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# DS-160

## THE NEW U.S. VISA APPLICATION FORM Consular Electronic Application Center

The U.S. Embassy in Bangkok welcomes you to the latest phase of our ongoing modernization of the non-immigrant visa application process.

We hope you will find this guidebook helpful, as it provides specific step-by-step instructions on the new DS-160 electronic visa application form.

[Learn more here!](#)

## INTRODUCTION

As of June 1, 2010, all individuals applying for a non-immigrant visa at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok -- excluding K1-4 fiancé(e) visa class -- are required to submit a new visa application form, known as the **DS-160 Electronic Visa Application**. The U.S. Department of State developed this new application with a view toward streamlining and simplifying the visa application process, as well as offering greater privacy protection for visa applicants. This new application form offers several benefits to our visa applicants.

First, the new DS-160 simplifies the application process by replacing the previous forms: DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158. Applicants no longer have to worry about trying to determine which application to fill out.

Second, as the information provided in the form DS-160 is submitted electronically and can only be viewed by the applicant and Embassy staff, the new form offers a greater degree of privacy.

Third, the new DS-160 offers a family and group feature, so there is no need to fill in identical data more than once when completing visa applications for others in an applicant's family or group.

Finally, as applicants are no longer required to print the various applications forms and bring them to the Embassy on the day of the visa interview, the new DS-160 is more environmentally friendly. Once an applicant has submitted the completed DS-160 online, all he/she has to do is print a single confirmation sheet!

This guide was developed to help assist visa applicants navigate the new DS-160 electronic visa application form. It provides a brief overview of the general questions that will be encountered during the DS-160 process. Some applicants may be required to answer additional questions not presented in this guide, as dictated by purpose of travel or other personal information.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is important to remember that this application, like the previous ones, **must be completed in full** with accurate and truthful information. Errors and/or omission in your application, including questions incorrectly marked as "Does Not Apply" or "Do Not Know" **may result in your application being rejected** at the time of your visa interview and **may require you to resubmit the entire application and reschedule your interview appointment** for another day/time

For information on how to schedule a visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok or for a list of other non-immigrant visa requirements, please visit the Visa Services section of our website at <http://bangkok.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

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## STEP ONE: BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Before you begin completing the DS-160 electronic visa form you should have your **national identification, passport, travel details, employment history, contact information, and all other important travel data on hand.**

The form takes on average 45 minutes to complete and will time out after 20 minutes of no activity. To avoid loss of data, we recommend data be saved to a hard drive, writable CD, or other media storage device (e.g. thumb drive) after you complete each section of the form. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ENTIRE FORM TO SAVE IT.** If you fail to save the data as you go along and the form either times out or you experience a problem with your Internet connection, the data will be lost and you will be required to begin the process again from the start.

Also, please make sure that you have a **digital photo** that meets the standard photo guidelines for the DS-160 electronic visa form ready for upload. The following minimum requirements must be met or your photo will not be uploaded.

1. The photograph must not be older than six months.
2. The photograph must measure 2x2" (5x5 cm)
3. The photograph of the applicant's head must be between 1" to 1 3/8" (2.5 to 3.5 cm) when measured vertically.
4. The photograph must have a plain, light background; Full face view in which the visa applicant is facing the camera directly.

You can find a detailed list of the guidelines at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide\\_3877.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3877.html).

Finally, before you start with the DS-160, please be sure that you determine **which type of non-immigrant visa you need**. Selecting the incorrect visa classification on the DS-160 **will result in your visa application being rejected** on the day of your visa interview and you may have to return to the U.S. Embassy on another day to continue the visa application process.

For more information on visa classifications, please visit our Visa Classification page on the U.S. Embassy Bangkok website at [http://bangkok.usembassy.gov/niv\\_visa\\_classification.html](http://bangkok.usembassy.gov/niv_visa_classification.html).

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## STEP TWO: GETTING STARTED

### Accessing the DS-160 Application

1. Access the DS-160 from the Department of State's Consular Electronic Application Center website at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> or the U.S. Embassy Bangkok website at <http://bangkok.usembassy.gov>.
2. Read the instructions carefully, then click the "Start Application" at the bottom of the page to begin the DS-160 electronic application.

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, é, ü, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémonin 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.6 41.103 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.

- ☞ **LANGUAGE TOOLTIPS:** The DS-160 electronic application is available in English only, however you may select another language, such as Thai, from the "Select Tooltip Language" window at the top of the page to receive tooltips in your language of choice. By doing so, a translation will appear as a tooltip when you mouse over the English language text. Please be advised that all answers, except those noted specifically, must be completed **English characters only**.



3. Select the location (city, country) where you will apply (e.g. Bangkok, Thailand), then click either “Option A” if you are starting a new online application or “Option B” to upload an application that has been saved previously.

**Begin/Resume Application Process**

Step 1) Select the location where you will be submitting your application:

Location  
- SELECT ONE -

Step 2) Select from one of the following options:

Option A - Start a New Online Application

Click the button below to begin the online application:

Start a New Application

Option B - Upload a Previously Saved Application

Click the button below to continue completing an existing application or to start a new one using previously saved data:

Upload a Previous Application

4. If you are uploading a previously saved application, locate the file (.dat format) on your computer or media storage device by clicking “Browse.” Fill in the first five (5) letters of your surname and year of birth as requested for security purposes, then click “Upload Data.”

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.

Previously Saved Application File

File Path:  Browse...

