

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Thank you for joining us. Please submit your questions. We will start answering questions shortly. Please be patient while we get to all the questions today.

Floran: What is non- Immigrant visas? A family can apply?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: A non-immigrant visa is a visa for tourism, short term business or study in the United States. It can only be used for short term travel to the United States. It is not for the purpose of immigration, or remaining in the United States. Your family can apply but you all must have a purpose for travel.

Abdul Saboor Sadiq: How can we apply? What is procedure the Visa? Who can apply for? Which documents are required for?

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Huda: If a woman wants to apply should go alone or is there the possibility for one of her relative to accompany her?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Women do not need to be accompanied by a relative. You can apply on your own.

LCKU/Naseem: I don't have passport yet please lead me

U.S. Embassy Kabul: You will need to get a passport before you apply for a visa. Go to the General Passport Office.

Abdul Hai Rauf: If she can what kind of visa does he or she need to apply for is it a J2 or a visit visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Your wife does not need a J2 visa. She can apply for a B1/B2 tourist visa.

LCKU/Naseem: please give information about the US visa Cost

U.S. Embassy Kabul: A Non-immigrant visa (NIV) costs \$131. You will pay this fee in cash at the US Embassy in Kabul. There are no other fees. This fee is for the cost of the interview. You will NOT get it back if you do not qualify for a visa.

Floran: We have our relatives in San Francisco, upon our arrival; can we be accepted as US citizen?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: The non-immigrant visa is for tourism or short term travel purposes only. You cannot gain US citizenship by getting a non-immigrant visa. If your relatives are US Citizens, they can apply for an immigrant visa for you, but they don't do this in the US

LCKU/Mustafa 2: I am studying in Kabul Uni in law and political and I want to continue my education in the same field in USA

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Please see our transcript on the US Embassy website for information about education in the U.S.

Huda: Is there business opportunity for Afghan females?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling to the United States for short-term business. They are not for people who intend to work in the United States. If the officer interviewing you determines that you intend to immigrate to the United States to work there, you will be found ineligible for the visa. You will not get the \$131 fee back. If you have a job offer from a business in the United States who would like to sponsor you for one of the special work-related visas, you will need to file your application in Islamabad. Please keep in mind that these visas are for people with highly specialized skills. The website for the US Embassy in Islamabad is:
<http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

Fawad: What are the requirements for a non-immigrant visa?

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Huda: Can I have the application form?

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LCKU/Naseem 3: Please give information about the US Visa getting procedure

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m.Naween: what documents are needed to be filled?

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LCKU/Khatera: Hell Sir could please give me some information about how to get visa ?

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LCKU/Mustafa 2: i want some information about USA scholarships

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Scholarships were discussed in the last webchat. For the transcript, please see the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov

Habib: I want to know further on the non-immigrant visa on how it is issued and what documents are required.

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: You must bring all the required application forms found on our website. The most important part of the interview is the conversation between the applicant and the consular officer. In many cases, the consular officer is able to make a determination about your qualifications without extensive review of your documents. However, this does not mean that you should not bring any documentation. In addition to the required forms listed above, you are encouraged to bring documents that you believe would demonstrate compelling reasons why you would depart the United States and return to Afghanistan once your trip is completed.

Sayed: How long will it take to issue the visa after the interview?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Processing for visas to the United States can take as long as six months. It is impossible to predict how long your application will take before you have applied. At the interview, if you are approved for a visa, the officer will let you know if your application needs further processing and will give you an estimate of how long your case will take. There are different waiting times for students than for regular tourist travelers. Please plan ahead. We suggest that you apply three to four months in advance of your travel. We understand that it can be frustrating to wait so long, so we urge you to apply in advance so that you won't miss your trip.

Abdul Basir Fekri: I would like to visit US for a short time.

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Ahmad Fahim Safi: Who is eligible for students' visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 4: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers

AfghanPrince: how can i take us visa fro free if i can so plz tel me

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Naser: What documents are required to get visa?

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Naser: How much does it cost?

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Obaidullah Ahmadi: Is it possible if someone applies for tourist visa?

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Nazra Noor: If we have some one close in USA who has a 10 Year Green Card and is not Yet Citizine of USA ,will this help us to get non- immigrant Visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: When applying for a non-immigrant visa, having family in the US will neither help nor hurt your application. What is important is that you must be honest in your interview. If you have family in the United States, you must tell the officer interviewing you. Being truthful in your interview is very important. Your case will be decided based on your own situation and on your personal ties and links to Afghanistan, not on your family's situation. However, if the officer determines that you are not being honest or that you are hiding information in the interview, you will not be eligible for a visa.

