

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



**U.S. Embassy, Beirut**

# 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 as of March 1, 2010
  - Optional from February 16 through February 28

# 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

**NEW!**  
**The DS-160 should be  
completed BEFORE  
the applicant goes to  
Credit Libanais**

Complete DS-160  
Form

Pay Fee and Make  
Appointment At Credit  
Libanais

Interview At Embassy and  
Take Fingerprints

Pick Up Visa At Embassy  
Reception on designated day

# Completing the DS-160

## Step 1 – Accessing the Application

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

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Select Tooltip 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, ð, ù, 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. 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

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Contact Us | Help  
Select Tooltip Language: Cnrogorski

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Getting Started

Getting Started

Personal  
Address and Phone  
Passport  
Travel  
Travel Companions  
Previous U.S. Travel  
U.S. Contact  
Family  
Work / Education / Training  
Security and Background  
E-Visa  
Student Exchange Visa  
Crew Visa  
Temporary Work Visa  
V-Visa

SELECT ONE -  
BAGHDAD, IRAQ  
CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO  
DUBLIN, IRELAND  
GUADALAJARA, MEXICO  
HERMOSILLO, MEXICO  
HAMILTON, BERMUDA  
HONG KONG  
MERIDA, MEXICO  
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA  
MOSCOW, RUSSIA  
MONTREAL, CANADA  
MATAMOROS, MEXICO  
MONTERREY, MEXICO  
NOGALES, 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 expire and all entered data will be lost.

Center will permit you to complete an application. Completed applications will be stored online. If you need to stop completing for any reason, click the 'Save' button to save the application. If you return to the Consular Electronic Application Center, click the '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

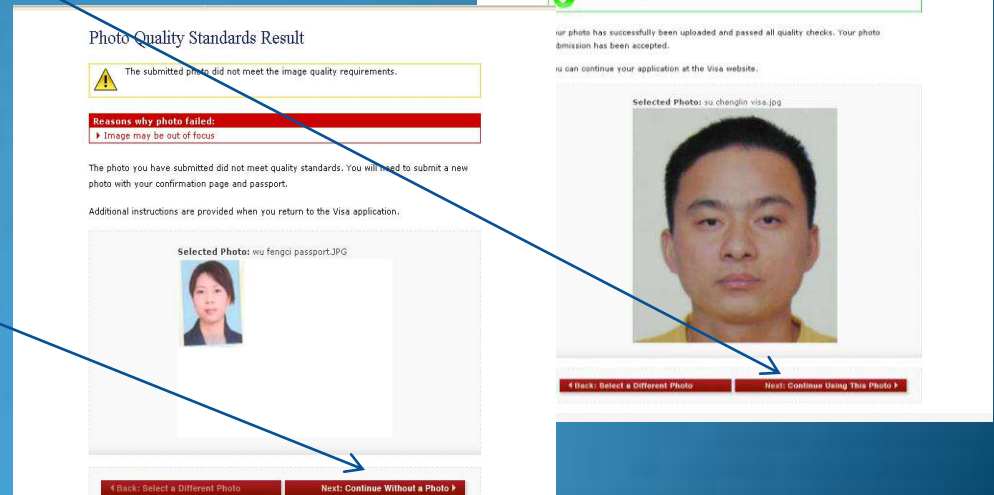
Click here to review the photo standards guide

**Help: Navigation Buttons**  
Click on the buttons above to access previously entered data.

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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 screenshot displays the DS-160 form interface. On the left is a navigation menu with sections: Getting Started, Personal, Address and Phone, Passport, Travel, Travel Companions, Previous U.S. Travel, U.S. Contact, Family, Work/Education/Training, and Security and Background. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Personal Information 1:** Includes a sidebar with 'Getting Started', 'Personal', 'Address and Phone', 'Passport', and 'Travel'. The main area contains a note: "NOTE: Data on this page must match the information as it is written in your passport." and fields for Surnames (FERNANDRZ GARCIA), Given Names (JUAN MIGUEL), and Full Name in Native Alphabet.
- Previous U.S. Travel Information:** Includes a sidebar with 'Getting Started', 'Personal', 'Address and Phone', 'Travel', 'Travel Companions', 'Previous U.S. Travel', 'U.S. Contact', 'Family', and 'Work/Education/Training'. The main area contains a note: "NOTE: Provide the following previous U.S. travel information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation." and a question: "Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?" with an answer section for "Date of Arrival" (01 SEP 1996) and "Length of Stay" (3 YEAR(S)).
- Passport Information:** Includes a sidebar with 'Getting Started', 'Personal', 'Address and Phone', 'Passport', and 'Travel'. The main area contains a field for "Passport Number" (A1234567) and a "Help: Passport Number" section explaining that the passport should be valid and unexpired.

At the bottom, there are additional questions: "Q: Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?" (Answer: No) and "Q: Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?" (Answer: Yes) with a field for "Date Last Visa Was Issued" (12 AUG 1996) and "Visa Number".