Security Questions

First 5 Letters of Surname:

Year of Birth:

Upload Data Cancel

**NOTE:** You may at this time also choose to test the upload of your digital photo. This is only to test the upload of your photo. You will be asked to upload your photo into the DS-160 application during a later step of the process. Also note that if you select the “Click here to review the photo standards guide” **you will exit the DS-160 electronic visa application** and will have to begin the process again once you have reviewed the photo guidelines.

## STEP THREE: COMPLETING THE DS-160

### Submitting Personal Information

1. Fill in your full name (first and last) in English. Enter all names fully and correctly, **exactly as they appear in your passport**. Include middle names, if applicable. You will also be asked to enter your full name in your native alphabet.

NOTE: Data on this page must match the information as it is written in your passport.

**1** Surnames (e.g., GONZALEZ GARCIA)

**2** Q: Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)? A:  Yes  No

**3** Sex:  Male  Female; Marital Status: -SELECT ONE-

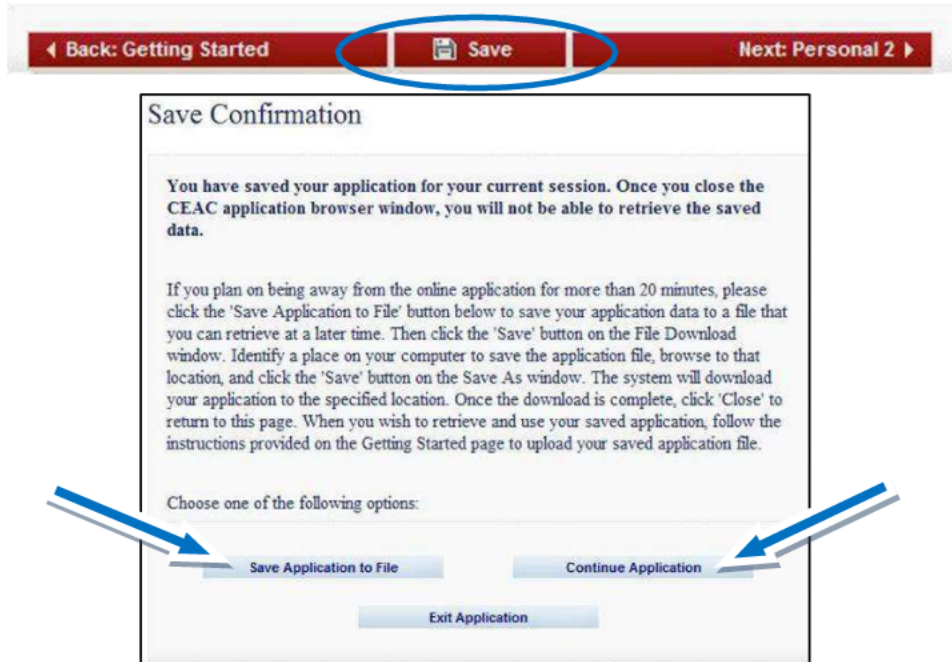
**4** Date and Place of Birth: Date of Birth (Format: DD-MM-YYYY); City of Birth; State/Province of Birth; Country of Birth -SELECT ONE-

**5** Nationality: -SELECT ONE-; Q: Do you hold or have you held a nationality other than the one you have indicated above? A:  Yes  No; National Identification Number; U.S. Social Security Number; U.S. Taxpayer ID Number

Be sure to include spelling variations of applicant name here.

2. Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have used other names in your lifetime, such as maiden name, religious name, professional name, etc. Please be sure that names match as written in your passport. Variations in spelling of names should be noted under "Other Names" in the "Personal Information" section of the DS-160. Please be sure that **ALL** prior names used are noted as failure to do so may cause delays in the processing of your visa application.
3. Indicate your sex and marital status.
4. Fill in your date and place of birth. If day or month is unknown, enter as show in your passport.
5. Fill in nationality and national identification data fields. Click "Does Not Apply" if you do not have a national identification number, U.S. Social Security Number, or U.S. Taxpayer ID Number.

**TIP:** To avoid losing the data, we recommend that you **save your application after completing each section** of the DS-160. To do so, click “Save” button on the red toolbar at the bottom of the screen, then select either “Save Application to File” or “Continue Application” on the Save Confirmation page. If you choose “Save Application to File,” you will need to save your application to your computer and/or media storage device.



## Address and Phone Information

1. Fill in your **current** home address. Please note that the DS-160 electronic visa form **does not** accept (/) as a valid character. For addresses that contain (/), please use (-) instead. Example: Wireless Road 191/2 should be written as Wireless Road 191-2.

The image shows a screenshot of the DS-160 application form, specifically the Address and Phone Information section. The form is divided into three main sections: Home Address, Mailing Address, and Phone. Numbered callouts (1, 2, 3, 4) highlight specific fields:

- 1**: Points to the Home Address Street Address (Line 1) field.
- 2**: Points to the Mailing Address section, which includes a question: "Q: Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?(This is the address to which your passport will be sent if you qualify for a visa)." and an answer field: "A: Yes No".
- 3**: Points to the Home Phone Number field.
- 4**: Points to the Email Address field, which includes a "Does Not Apply" checkbox.

Other fields visible in the Home Address section include: Street Address (Line 2) (Optional), City, State/Province (with a "Does Not Apply" checkbox), Postal Zone/ZIP Code (with a "Does Not Apply" checkbox), and Country (with a dropdown menu showing "- SELECT ONE -").

Other fields visible in the Phone section include: Work Phone Number (with a "Does Not Apply" checkbox), Work Fax Number (with a "Does Not Apply" checkbox), and Mobile/Cell Phone Number (with a "Does Not Apply" checkbox).