Ali Arifi: Why the Visa process is to long?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: People who apply for a non-immigrant visa have to have a plan to go to the US. unfortunately, it can take 3-4 months to receive a visa if you are approved. Therefore we recommend you plan your trip and apply well in advance

Abdullah: what kind of the documents need for the turist visas?

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Nazra Noor: After completion of what type of requirments we can be able to ask for an appointment/interview?

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Abdul Hasib Latifi: will it be possible to get responses to the questions your raised by yourself as templete or basic ones?

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U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: We are experiencing some internet delays. Please be patient and we will answer your questions as soon as possible. Thank you.

Ahmad Fahim Safi: who is eligible for applying students visa/

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

Sanaullah: im a unversity student can i apply for visa and in how ?

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Abdullah: who can apply for this kind of visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: All people are eligible to apply for Non-immigrant visas (NIV). You just have to demonstrate that you have a valid purpose of travel to the US.

Abdullah: how much time will take issue of non-immigrant visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: It can take up to 3 or 4 months to receive an non-immigrant visa if approved so please apply early

Shakila Rahimi: Hello this is Shakila Rahimi working as Admin Assistant in UNAMA Compound B so if i want to apply for visite visa how can i take step

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Abdul Razaq : This is Abdul Razaq 30 years male have for almost 10 years work experiences with United Nation (UN) agencies at different fields, Appreciated if you could kindly let me know how should I start visa application?How long the process will take place. What supporting documents will be required for getting visa? How long I can stay in USA? What type of visa will be issue?How much money should I have with me? Regards Razaq.ayazi@gmail.com

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Floran: If we get non-immigrant visa then upon arrival can we apply for immigrant visa there?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: No, a non-immigrant visa is only for short term travel to the US. You cannot apply for an immigrant visa in Kabul

Mariam: CAN I APPLY FOR A VISA TO VISIT A FAMILY MEMBER, IF YES WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, you can. You need to fill out the forms on our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>

Abdul Hasib Latifi: What about a person, who had none-migrant visa, used once and now it is expired? what to do for such case to have none-migrant visa again?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: A person who has had a previous visa can reapply for a visa. Simply follow the steps on our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>

Mohammad Farid Wahidi: We have long been waiting for the USA embassy in Kabul to start visa/council services in Kabul, so that Afghans can get more easy access to getting their visa to the USA. I need to visit a friend in the states, as well as I will need to attend a professional course in the field of Air

Operations and for that I would need to get a non-immigrant US visa, could you please advise a course of action for me?

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AnisaRahmani: How we can have the visa here in US embassy and what are the requirement to the immigrant visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: The US Embassy in Kabul does NOT process immigrant visas. You will need to apply in Islamabad. Their website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

Naser: For how long we can stay there?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Department of Homeland Security at the border will determine how long you can stay but you should only be staying for the duration of your vacation or conference

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: FOR HOW LONG CAN WE GET THE VISA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Tourist and business visas are valid for three months from the day they are issued. This means that, if you are issued a visa, you will have three months to arrive in the United States. When you arrive in the U.S., the officer at the border will stamp your visa. This stamp will tell you how long you can stay in the U.S. Most people traveling for tourism are granted three months. Students and other special cases will be granted longer stay.

LCKU/Sayed M. Akbar: How can we receive for a visa for undergraduate scholarships down to US?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

AnisaRahmani: For the accomodation the candidate will be responsible for their own accomodation or the embassy will arrange

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: The US Embassy does not provide accommodation to travelers. You will need to demonstrate that you have enough money to pay all the costs of your trip, including air fare, hotels, and food. Please do NOT buy your plane ticket until you have been issued your visa. Presenting airplane reservations at your interview will NOT make you more likely to receive your visa, and you could lose a lot of money if you do not receive your visa.

LCKU/Feroogh 2: What about a tourist visa? Can we apply for a tourist visa and what are the criteria's for apply to a tourist visa?

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AnisaRahmani: The visa will be for how long and can the candidate extend it

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: you have a reason to extend your trip and the Department of Homeland Security agrees, it can be extended but this is very rare. Most trips to the US on non-immigrant visas should be for a few days or a few weeks at most, unless the person is studying

Abdul Rahman: what are the essential steps to plan?

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Parwez: Should we fill DS-157 for F1 visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes all of the forms should be filled out for all visa applications

Ghulam Mujtaba Bakhtyar: i want to know what a non-immigrant visa is

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: A non-immigrant visa is a visa for someone who is going to the US for a short trip for tourism, business, or to visit family. It is NOT for people who want to live or work in the US.

LCKU/Naseem 3: how long time necessary for getting visa?