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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 screenshot displays the CEAC website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes buttons for "Back: Getting Started", "Save", and "Next: Personal 2". Below this, a sidebar menu lists various application sections: "Getting Started", "Personal", "Personal 1", "Personal 2", "Address and Photo", "Passport", "Travel", "Travel Companions", "Previous U.S. Travel", "U.S. Contact", "Family", "Work/Education/Training", "Background and Background". The main content area is titled "Save Confirmation" and contains the following text: "You have saved your application for your current session. Once you close the CEAC application browser window, you will not be able to retrieve the saved data." Below this, there are three buttons: "Save Application to File", "Continue Application", and "Exit Application". A "File Download" dialog box is overlaid on the page, asking "Do you want to open or save this file?" with the following details: Name: CEACAA0000FCJ.dat, Type: HTML Document, 21.9 KB, From: ceac.state.gov. The dialog box has "Open", "Save", and "Cancel" buttons. A blue arrow points from the "Save" button in the top navigation bar to the "Save Application to File" button on the "Save Confirmation" page. Another blue arrow points from the "Save Application to File" button to the "Save" button in the "File Download" 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 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 content area is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Upload a Previous Application'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with categories such as 'Getting Started', 'Personal', 'Address and Phone', 'Passport', 'Travel', 'Travel Companion', 'Previous U.S. Travel', 'U.S. Contact', 'Family', 'Work / Education / Training', 'Security and Background', 'E-Visa', 'Student/Exchange Visa', 'Crew Visa', 'Temporary Work Visa', and 'J-Visa'. The main form 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 section for 'Previously Saved Application File' with a 'File Path:' label and a text input field containing 'H:\XCECAA0000KDQF.DAT'. A 'Browse...' button is located to the right of the input field. Below this, the 'Security Questions' section includes 'First 5 Letters of Surname:' with an input field containing 'HERNA' and 'Year of Birth:' with an input field containing '1978'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Upload Data' and 'Cancel'. A blue arrow from the text 'Press "Upload Data"' in the list points to the 'Upload Data' button. Another blue arrow from the text 'Browse to a saved application file' points to the 'Browse...' button.

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### Upload a Previous Application

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:  
H:\XCECAA0000KDQF.DAT

Security Questions

First 5 Letters of Surname:  Year of Birth:

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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 does not include your name, please enter 'FNU' in Given Name field.

A:  Yes  No

Phone

Home Phone Number  
03-555-5555

Work Phone Number  
03-424-4444  Doe

Work Fax Number  Does Not Apply

Mobile/Cell Phone Number  
012-555-5555

Monthly Salary in Local Currency (if employed)  
  Does Not Apply

Briefly describe your duties:

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). Are any 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.

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 financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist

- ✓ Getting Started
- ✓ Personal
- ✓ Address and Phone
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Travel
- ✓ Travel Companions
- ✓ Previous U.S. Travel
- ✓ U.S. Contact
- ✓ Family
- ✓ Work / Education / Training
- Security and Background
- Medical and Health
- Criminal
- Security

# Completing the DS-160

## 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 CEAC interface for reviewing a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The top navigation bar includes "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE" and "CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER". The main content area is titled "Nonimmigrant Visa Application" and "Travel Information". The interface is divided into sections for "COMPLETE", "PHOTO", "REVIEW", and "SIGN".

**Navigation:** COMPLETE | PHOTO | REVIEW | SIGN

**Left Sidebar:** Personal/Address/Phone/Passport | **Travel** | U.S. Contact | Family | Work/Education/Training | Security and Background | Location

**Travel Information Section:**

- Principal Applicant? YES [Edit Travel Information](#)
- Purpose of Your Trip to U.S. [Text Field]
- 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

**Bottom Navigation:** Back: Personal/Address | Save | 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 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN'. The current step is 'SIGN'. The page title is 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and the sub-header is 'Sign and Submit'. A blue button labeled 'E-Sign and Certification' is visible on the left. The main content area contains instructions: 'Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the application.' Below this, there is a warning: 'Your application is now ready to be submitted. Please note that this does not necessarily mean that your application for a nonimmigrant visa is complete, as additional information may be needed after Department of State personnel have reviewed the application.' A note states: 'By clicking "Sign and Submit Application" you are certifying that you are the applicant and that you are providing true and correct information. You are required to electronically sign your application by regulation, and you are required to provide a valid email address for the Department of State to contact you if needed.' A question asks: 'Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?' with radio buttons for 'A: Yes' and 'No'. Below this is the 'E-Signature' section, which includes 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 two input fields: 'Enter your passport number:' and 'Enter the code as shown:'. The code shown is '9FZx8' with a small camera icon to its right. A red instruction reads: 'Click the button below to electronically sign your application:'. A blue button labeled 'Sign and Submit Application' is positioned below the instruction. At the bottom, a navigation bar contains three buttons: 'Back: REVIEW', 'Save', and 'Next: Confirmation'.

# Completing the DS-160

## 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)

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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: AA000000J1

Location Selected:  
US EMBASSY - SEOUL  
333 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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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://usembassy.state.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:	AA000004E8

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

And most applicants still need evidence of ties to their place of residence





# The Future

- Integrated Appointment Scheduling
- Online Fee Payment
- DS-260 for Immigrants



# Contacts

Consular Section:

Website:

[http://lebanon.usembassy.gov/visa\\_services.html](http://lebanon.usembassy.gov/visa_services.html)

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