2. Answer “Yes” or “No” as to if your “Home Address” is the same as your “Mailing Address.” Please be advised that your mailing address should be the address to which your passport will be sent if you are granted a visa.
3. Provide your home, work, fax and mobile/cell phone numbers, as applicable. If you leave a phone number blank, please remember to check “Does Not Apply.”
4. Provide your email address. It is important that you provide an email address in the event we must contact you in advance of your interview. If you do not have an email address, please click “Does Not Apply.”

## Passport Information

1. Enter your passport number and passport book number, if applicable. **Note:** The Passport Book Number is commonly called the inventory control number. You may or may not have a Passport Book Number on your passport. If your passport does not have a Passport Book Number, please click “Does Not Apply.”

The screenshot shows the 'Passport Information' section of the DS-160 form. It includes the following fields and sections:

- Passport Number:** A text input field with callout 1.
- Passport Book Number:** A text input field with a 'Does Not Apply' checkbox. A red arrow points from callout 4 to this checkbox.
- Country/Authority that Issued Passport:** A dropdown menu with '- SELECT ONE -'.
- Where was the Passport Issued?:** A section with callout 2 containing:
  - City:** A text input field.
  - State/Province \*If shown on passport:** A text input field.
  - Country:** A dropdown menu with '- SELECT ONE -'.
- Issuance Date:** A date selection field with callout 3 and format '(Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)'. Includes a 'Help: Passport Number' link.
- Expiration Date:** A date selection field with callout 3 and format '(Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)'. Includes a 'Help: Expiration Date' link with a note: 'In most cases your passport must have at least six months of validity beyond the date of your visa application and/or your arrival in the United States.'
- Q: Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?** A question with callout 4 and radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. Includes a 'Help: Passport Book Number' link with a note: 'The Passport Book Number is commonly called the inventory control number. You may or may not have a Passport Book Number on your passport. The location of the Passport Book Number on your passport may vary depending on the country that issued your passport. Please contact your passport issuing authority if you are unable to determine whether or not your passport contains a Passport Book Number.'

2. Enter Country/Authority that issued passport and where city, state/province, and country in which your passport was issued.



- Fill in the date the passport was issued and the date it will expire. Please note that in most cases your passport must have **at least six months** of validity beyond the date of your visa application and/or your arrival in the U.S.
- Answer “Yes” or “No” as to if you have ever lost or had your passport stolen.

## Travel Plans

- Answer “Yes” or “No” as to if you are the principal applicant. If someone else is filling the DS-160 form on your behalf or if you are traveling with a spouse or family member who is the principal applicant, please answer “No” and answer the additional questions.

**NOTE:** All visitors for business or pleasure are principal applicants, even if you are traveling with your family. If you are coming to the U.S. in a category of visa that permits you to work (e.g. “L” visa), study (e.g. “F” visa), or get married (e.g. “K” visa), you are the principal applicant. You are not the principal applicant if you are accompanying your spouse or parent who is coming to the U.S. in a category of visa that permits them to work, study, or get married.

- Select the purpose of trip to the U.S. from the dropdown menu. If you do not see the appropriate purpose of travel in the dropdown, select “Other” for more options.

The image shows a screenshot of the DS-160 form's 'Are you the principal applicant?' section. It includes a question, radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No', and a 'Help: Principal Applicant' link. Below the question, there are three instances of a 'Purpose of Trip to U.S.' dropdown menu, each with an 'Add Another' and 'Remove' button. A blue arrow points from a circled '1' to the 'No' radio button. A red arrow points from a circled '2' to the first dropdown menu. A red box highlights the 'Add Another' feature, with text explaining that dual/multi purpose travelers must use it to include all purposes of travel.

Q: Are you the principal applicant?

A:  Yes  No

Help: Principal Applicant  
All visitors for business or pleasure are principal applicants, even if you are traveling with your family.

Q: Are you the principal applicant?

A:  Yes  No

Answer the additional question:

Purpose of Trip to U.S.

Other - Specify

+ Add Another - Remove

Purpose of Trip to U.S.

Other - Specify

+ Add Another - Remove

Purpose of Trip to U.S.

+ Add Another - Remove

Q: Are you the principal applicant?

A:  Yes  No

Answer the additional question:

Surnames of Principal Applicant

Given Names of Principal Applicant

Principal Applicant's Purpose of Trip to U.S.

+ Add Another - Remove

Dual/multi purpose travelers must be sure to use the “Add Another” feature to include all purposes of travel.

**SPECIAL NOTE FOR DUAL/MULTIPLE PURPOSE TRAVELERS:** Applicants applying for more than one type of visa **MUST** add additional purposes of travel by clicking “Add Another.” For example, flight crew members applying for both a C1 and D visa must select both categories from the “Principal Applicant’s Purpose of Trip to U.S.” dropdown box. Crew members who are also seeking a B1/B2 visa should add a third selection in the “Principal Applicant’s Purpose of Trip to U.S.” dropdown box.

- Fill in your intended date of arrival and your intended length of stay in the U.S. Please note that if you are unsure of your exact travel plans, please provide your best estimate.
- Provide address where you will stay while in the U.S. If you are staying with a relative (i.e., son, daughter, aunt, uncle, etc.), please provide his/her home address. If you are staying at a hotel, please indicate the name and address of the hotel.
- Indicate the person/entity paying for your travel to the U.S. If an individual or entity other than yourself will pay for your travel, you will be asked to provide addition details about this individual/entity.