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LCKU/Naseem 3: please lead me to how can i submit for getting US visa?

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AnisaRahmani: does it need a bank balance for this visa a or a fixed amount of money to have

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: a person needs to demonstrate that they plan to return to Afghanistan after their trip. A bank balance is not a requirement but a person's job and family can demonstrate that they intend to return to Afghanistan. A person also has to demonstrate how they will pay for their trip to receive a visa

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U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes all forms should be filled out for every application

Nazra Noor: What is a non - immigrant Visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: A non-immigrant visa is for a short term trip to the United States for tourism, business, or to visit family

Ramin: Hello. I want to achieve the non-immigrant Visa for U.S. Please help me in this regard.

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Obaidullah Ahmadi: Is money needed for the visa plus other expenses?

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U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: You can apply now! Visa interviews begin on February 16.

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U.S. Embassy Kabul: No a student can only work at the University part time.

Arif Mujaddedi: If a student was issued a visa to attend college last semester, but due to personal reasons s/he could not go to the U.S. Does the student need to reapply for a visa or s/he can travel the U.S. now using the same visa to attend same college? Can the student attend a different college using the same visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Yes, you would need to reapply for a student visa. You can now do this in Kabul instead of Islamabad, please bring all necessary documentation to the interview.

Fahim Aman: Do we need a letter from the company we work in and dose it help to speedup the process

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Fahim Aman: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling to the United States for tourism or short-term business. They are not for people who intend to work in the United States. If the officer interviewing you determines that you intend to immigrate to the United States to work there, you will be found ineligible for the visa. You will not get the \$131 fee back. If you have a job offer from a business in the United States who would like to sponsor you for one of the special work-related visas, you will need to file your application in Islamabad. Please keep in mind that these visas are for people with highly specialized skills. The website for the US Embassy in Islamabad is: <http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

Mohammad Farid Wahidi: good morning. I need to visit a friend in the States as well as I need to attend a short term course there, how can I get my non-immigrant visa from US Embassy in Kabul? What are the requirements? Do I need to present bank statement too?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Bank statements are not required for your application, but they could be helpful additional documentation. It's up to you to decide whether to bring them.

Ahmad Safi: Is it in plan to start immigrant visa issuance in Kabul?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Not at this time

Ahmad Safi: Then, is it in plan to start the Immigrant visa issuance, because the bad situation on the route to Pakistan is quite threatening? If yes, when probably?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Thank you for your interest in applying for an immigrant visa. The US Embassy in Kabul is not able to process immigrant visa applications at this time. To apply for an immigrant visa, you will need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is:
http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

Josh: Is there any preference given to applicants with previous experience working at the U.S. Embassy? (Didn't see an answer last time.)

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Hi Josh, there is no preference for applicants because they are connected with the embassy or any other organization. Each person needs to qualify based on their own circumstances, there is no one type of person that gets a visa to the US. People need to be honest in the interview and prove that they plan to return after their trip

Obaidullah Ahmadi: Let me know why there is a lot of limitation in issuance of US visa? I mean why they have very strict rules than other countries?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: There is no limit on the number of nonimmigrant visas we can issue. However, because so many people do not obey the rules of a non-immigrant visa, they have become very hard to get. The more people who stay illegally in the US on a non-immigrant visa make it harder for other people who are applying for non-immigrant visas. For this reason, the standard is very high to qualify for a non-immigrant visa.

Abdul Hai Rauf: Does all the files have to be submitted online and how about the picture which is needed for visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Hi Abdul Hai Rauf to make your appointment for an interview: all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Form DS-156 is on our website. Make sure that you fill it out online.

Abdul Hadi Pardis : That is great, but i would like to know what procedure is for group visa, for example if we have a group of our member traders who are going to attend a conference or exhibition over there in USA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Abdul, each member of the group will need to apply individually. There are no group visas.

Obaidullah Ahmadi: Does the visa have different categories if yes? What are they and what are the criteria's for them?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Yes, there are many different categories and they are all explained on our website. There are visas for tourism, visas for study and visas for going on a business trip. There are many types of visas. please do the research and see what visa applies to your case

Abdul Hai Rauf: Can my bank statement be a prove for my wife that she can financially able to stay during her visit to the US

U.S. Embassy Kabul: A bank statement can help demonstrate financial ties to Afghanistan however it is just a small part of the entire interview process.

LCKU/Sayed M. Akbar: Why is a problem for some of the people with the particular names like, Ahmad, Mohammed and Allah to get a US- Visa? Can you briefly tell us about this particular issue for more transparency?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Sayed, There is no problem with specific names. All Afghans are eligible to apply for visas. However, we do suggest that applicants try to get their full names and exact date of birth recorded in their passport. It is important to demonstrate your unique identity.

