

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



U.S. Embassy, Santo Domingo

General Information

- The 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 April 19, 2010 for all applicants of non-immigrant visas. However, it will be required for other categories in the following schedule:
 - March 15 – for J, P, H1B, H2B and L visas.
 - April 5 – for renewals of visas of any category
 - April 19 – for all visa applicants

Application Process – the only change is the application form

1 Buy PIN at Banco Popular and Make Appointment

2 Fill-out online form DS-160 at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>

3 Pay the US \$131 visa processing fee at Banco Popular

4 Gather supporting documents

5 Interview at the Embassy

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

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Step 1 – Accessing the Application

- Go to <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Read the instructions and press “Start Application”
- Before starting the on-line application, please have the following information at hand:
 - Previous passports and visas
 - Names and contacts for US travel plans
 - Names and contacts of employers

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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 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic as your location
- Press “Test Photo” to begin uploading your photo

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COMPLETE REVIEW SIGN

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Address and Phone

Passport

Travel

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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

Help: Navigation Buttons

Click on the buttons above to access previously entered data.

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. Saved applications will be stored online. If you need to stop an application for any reason, click the 'Save' button. If you have completed and follow the instructions to save the application, 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

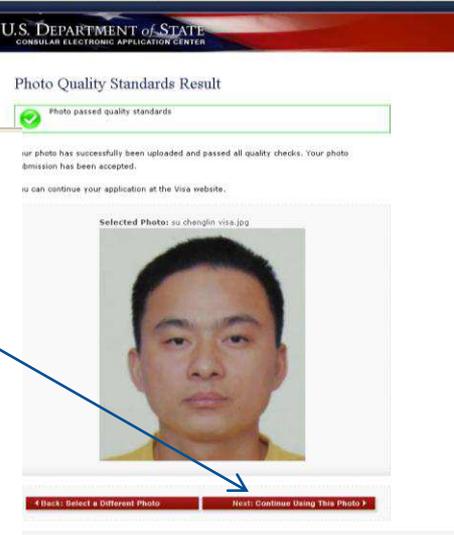
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Step 3 – Upload Photo

- 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”

Unable to upload the photo?

It's Ok. You can fill out the entire application without uploading your pictures. Just be sure to bring the picture with you to the Embassy on the day of your appointment and Embassy staff will upload the photo.



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Step 4 – Fill In The Form

- Complete all questions carefully and accurately
- All questions must be answered in English. Applications containing letters in Spanish, such as accents and ñ, may be rejected by the system.
- Inserting wrong information or leaving required items blank will only delay your application

The screenshot displays the DS-160 form with the following sections and data:

- Personal Information 1**
 - NOTE: Data on this page must match the information as it is written in your passport.
 - Surnames: FERNANDRZ GARCIA (e.g., FERNANDEZ GARCIA)
 - Given Names: JUAN MIGUEL (e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)
 - Full Name in Native Alphabet: [Blank]
- Passport Information**
 - Passport Number: A1234567
 - Help: Passport Number: Enter the information on the travel document you will be using when traveling to the U.S. Your travel document should be a valid, unexpired passport or other valid, unexpired documentation that is sufficient to establish your identity and nationality.
- Previous U.S. Travel Information**
 - NOTE: Provide the following previous U.S. travel information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation.
 - Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?
A: Yes No
Provide information on your last five U.S. visits:
 - Date of Arrival: 01 SEP 1996 (Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)
 - Length of Stay: 3 YEAR(S)
 - Help: Previous U.S. Visits: If you are unsure about when you visited the U.S., please provide a best estimate.
 - Q: Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?
A: Yes No
 - Q: Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?
A: Yes No
Previous U.S. Visas:
 - Date Last Visa Was Issued: 12 AUG 1996 (Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)
 - Visa Number: [Blank] Do Not Know
- Help: Navigation Buttons**

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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 shows a screenshot of the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) website. The top navigation bar includes "Back: Getting Started", "Save", and "Next: Personal 2". The main content area displays the "Save Confirmation" page, which states: "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 is a section titled "Choose one of the following options:" with 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 page is titled 'Upload a Previous Application' and includes a navigation menu on the left 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 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 text input field containing the file path 'H:\YCECAA0000KDQF.DAT' and a 'Browse...' button. The 'Security Questions' section includes two input fields: 'First 5 Letters of Surname' with the value 'HERNA' and 'Year of Birth' with the value '1978'. At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: 'Upload Data' and 'Cancel'. The footer of the page contains a copyright notice and links for 'Copyright Information', 'Disclaimers', and 'Paperwork Reduction Act'.

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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 does not include a surname, 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

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- Medical and Health
- Criminal
- 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 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 "Principal Applicant?" and "Other Persons Traveling with You?".

Principal Applicant?

Principal Applicant?	YES	Edit Travel Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Travel Plan?	YES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Persons Traveling with You:	YES	Edit Travel Companions Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 navigation buttons: "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 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN'. The main heading is 'Sign and Submit'. Below this, there is a section for reading instructions before signing and submitting. A question asks if anyone assisted in filling out the application, with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'E-Signature' section contains a certification statement and a text box for the passport number. A CAPTCHA image shows the code '9FZx8'. A prominent blue button labeled 'Sign and Submit Application' is centered below the form. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes '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)

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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.

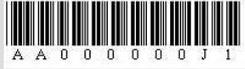
YOU MUST SUBMIT this confirmation page and the following document(s) to the Consular post indicated below: Passport. You may also submit any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** send the entire application.

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



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Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Letter (cont)

- Remember – It's OK if you weren't able to upload the picture.
- 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 for Embassy staff to upload.

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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
- Petition based applications (H1B, H2B, P, L) must bring petition
- Exchange Visitors: DS-2019
- Diplomats and Officials: Diplomatic Note

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