The diagram shows three overlapping screenshots of the DS-160 form with numbered callouts and red arrows indicating the flow of information:

- Callout 3:** Points to the "Intended Date of Arrival" and "Intended Length of Stay in U.S." fields.
- Callout 4:** Points to the "Address Where You Will Stay in the U.S." section, which includes fields for Street Address (Line 1), Street Address (Line 2) (Optional), City, State, and ZIP Code (if known).
- Callout 5:** Points to the "Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip" dropdown menu. A red arrow from this callout points to the "Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip" section, which includes fields for Surnames of Person Paying for Trip, Given Names of Person Paying for Trip, Telephone Number, Email Address, and Relationship to You. Another red arrow from callout 5 points to the "Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip" section, which includes fields for Name of Company/Organization Paying for Trip, Telephone Number, and Relationship to You. A final red arrow from callout 5 points to the "Q: Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?" question.

## Travel Companions

- Answer “Yes” or “No” as to if you will travel with others on your visit to the U.S. (see image next page). You should answer “Yes” to this question if you are traveling with family, as part of an organized tour, or as part of a performing group or athletic team. Please note that you **do not**

need to list individuals traveling with you for the purposes of employment with the same employer.

- If you responded "Yes," provide the name of the group or individual(s) with whom you will travel as requested.

Persons traveling with you

Q: Are there other persons traveling with you?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Are you traveling as part of a group or organization?  
A:  Yes  No

Enter person(s) traveling with you

Surnames of Person Traveling With You

Given Names of Person Traveling With You

Relationship with Person  
- SELECT ONE -

+ Add Another - Remove

Q: Are you traveling as part of a group or organization?  
A:  Yes  No

Enter the name of the group you are traveling with

Group Name

If you will travel with more than one individual, click "Add Another" to add additional travelers.

## Previous U.S. Travel Information

- Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have ever been in the U.S. before. If you answer "Yes," please provide complete and accurate information regarding previous travel to the U.S., including if you hold/have held a U.S. driver's license. If you are unsure about when you last visited the U.S., please provide a best estimate of past travel date(s).
- Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have ever been issued a U.S. visa.
- Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the U.S., or withdrawn your application for admission at the point of entry.

Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: 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?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?  
A:  Yes  No

Provide information on your last five U.S. visits:

Date of Arrival  
(Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)

Length of Stay  
- SELECT ONE -

+ Add Another - Remove

Q: Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?  
A:  Yes  No

## Contact in the U.S.

1. Provide the name and contact information for an individual in the U.S. Your point of contact in the U.S. can be any individual in the U.S. who knows you and can verify, if necessary, your identity. Please note that if you do not personally know anyone in the U.S., you may enter the name of the store, company, or organization you plan to visit during your trip.

The diagram illustrates the relationship between two sections of the DS-160 form. On the left, the 'Contact Person or Organization in the United States' section (marked with a circled '1') includes fields for Surnames, Given Names, Organization Name, and Relationship to You. On the right, the 'Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact' section includes fields for U.S. Street Address (Line 1 and Line 2), City, State, ZIP Code, Phone Number, and Email Address. A red arrow points from the 'Contact Person' fields to the 'Address and Phone Number' fields, indicating that the contact information provided in the first section is used to populate the second section.

## Family Information

1. Please provide your father's full name and date of birth. If you do not know your father's name and/or his date of birth, please click "Do Not Know." Please also answer "Yes" or "No" as to if your father is in the U.S.
2. Please provide your mother's full name and date of birth. If you do not know your mother's name and/or her date of birth, please click "Do Not Know." Please also answer "Yes" or "No" as to if your mother is in the U.S.

The diagram illustrates the relationship between two sections of the DS-160 form. On the left, the 'Father's Full Name and Date of Birth' section (marked with a circled '1') includes fields for Surnames, Given Names, and Date of Birth, along with a question 'Q: Is your father in the U.S.?' and a radio button answer 'A: Yes No'. On the right, the 'Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth' section (marked with a circled '2') includes fields for Surnames, Given Names, and Date of Birth, along with a question 'Q: Is your mother in the U.S.?' and a radio button answer 'A: Yes No'. A red arrow points from the 'A: Yes No' radio buttons in the father's section to the 'A: Yes No' radio buttons in the mother's section, indicating that the answer to the father's question is used to populate the mother's question.

- Please answer “Yes” or “No” as to if you have immediate relatives in the U.S. Please note that for the purposes of the DS-160, “Immediate Relatives” means fiancé/fiancée, spouse (husband/wife), child (son/daughter), and/or sibling (brother/sister). It does not include parents. If you respond “Yes,” please provide additional details as requested. Click “Add Another” to include details on more than one immediate family member in the U.S.
- Please answer “Yes” or “No” as to if you have other relatives in the U.S.