LCKU/Sayed M. Akbar: How can we apply for the US-Government Scholarships to get into?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 5: Please see the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov for more information. There is a webchat transcript posted about education in the United States, as well as information about scholarships.

LCKU/HAMID OMED BARAKZAI 2: you mentioned that non-immigrant visa is for short term tell how to attend on that and is there any form to fill and reach to that

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes a non immigrant visa is for 3 months

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: HOW LONG THE VISA PROCESSING WILL CONTINUE FOR USA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Dawar, There is no specific time for processing for a visa. Generally, it takes two to three months. We urge all applicants to apply in advance so that processing will be complete before their intended travel.

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: IF STUDENTS GET THEIR BACHELOR DEGREE IN USA CAN THEY APPLY FOR MASTERS DEGREE IN USA WITH THE SAME VISA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: No you will have to submit a new application and DS-2019 for every school you plan to attend

Mohammad Farid Wahidi: I have a letter of acceptance from IATA to attend a one week course in the states, what do I need to obtain my visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST

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Abdul Hadi Pardis : What procedure is in uregent cases if there would be urgent need for a visa for Directors of privote sector Directors, for Example CEO of ACCI or other related ones.

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: People should plan their travel well in advance. If a [person applies a week before they intend to travel, there is nothing that we can do to assist them. So it is always best to plan your trip 3-4 months in advance. Thanks

LCKU/Masud Wadan 2: What's the contrast between the immigration visa ans scholarship visas

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling for a short trip to the United States for tourism, to visit family, or for business reasons.

Obaidullah Ahmadi: Some of the students and referrals are asking about the permanent residential and they want to know all about the permanent residential visa, if you give us information on this particular issue it would be so nice.

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Obaidullah, It's very important that everyone knows that non-immigrant visas are NOT for people who want to live in the US. You will NOT be eligible for a permantent resident card if you apply for a Non-immigrant visa. Immigrant visas are processed in Islamabad. Their website is:<http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>. If the officer determines that an applicant plans to immigrate to the US, the applicant will be denied a non-immigrant visa.

LCKU/Masud Wadan 2: what are the ways for immigration to united state?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: The US Embassy in Kabul is not able to process immigrant visa applications at this time. To apply for an immigrant visa, you will need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

Abdul Hai Rauf: That mean she has to bring a copy of my US bank Statments in order to prove that she will have access to enough money during her visit

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: As mentioned, the bank statement can help show you have money to pay for the trip. If you don't have a bank statement, you should be ready to explain and show how you are paying for your travel

LCKU/Sayed M. AKbar 2: What the cost for a pernament residential visa?

LCKU/Khatera: Sir if we pass in one of this scholarship and we do not have the money to pay for visa in this case can your embassy help us?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Unfortunately, we can't help you. All applicants must pay \$131. You can ask the organization who gave you the scholarship to see if they have any funds to pay for the visa fee.

Abdul Hadi Pardis : for attending conferences and exhibition do we need to have invitation from the organizers?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes if you plan to attend a business or educational conference you should bring an invitation letter to the interview

LCKU/Naseem: where and for who is necessary this amount(\$131)?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: The \$131 fee is required for all people who apply for a non-immigrant visa. You will pay this fee at the Embassy on the day of your interview. It must be paid in cash in US dollars. There are NO other fees. You only have to pay the fee at the Embassy, no where else.

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: THE VISA PROCESSING WILL START AT 16 FEBRUARY HOW LONG IT WILL CONTINUE?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: We are pleased that Afghans no longer have to travel to Islamabad to apply for a non-immigrant visa. We plan this to be a permanent service we will provide. Hopefully in the future, people will be able to apply for an immigrant visa in Kabul, but that will not happen for a few years.

Mohammad Farid Wahidi: can a non Afghan citizen apply for student visa in Kabul?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Mohammad that is a very good question, Yes any citizen can apply for a visa in Kabul

Abdul Hadi Pardis : Having invitation from the organizers can speed up the procedure of having VISA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Abdul - it will not speed up the process but will help in the interview

Syed Kazim Baqeri: Does it require any financial proof for the expenses of travel and stay in US?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: In order to qualify for a visa, you need to show that you have enough money for your trip.

Sayed: means that a bank statement is required?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: A bank statement is not required, but it can demonstrate that you have enough money for your trip.

jabarkhil: One of my friends is working in an NGO and he has received an invitation letter from USA, so he wants to obtain a Visa for his training in USA, so he wants to bring all his documentations along with his Passport to US Embassy in Kabul, how long it will take to your organization to issue a Visa to him?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: This is an excellent example of the purpose of a non-immigrant visa, for a short term training for your company. He should bring the invitation letter and if the company in the US plans to pay for his trip, he should show that evidence as well.

