, Yerevan**

# Background

- New online DS-160 nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application form
- Replaces the following forms:
  - DS-156 “Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
  - DS-157 “Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
  - DS-158 “Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant”
- Mandatory after May 31, 2010
  - Optional from May 15

# Advantages to Applicants

- One form instead of three
- Completely online – nothing to fill out by hand
- Family and group feature – no need to fill in identical data more than once
- Save feature – don't need to complete all at once
- Frequent applicants can save application for reuse
- Print only a single confirmation page

# Application Process

Pay Fee

- At ArmEcon Bank

Complete form

- Online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Make an appointment  
online after you fill out  
the DS-160

Interview

- At Embassy
- Fingerprint

Pick Up Visa

- Two Days After Interview

Only the application form has changed – Other parts of the process remain the same

# Completing the DS-160

## Step 1 – Accessing the Application

- Go to <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Read the instructions and press “Start Application”

U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE  
CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Select Your Language: English

### Nonimmigrant Visa Application

#### Instructions

Welcome to the Consular Electronic Application Center Instructions page. This online Nonimmigrant Visa Application can be completed in order to assist you in expediting the visa application process.

**What you need:**

- Your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled.
- The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher.
- The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher.

Note: The time to download each page may vary depending on the speed of your Internet connection. Please be patient.

**Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:**

1. Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces in each window. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters, except when you are asked to provide your full name in your native alphabet. Letters like ñ, ã, ù, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Semonín as Munoz and Semonin, unless otherwise asked.
2. Review the information you entered for accuracy.
3. Print the confirmation page.
4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process.

Notice 22 C.F.R. 641.103 requires an applicant to sign and submit his or her own Nonimmigrant Visa Application unless otherwise exempt. Although the applicant may receive assistance from a third party in preparing the application, the applicant is required to click the "Sign Application" button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application.

[Start Application](#)

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## Step 2 – Choose the Embassy

- Choose the Embassy or Consulate where you will apply
- Press “Test Photo” to begin uploading your photo

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) website. The page is titled "Nonimmigrant Visa Application" and "Getting Started". A dropdown menu is open, listing various embassies and consulates. The "Test Photo" button is highlighted with a blue arrow pointing to it from the text "Press 'Test Photo' to begin uploading your photo".

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COMPLETE REVIEW SIGN

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Getting Started

SELECT ONE -  
BAGHDAD, IRAQ  
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO  
DUBLIN, IRELAND  
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO  
HERMOSILLO, MEXICO  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA  
HONG KONG  
MEXICO, MEXICO  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
MOSCOW, RUSSIA  
MONTREAL, CANADA  
MATAMOROS, MEXICO  
MONTERREY, MEXICO  
NOVALES, MEXICO  
NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO  
PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO  
PERTH, AUSTRALIA  
ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA  
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
TIJUANA, MEXICO  
TRIPOLI, LIBYA  
VANCOUVER, CANADA  
VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA  
YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA  
PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO

minutes or more in the process of completing this application, the information you have entered will expire and all entered data will be lost.

Center will permit you to complete an application online. If you need to save an application that has not been completed for any reason, click the "Save" button. If you have completed and follow the instructions to save the application, you will return to the Consular Electronic Application Center, "Application" button to upload the previously saved data.

As part of the electronic submission of your application, you will be asked to provide an electronic copy of a photo of the applicant. The photo must meet requirements for photo submission. If you wish to test your photo prior to beginning the application, you may use the test photo button below.

Click the button below to test your photo:

Test Photo

Click here to review the photo standards guide

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## Step 3 – Upload Photo

- Browse to your photo and press “Upload Selected Photo”
- If your photo meets the quality standards, you can press “Continue Using This Photo”
- If your photo does not pass, press “Continue Without A Photo”



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## Step 4 – Fill In The Form

- Complete all questions carefully and accurately
- Inserting wrong information or leaving required items blank will only delay your application

The image displays three overlapping screenshots of the DS-160 form. The top screenshot shows the 'Personal Information' section with fields for Surnames (PERMANEZ GARCIA), Given Names (JUAN MIGUEL), and All Names in Native Alphabet. The middle screenshot shows the 'Passport Information' section with a field for Passport Number (A1234567). The bottom screenshot shows the 'Previous U.S. Travel Information' section with a question: 'Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?' and a date picker for 'Date of Arrival' (01 SEP 1999) and 'Length of Stay' (3 YEAR(s)).