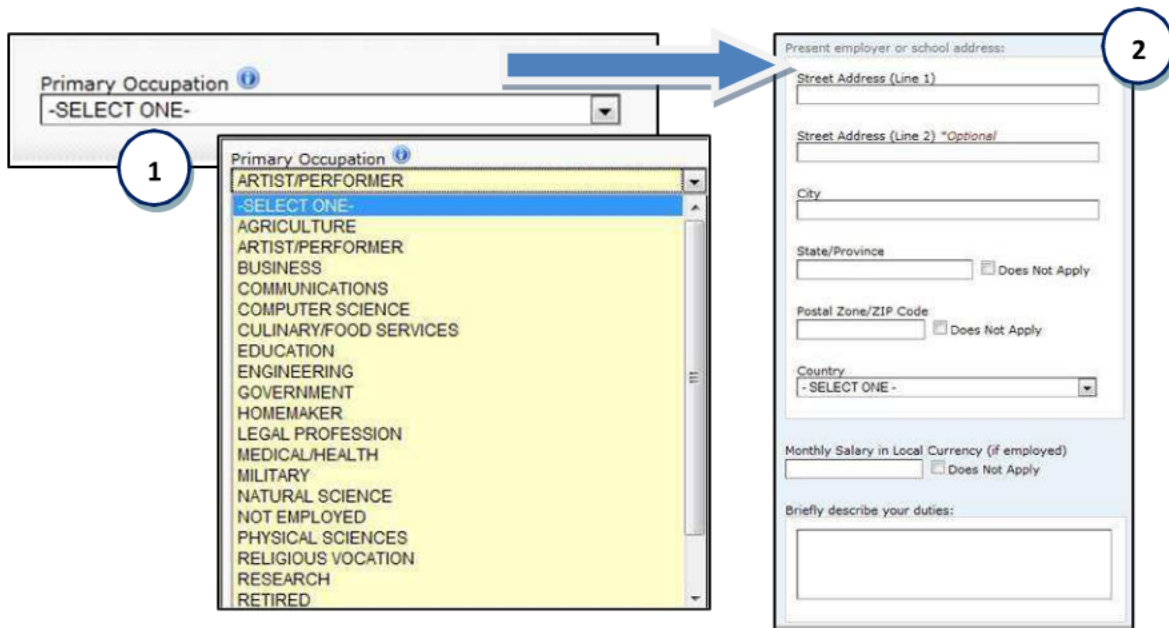
The diagram illustrates the flow of information from the questionnaire to the form fields. It shows two versions of question 3: one with a circled '3' and one with a circled '4'. A red arrow points from the circled '3' question to the form fields. Another red arrow points from the circled '4' question to the same form fields. The form fields include: Surnames, Given Names, Relationship to You (dropdown), Relative's Status (dropdown), Add Another, and Remove.

- (If Applicable) Enter your spouse’s (husband/wife) full name, including maiden name for wife. Please enter your current spouse’s information. If you are divorced, please enter previous spouse’s information.

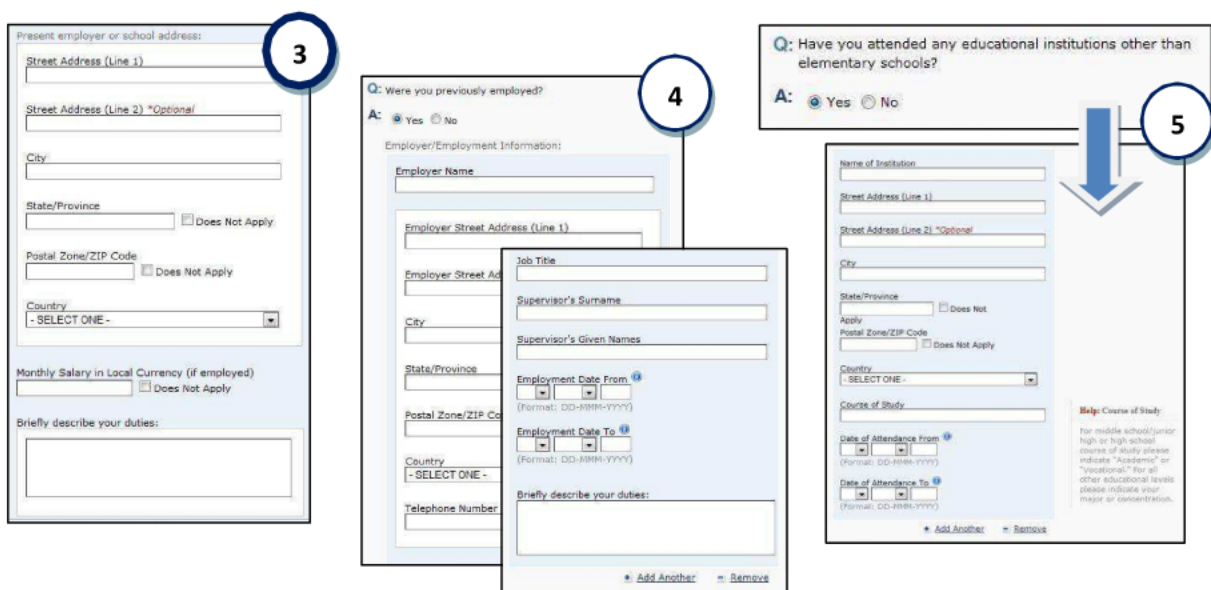
The diagram shows the form fields for spouse information. It includes: Spouse's Full Name (include Maiden Name), Spouse's Surnames, Spouse's Given Names, Spouse's Date of Birth (Format: DD-MMM-YYYY), Spouse's Nationality, Spouse's Place of Birth (City, Country), and Spouse's Address. A circled '5' is placed over the Spouse's Surnames field.

## Work/Education/Training Background

- Provide complete information concerning your current employment status. Select your primary occupation field from the drop-down list.
- Provide address of employer and additional employment details, as required.
- Provide the name, address, contact information and other employment details for your present employer.



4. Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have been previously employed. If "Yes," provide your previous employment information for the period of the last five years. Click "Add Another" to add additional employment history, as needed.
5. Answer "Yes" or "No" as to if you have attended any educational institutions other than elementary schools (i.e. high school, university, graduate school, technical school, etc.). If "Yes," provide the name, address and other information, as requested. Please note that for middle school/junior high or high school course of study please indicate "Academic" or "Vocational." For all other educational levels, please indicate your major or concentration.



6. (If Applicable) Answer "Yes" or "No" to the work, education, or training related questions. Please provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation.

