



Nonimmigrant Visa Application Form DS-160

As of March 1, all applicants for U.S. nonimmigrant visas in Germany will be required to complete and submit the electronic application form DS-160. The form is available via a link on our website <http://www.usembassy.de/> under “Visas to the U.S.”

Why is the U.S. visa application form changing?

The U.S. Government is committed to using new technologies to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the visa application process. The DS-160 takes the place of forms DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158, limiting the environmental impact as we move towards a paperless application process.

How does it work?

All nonimmigrant visa applicants, regardless of the visa type for which they apply, will be required to fill out this form online before scheduling a visa interview appointment. After completing the new DS-160, including uploading an application photo, the applicant will electronically submit the application and be provided with a single confirmation page to print. Applicants must bring this page to the interview along with their fee receipt, passport, a photograph that meets the photo requirements listed on our website, and any additional required documents like a DS-2019 or I-20.

PLEASE NOTE: All questions on the form DS-160 must be answered completely, accurately, and in English. Otherwise, we will not be able to process the visa application on the day of the interview and a new interview appointment may be required. The DS-160 has been translated into German, and the translation can be viewed by placing the cursor over the relevant text in the form.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE: Since the application form cannot be saved online, we strongly encourage applicants to save the form to their computer regularly in case they need to return to it later.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND EXCHANGE VISITORS: The DS-160 online form requires “J” (exchange visitor), “F” (academic or English language student), and “M” (vocational student) applicants to enter their SEVIS number and school information. Sponsoring organizations should provide students information about SEVIS numbers and payment.

Does scheduling an interview work the same?

Completing the DS-160 does not automatically schedule an appointment. The current process for scheduling a personal interview remains the same and requires one of two methods:

- Making an appointment online at www.usvisa-germany.com. A \$10 scheduling fee applies.
- Calling the visa information & appointment service at 0900-1-85 00 55 (€ 1.86/ min).