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## Saving an Application

- If you can't finish in one sitting, you can save the application to your hard drive and continue later
- Press "Save" at the bottom of any data entry page
- Press "Save Application to File"
- Press "Save" and navigate to the place you want to save your application

The image is a composite of three screenshots from the U.S. Department of State's CEAC website, illustrating the process of saving a DS-160 application. The top screenshot shows a navigation bar with a red 'Save' button. The middle screenshot shows the 'Save Confirmation' page, which provides instructions on how to save the application to a file and how to retrieve it later. The bottom screenshot shows a Windows file dialog box with the file name 'CEACAA00007C3.dat' and the type 'HTML Document, 21.0 KB'. The dialog box has 'Open', 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons. Arrows indicate the flow from the 'Save' button to the 'Save Confirmation' page, and from the 'Save Application to File' button to the file dialog box.

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## Retrieving a Saved Application

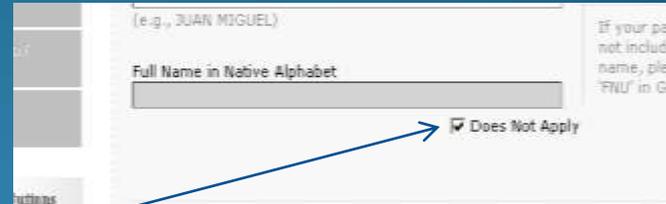
- Browse to a saved application file
- Press “Upload Data”

The screenshot displays the CEAC website interface for a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The page is titled 'Upload a Previous Application' and includes a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Getting Started', 'Personal', 'Address and Mailing', 'Employment', 'Travel', 'Education', 'Security and Background', 'Family', 'Work/Education/Travel', 'Security and Background', 'Travel', 'Consular Processing Fee', 'Interview', 'Temporary Travel Visa', and 'Visa'. The main content area contains instructions: 'Click "Browse" and select the previously saved application file you wish to upload. Next, answer the security questions to validate that the correct file has been selected, then click "Upload Data". Finally, click on the "Next" button at the bottom of each page until the last completed page has been reached and continue the application process:'. Below the instructions, there is a 'Previously Saved Application File' section with a 'File Path' input field containing 'H:\CEACA\A0000K\DQF.DAT' and a 'Browse' button. The 'Security Questions' section includes 'First 5 Letters of Surname' (HERNA) and 'Year of Birth' (1978). At the bottom of the form, there are 'Upload Data' and 'Cancel' buttons. The footer contains a copyright notice: 'This site is managed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs, U.S. Department of State. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views contained therein. Copyright Information | Disclaimers | Privacy Policy'.

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## Tips

- If a question doesn't apply to you, you must check the "Does Not Apply" box
- Answer fully and include as much detail as you can
- Be especially careful with the yes/no questions near the end – misrepresenting the facts can make you ineligible to receive a visa ever

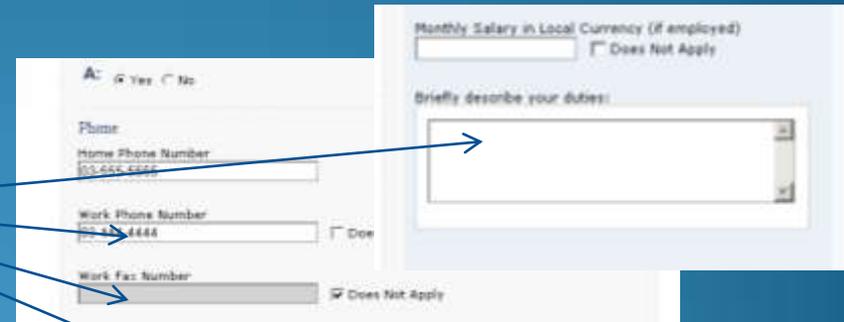


(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Full Name in Native Alphabet

Does Not Apply

If your passport name, please "PNL" in G



Monthly Salary in Local Currency (if employed)

Does Not Apply

Briefly describe your duties:

Phone

Home Phone Number

Work Phone Number

Work Fax Number

Mobile Call Phone Number

Does Not Apply



Security and Background: Security Information

NOTE: Provide the following security and background information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation. A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when a waiver is obtained in advance). One or more of the following applicable to you? While a YES answer does not automatically signify ineligibility for a visa, if you answer YES you may be required to personally appear before a consular officer.

Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?

Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?

Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist

Yes  No

Yes  No

Security

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## Step 5 – Reviewing Your Application

- You have an opportunity to review and edit all your answers before submitting your application
- Check carefully that everything is correct – it's impossible to make changes later

The screenshot shows the 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' form at the 'REVIEW' step. The navigation bar includes 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SUBMIT'. The left sidebar has tabs for 'Personal Address / Photo Request', 'Travel', 'U.S. Contact', 'Family', 'Previous U.S. Travel', 'Security and Background', and 'Location'. The 'Travel Information' section includes:

- Principal Applicant?** YES
- Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.:** (dropdown menu)
- Specific Travel Plan?** YES
- The Location you plan to visit in the U.S.:** 222 MAIN STREET, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA
- Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip:** SELF
- Other Persons Traveling with You:** YES
- Have you ever been in the U.S.?** YES
- Do you or did you hold a U.S. Driver's License?** NO
- Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?** YES
- Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the point of entry?** NO

At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Back: Personal Address', 'Save', and 'Next: U.S. Contact'.

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## Step 6 – Submitting Your Application

- Once you submit your application, you can't change it
- Pressing “Sign and Submit Application” constitutes your electronic signature, certifying that all the answers on the application are true

The screenshot displays the CEAC website interface for a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The top navigation bar includes 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER', 'Contact Us', 'Help', and a language dropdown set to 'English'. The main navigation tabs are 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN'. The current page is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Sign and Submit'. A sidebar on the left shows 'E-Sign and Certification'. The main content area contains instructions: 'Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the application.' It states that the application is now ready for submission and that additional information may be needed after review. A question asks if the user needs assistance, with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. Below this is an 'E-Signature' section with a certification statement: 'I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.' There are input fields for 'Enter your passport number:' and 'Enter the code as shown:' next to a CAPTCHA image showing the code '9FZx8'. A 'Sign and Submit Application' button is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there are links for 'Back: REVIEW', 'Save', and 'Next: Confirmation'.

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## Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Page

- Print the confirmation page
- You only need to bring the printed confirmation sheet to the interview
- You can print the entire application for your own records if you wish
- You can e-mail the confirmation to someone else (e.g., if you are completing the application for another person)

The screenshot shows the 'Confirmation' page for a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of State logo and the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. Below this, the title 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' is followed by 'Confirmation'. A red warning states: 'YOU MUST PRINT this confirmation page. The barcode MUST be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.' Another red warning states: 'YOU MUST SUBMIT this confirmation page and the following document(s) to the Consular post indicated below: Passport. You may also submit any additional documents you feel will support your case. DO NOT send the entire application.' A link is provided: 'If you have further questions, please go to <http://travel.state.gov>.' The main content area is titled 'This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:' and contains a photo of a woman, a table of application details, and a barcode. The table lists: Name Provided: TEST, TEST; Nationality: BRAZIL; Passport Number: TEST; Completed On: 20 February 2008; Confirmation No: AA00000011. Below the table, the location is listed as 'US EMBASSY - SEOUL, 233 TEST DR, SEOUL S, KOREA'. At the bottom of the form area are three buttons: 'Print Confirmation', 'Print Application', and 'Email Confirmation'. A red warning 'THIS IS NOT A VISA' is displayed at the bottom center, and 'Version 01,00.00' is at the bottom right. The footer contains a copyright notice and links for 'Copyright Information', 'Disclaimers', and 'Paperwork Reduction Act'.

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CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Confirmation

**YOU MUST PRINT** this confirmation page. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

**YOU MUST SUBMIT** this confirmation page and the following document(s) to the Consular post indicated below: Passport. You may also submit any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** send the entire application.

If you have further questions, please go to <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided: TEST, TEST
	Nationality: BRAZIL
	Passport Number: TEST
	Completed On: 20 February 2008
	Confirmation No: AA00000011

Location Selected:  
US EMBASSY - SEOUL  
233 TEST DR  
SEOUL S, KOREA

  
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## Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Letter (cont)

- This is what the confirmation page looks like if your photo was not uploaded
- You will need to bring a photo with you to the interview

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CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Language: ENGLISH (UNITED STATES)

### Confirmation

**NOTE:** The photo you have submitted with your visa application did not meet the quality standards specified in the instructions on photo submission for visa applicants. Please have new photos taken, specifically following the photo guideline instructions on <http://travel.state.gov>.

**YOU MUST BRING** this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process:

**Passport.**

**YOU MUST BRING** this confirmation page and submit it with the NEW photo and your passport to your Embassy, Consulate, or International Organization to complete the application process. The barcode MUST be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** submit the entire application.

Some posts have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to <http://www.ustraveldocs.gov> or <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
	Nationality:	BRAZIL
	Passport Number:	TEST
	Completed On:	3 June 2008
Confirmation No:		AA0000428

Location Selected:

US EMBASSY - LONDON  
666 TEST DR  
LONDON, UK

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# Reminder

The DS-160 replaces only the application forms. Other items are still required

- Students: I-20
- Exchange Visitors: DS-2019
- Diplomats and Officials: Diplomatic Note
- Evidence of ties to your place of residence