Q: Do you belong to a clan or tribe?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you traveled to any countries within the last five years?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you traveled to any countries within the last five years?  
A:  Yes  No

Provide a List of Countries Visited

Countries  
-SELECT ONE-

+ Add Another - Remove

Q: Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever served in the military?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever served in a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?  
A:  Yes  No

Be sure to note **ALL** travel outside your country here.

## Security and Background Information

1. Answer "Yes" or "No" to the health-related questions. Please provide complete, accurate and honest explanations in the box(es) provided for any question(s) to which you respond "Yes."

Q: Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance such as tuberculosis (TB)?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?  
A:  Yes  No

Explain

2. Answer "Yes" or "No" to the questions on criminal information. Please provide complete, accurate and honest explanations in the box(es) provided for any question(s) to which you respond "Yes."

Q: Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever violated, or are you currently violating, any law relating to prostitution or commercialized vice?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever been involved in, or are you currently engaged in, money laundering?  
A:  Yes  No

Explain

- Answer "Yes" or "No" to the security-related questions. Please provide complete, accurate and honest explanations in the box(es) provided for any question(s) to which you respond "Yes."

Q: Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever or do you intend to provide assistance or other support to terrorist organizations?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or participated in torture?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?  
A:  Yes  No

Explain

- Answer "Yes" or "No" to the immigration violation question. Click to the "next" button at the bottom of the screen and answer "Yes" or "No" to the miscellaneous security-related questions. Please provide complete, accurate and honest explanations in the box(es) provided for any question(s) to which you respond "Yes."

Q: Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child inside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?  
A:  Yes  No

Q: Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purpose of avoiding taxation?  
A:  Yes  No

Explain

## Student and Exchange Visitors

- If you are applying for a student or exchange visitor visa (i.e. F, M, or J), you will be asked to provide at least two contacts in your country of residence who can verify the information that you have provided on the DS-160 electronic visa application form. Please **do not** list immediate family members or other relatives.



- If you are applying for a student or exchange visitor visa (i.e. F, M, or J), please provide your SEVIS number.
- If you are applying for a student or exchange visitor visa (i.e. F, M, or J), you will be asked to provide additional information regarding the institution at which you intend to study, including name of school, course of study, address, etc.

The diagram illustrates three key sections of the DS-160 form:

- Callout 1:** Points to the personal information section, including fields for Surnames, Given Names, Street Address (Line 1 and Line 2), City, State/Province, Postal Zone/ZIP Code, and Country.
- Callout 2:** Points to the contact information section, including Telephone Number, Email Address, and the SEVIS ID field.
- Callout 3:** Points to the study information section, which includes a question about studying in the U.S., and fields for Name of School, Course of Study, Street Address (Line 1 and Line 2), City, State, and Postal Zone/ZIP Code.

## Upload Photo

- It is now time to upload your photo to the DS-160 electronic visa application form. Click the "Upload Your Photo" button to access the DS-160 photo submission system.



- Once there you will be given instructions on how to upload an approved photo for your non-immigrant visa application (see image next page). Click "Browse" to select the location of the digital photo file you wish to upload. After you have selected the image (.jpg file type only), click "Upload Select Photo." If the system verifies the photo is acceptable, you will return to "Confirm Photo" screen in order to continue the application process.

**Photo Quality Standards**  
In order to ensure the highest quality photos will be used in the final printed travel document, the Department of State has created a guide for you to use when creating and uploading your photos [[see photo quality standards guide](#)].

**Select Your Photo**  
Click the "Browse" button and choose a JPEG format image (i.e., .jpg file type) that is 240 KB or less in file size.

**2**

**Selected Photo:**





Photo:

**◀ Back: Cancel** **Next: Upload Selected Photo ▶**

3. If your photo does not meet the guidelines, you will receive an error message with details on why your photo did not meet the image quality standards. Click "Continue Without a Photo" to continue with the application.

**3**

 The submitted photo did not meet the image quality requirements.

**Reasons why photo failed:**

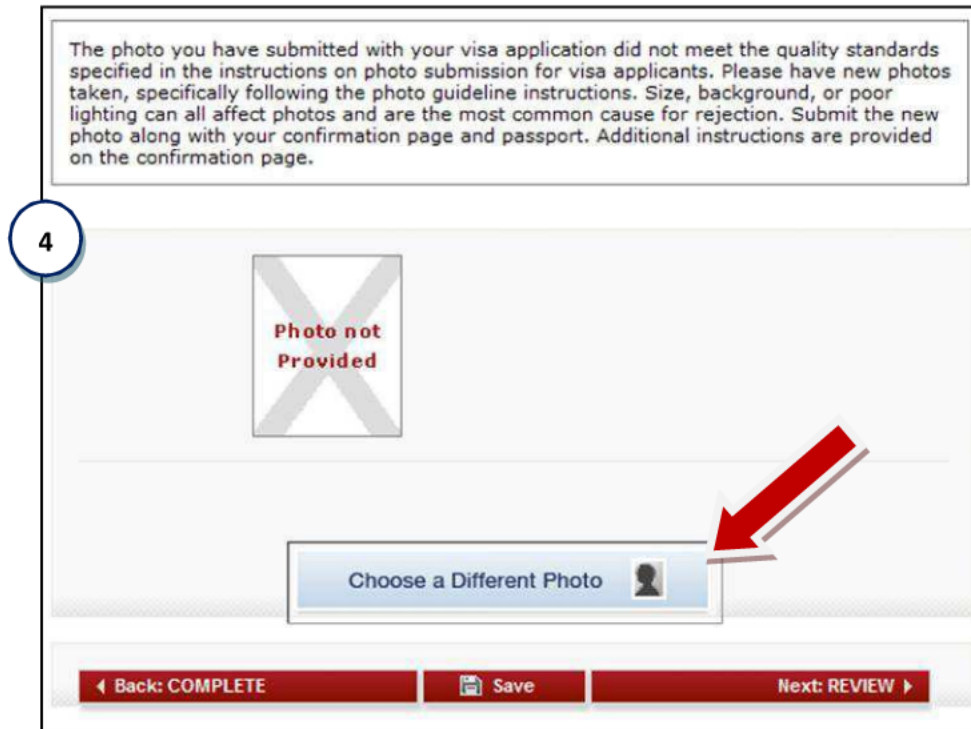
- ▶ Head size or position relative to image dimensions may be incorrect
- ▶ Background may not be suitable

