

Visa Policy Update

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Learn Constantly

“In a time of drastic change, it is the learners who inherit the future. The learned find themselves equipped to live in a world that no longer exists.”

— Eric Hoffer



CONSULAR LEADERS:

- INSPIRE
- MODEL INTEGRITY
- DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION
- DELEGATE AUTHORITY—
BUT NOT RESPONSIBILITY
- COMMUNICATE
- BUILD GREAT TEAMS
- LEAD BY EXAMPLE
- FOLLOW COURAGEOUSLY
- LEARN CONSTANTLY
- PRACTICE 360-DEGREE DIPLOMACY

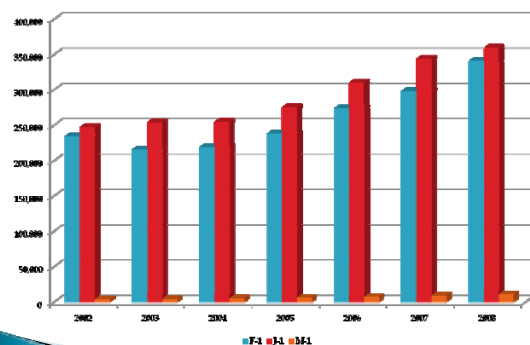
Fast Facts

- ▶ Embassy/Consular Agency/
Consulate/Consular Section
- ▶ Over 8,000 consular officers worldwide
- ▶ Average interview: 3 to 5 minutes
- ▶ 90% of posts have overall wait times less than 30 days
- ▶ Over 600 new consular positions worldwide since September 2001
- ▶ 97% of qualified applicants receive visas within two days

Statistics and Trends

- ▶ FY08: Record issuance of F1/M1/J1s (710,631)
 - 9% increase over FY 2007
 - 26% increase over FY 2001
 - Record issuances in China (40% increase), Middle East (26% increase), Brazil (24% increase)
- See www.travel.state.gov for full statistics

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All Electrons, No Paper

- CEAC: Consular Electronic Application Center
 - Web-based visa application platform
- ▶ **Online NIV Application**
 - DS-1648: Required for domestic A, G, NATO
 - DS-160: Currently operational in seven posts
 - Check individual embassy sites
- ▶ **Online IV Application**
 - DS-260: In development
- ▶ **Unified NIV appointment system** (101 posts)
- ▶ **Online fee payment** (used for IV applicants)

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Special Clearances

- ▶ Country of Birth or Citizenship
 - Country-based requirements
- ▶ Personal Info/Characteristics of Applicant
 - IDENT
 - CLASS
- ▶ Fields of Study or Research
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Current Topics

- Administrative Processing
 - Some cases are averaging 90 days
 - F/M/J applicants expedited
- Reuse/Reissuance
 - Can waive interview for some applicants
 - Mission Mexico, Taipei, Moscow, Beijing, Tel Aviv and more
- Services for Other Agencies
- Applicant Service Centers

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Additional Resources

- ▶ **NEW!** Student/Exchange Visitor Visa Center
fmjvisas@state.gov
- ▶ Visa Office Public Inquiries Unit
(202) 663-1225
- ▶ Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) - Chapter 22
www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html
- ▶ U.S. Department of State Visa Website
www.travel.state.gov/visa
- ▶ Foreign Affairs Manual (FAM)
www.foia.state.gov/REGS/Search.asp

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