The photo you have submitted did not meet quality standards. You will need to submit a new photo with your confirmation page and passport.

Additional instructions are provided when you return to the Visa application.

**◀ Back: Select a Different Photo** **Next: Continue Without a Photo ▶**

- Click "Choose a Different Photo" to upload another image OR you may click "Next" to move to the "Review" portion of the DS-160 electronic visa application. Please note that if you choose to continue without a photo, you **MUST** bring a physical photo that meets the standard photo guidelines to your visa interview appointment.



**IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PHOTOS:** All applicants, even those who were successful in uploading digital photos during the DS-160 process, are **encouraged to bring a physical photo** that meets the standard photo guidelines to the Embassy on the day of interview, in the event there is an issue with the photo uploaded to the DS-160 electronic visa application form.

## Review Your Information

- You will now have a chance to review and edit, as needed, all the information you have submitted in the DS-160 electronic visa application form. **Take time to review all your responses carefully.** To edit your responses, click the "Edit Information" link to the corresponding section in which you would like to make changes (see image next page).

**PLEASE VERIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION IS COMPLETE AND CORRECT. YOU MAY NOT MAKE CHANGES ONCE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR APPLICATION.**

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

## Travel Information

Print [ ]

[Edit Travel Information](#)

Principal Applicant? YES

Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.

Specific Travel Plan? YES

The Location you plan to visit in the U.S.

Address where you will stay in the U.S.:

222 MAIN STREET  
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip: SELF

Other Persons Traveling with You: YES

[Edit Travel Companions Information](#)

Have you ever been in the U.S.?: YES

[Edit Previous U.S. Travel Information](#)

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

← Back: Personal/Address   Save   Next: U.S. Contact →

**NOTE:** Errors and/or omission in your application, including questions incorrectly marked as "Does Not Apply" or "Do Not Know," may result in your application **being rejected at the time of your visa interview** and may require you to **resubmit the entire application** and **reschedule your interview appointment** for another day/time.

## Sign and Submit Your Application

1. Read the information completely and carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting your DS-160 electronic visa application. Enter your passport number and the code as shown in the box to the right of the data box, then click "Sign and Submit Application." **Please note that clicking "Sign and Submit Application" constitutes your electronic signature, certifying that all the answer on your DS-160 electronic visa application are true.**

The screenshot shows the 'E-Signature' section of the DS-160 application form. It includes a certification statement, a field for the passport number, and a field for a security code. The security code 'W2VXHT' is displayed in a distorted font. A blue arrow points to the passport number field, another blue arrow points to the security code field, and a red arrow points to the 'Sign and Submit Application' button. A blue circle with the number '1' is in the top right corner of the form area.

## Printing Your Confirmation Page

1. You **MUST** print the confirmation page (see next page sample). The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. Bring the printed confirmation page to your visa interview, along with your **passport and any other documents** that may be required.
2. If you were unable to upload a digital photo, you **MUST** bring a physical photo of yourself that meets the standard photo guidelines to your visa interview. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT DIGITAL PHOTOS ON THE DAY OF YOUR INTERVIEW.**
3. You may print the entire application for your records; however, you are only required to bring the **PRINTED CONFIRMATION PAGE** to your visa interview.
4. You may also **email the confirmation** to yourself or another individual (e.g. to the applicant if you are completing the DS-160 on someone's behalf).

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### 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:	AA000000J1

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



AA000000J1

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**Print Confirmation** 
**Print Application** 
**Email Confirmation**

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Email the confirmation page to yourself or someone else.

Your confirmation page will look like this if you were not able to upload a digital photo.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

X  
Photo not Provided

Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
Nationality:	BRAZIL
Passport Number:	TEST
Completed On:	3 June 2008
Confirmation No:	AA000004E8

Location Selected:  
US EMBASSY - LONDON  
666 TEST DR  
LONDON, UK



AA000004E8

**Print Confirmation** 
**Print Application** 
**Email Confirmation**

THIS IS NOT A VISA

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**NOTE:** The confirmation form is **NOT A VISA**. It serves as confirmation that the completed DS-160 electronic visa application form has been transmitted to the Embassy/Consulate that was indicated in the first step of the application process. In all but a few cases, individual applicants **MUST** appear for a visa interview in order to complete the visa application process.

## Family and Group Option

The new DS-160 electronic visa application form includes a new "Family and Group" option that allows applicants to copy certain information into a new DS-160 application form. On the "Thank You" page you will see an option to create a family or group application. When you select this option, certain information from your application will automatically be imported to and displayed on a new application. Please note that you will still need to create an individual application for each of your family members traveling with you or for each individual within the group.

## Other Required Documents

Please note that the DS-160 application form does not replace the following supplemental forms that must be completed and brought to the visa interview, depending on the selected visa category. Standard required supplemental forms include:

- Students (F visa): Form I-20 and SEVIS Receipt
- Exchange Visitors (J visa): DS-2019 and SEVIS Receipt
- Temporary Workers, Artists, Athletes, etc. (H, O or P visas): Form I-797
- Blanket L1 Applicants: Form I-129S
- Diplomats and Officials (A, G or NATO visas): Diplomatic Note
- Treaty Trader/Treaty Investor (E visa): Form DS-156E
- Ship/aircraft workers (B1 visa), crew (C1/D visa), and journalists (I visa): A letter from the employer verifying details of employment, and a letter from the inviting organization in the U.S., if applicable.

## Important Reminder

**PLEASE VERIFY ALL DATA BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR DS-160 ELECTRONIC VISA APPLICATION FORM.** Once you have submitted your DS-160 electronically, you may not go back and edit/revise the data.

**DS-160 APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED WITH INCORRECT DATA AND/OR ERRORS MAY RESULT IN YOUR VISA APPLICATION BEING REJECTED ON THE DAY OF YOUR VISA INTERVIEW AND YOU MAY HAVE TO RETURN TO THE U.S. EMBASSY ON ANOTHER DAY TO CONTINUE THE VISA APPLICATION PROCESS.**

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## Here are a few of the common errors applicants encounter in completing the DS-160:

- ☞ **Incorrect visa classification.** Be sure to choose the correct classification from the "Purpose of Travel to U.S." pull-down menu in the "Travel Information" section. If your purpose of travel is not covered in the list, click on "Other" for a further drop-down list of choices. Applicants who are seeking employment-authorized visas, such as H-1Bs, L-1s, H-3s should **not** select "Business/Conference Visitor" (B-1) or "Business/Personal Travel" (B1/B2). Doing so will cause your application to be rejected. Dual purpose travelers **MUST** be sure to include all relevant purposes of travel in the "Travel Plans" section of the application.
- ☞ **Incomplete or incorrect names.** Enter all names fully and correctly in English characters, exactly as they appear on the passport. All middle names should be entered. **Variations in spelling of names and aliases** should be noted under "Other Names" in the "Personal Information" section of the DS-160. Please be sure that you note **ALL** prior names and aliases used, as failure to do so may cause delays in the processing of your visa application.

## STEP FOUR: WHAT'S NEXT?

In Thailand, non-immigrant visa interviews are conducted by appointment only. To make an appointment for a non-immigrant visa, please visit <http://thailand.us-visaservices.com> or contact the Visa Call Center at 001-800-13-202-2457.

You must **purchase a personal identification number (PIN)** in order to access the visa information and non-immigrant visa appointment services. PINs can be purchased online, by phone at 001-800-13-202-2457 with a credit card, or at participating Thailand Post Offices. For detailed information on how to purchase and use a PIN, please consult the [How to Purchase and Use a PIN](#) instruction guide on the U.S. Embassy Bangkok website.

**Confirmation**

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**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:	999999999
Completed On:	20 February 2008
Confirmation No.:	AA00000011

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

Print Confirmation     Print Application     Email Confirmation

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Please be advised that to schedule a visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy through our visa services center, you will be required to provide your **DS-160 confirmation number**, which can be found on the DS-160 "Confirmation" page.

Most non-immigrant visa applicants also must pay a **non-refundable Machine Readable Visa (MRV) application fee**. The only exceptions



are people instructed by a consular officer not to pay the MRV application fee are exempt. The amount of the MRV application fee depends on the type of visa you are requesting.

MRV application fees must be paid in the Thai baht equivalent of the following dollar amounts:

- Visitors for Business or Tourism, Students, or Exchange Visitors (Category B, F, J, or M): US\$140
- Petition-Based Employment and Work Visas (Category H, L, O, P, Q, or R): US\$150
- Treaty Trader and Investor (Category E): US\$390
- Fiancé(e) (Category K): US\$350
- All other visa categories: US\$140

The MRV application fee can be paid at any one of 260 designated Thai Post offices nationwide. You cannot pay the visa application fee at the U.S. Embassy Consular Section. Save your visa application fee receipt and bring it with you on the day of your interview. For general information about MRV application fees, please visit [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1263.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1263.html).

Once you have (1) completed your DS-160 electronic visa application, (2) made your visa appointment, and (3) paid your MRV application fee, you are ready to appear for your visa interview! Gather the documents you must bring with you on the day of your interview:

- Printout of your DS-160 application confirmation page with barcode clear and legible;
- Original MRV application fee receipt paid at Thai Post;
- Current valid passport;
- Appointment confirmation page from VisaPoint; and
- Other required documents (Note: These vary based on your visa category and individual circumstances).

Please note that applicants should arrive **30 minutes before the scheduled interview**. If you arrive more than 30 minutes before your scheduled interview, you will be asked to wait outside of the Embassy. If you arrive more than an hour after your scheduled appointment, you will not be permitted entry and will be required to make a new appointment.

For more on what to expect on the appointment day, please consult the [How to Apply for a U.S. Visa](#) checklist on the U.S. Embassy website.

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## QUESTIONS?

We hope that this step-by-step guide to the new DS-160 electronic visa application form has been helpful. If you have additional questions or concerns, we suggest you review these [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

If you still have questions or concerns, please consult the following resources:

- Visa Information and Appointment Website: <http://thailand.us-visaservices.com>
  - Live Call Center Service: 001-800-13-202-2457 (fees apply)
  - Non-immigrant Visas Information Recording: Tel: +66-2-205-5003 (English) or +66-2-205-5007 (Thai)
  - Email: [visasbkk@state.gov](mailto:visasbkk@state.gov)
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