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: What's the contrast between the DV lottery visa and other visas?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Information on the Diversity Visa lottery can be found here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html Please note that the application season for 2010 has ended and no applications will be accepted at this time. Applications for the 2011 Diversity Visa lottery will be accepted in the fall of 2009. Please check back at the website starting in September for further information. Please Note: There have been instances of fraudulent websites posing as official U.S. Government sites. Some companies posing as the U.S. Government have sought money in order to "complete" lottery entry forms. There is no charge to download and complete the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form. The Department of State notifies successful Diversity Visa applicants by letter, and NOT by email. To learn more see the Department of State Warning and the Federal Trade Commission Warning. If you applied for the 2010 diversity visa lottery and submitted your application between October and December 2008: all entrants, including those NOT selected, will be able to check the status of their entry through the E-DV website and find out if their entry was or was not selected. Entrants should keep their own confirmation page information from the time of their entry (October 2, 2008, to December 1, 2008) until they may check the status of their entry online. Status information for DV-2010 will be available online from July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2010. All notification letters are sent to the address indicated on the entry within five to seven months from the end of the application period.

Syed Kazim Baqeri: Going with family or going alone making any difference for getting visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: No, it doesn't make any difference. Every member of your family will need to apply for a visa.

mukhtar: what is necessary for applying for visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling for a short trip to the United States for tourism, to visit family, or for business reasons. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All of the forms are on our website. The ONLY way to apply is through our website. To make your appointment for an interview: all interview appointments must be made online. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Form DS-156 is on our website. Make sure that you fill it out online. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

LCKU/Sayed M. Akbar: How can we apply for the short term visa?

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: can we receive the DV lotter Visa from kabul?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, Afghans are eligible to apply for the diversity visa lottery. The application season has closed for this year. Please check back next September.

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: IF WE STUDY IN USA THEN CAN WE WORK THEIR AFTER WE GRADUATE WIHT A NON-IMMIGRANT VISA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling to the United States for tourism or short-term business. They are not for people who intend to work in the United States. If the officer interviewing you determines that you intend to immigrate to the United States to work there, you will be found ineligible for the visa. You will not get the \$131 fee back. If you have a job offer from a business in the United States who would like to sponsor you for one of the special work-related visas, you will need to file your application in Islamabad. Please keep in mind that these visas are for people with highly specialized skills. The website for the US Embassy in Islamabad is:
<http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

Obaidullah Ahmadi: can some one stay in united state when he goes there by Toefel or other scholarship or by temporarily Visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: No, they cannot. Non-immigrant visas are for short-term visits.

LCKU/Naseem: just cost of a visa is 131\$ or present for interview?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: The ONLY fee you should pay is the \$131 interview fee at the US Embassy on the day you are interviewing. Remember this fee is non refundable whether you are approved for a visa or not. If someone tells you they can help you get a visa if you pay an additional fee, it is NOT TRUE. There is only one fee. \$131 dollars. Thanks

Mirwais: what's necessary for getting a tourism visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling for a short trip to the United States for tourism, to visit family, or for business reasons. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All of the forms are on our website. The ONLY way to apply is through our website. To make your appointment for an interview: all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment:
http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Form DS-156 is on our website. Make sure that you fill it out online. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

mukhtar: whats the situation of applying for this visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: You need to go to our website and fill out the forms. This is our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. You will also need to schedule an interview with our online appointment system: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html

Mustafa: If some one wants to visit a family member, what kind of invite he should have?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: You don't need to have an invitation to visit family. You just need to prove that you have enough money for your trip and that you will return to Afghanistan at the end of your trip.

Mohammad Farid Wahidi: How does the interview take place for a student visa applicant?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

A.Kh.Faqoor: If we pay \$131 for visa and did not selected, this money is rebursable or not?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: NO. You will NOT

Sayed: Sir, I can see that you need invitation for some people, but for people who intend to travel for tourism and do not have an invitation but they prove that they will come back, will they be issued visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Sayed, good question. If a person is going for tourism they don't have to have a letter of invitation. BUT, they must explain and convince the officer during the interview that they plan to return to Afghanistan. A person's personal circumstances and their intentions determine whether they will receive the visas

LCKU/fferoogh: Hi and morning, secondly, how can I apply for one month Visa to go to USA and visit my relatives down there? And how much is the cost for a month US Visa?

Mustafa: What documents needed for tourisim trip?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: There are no specific documents required. You need to fill out all of the forms on our website:

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: how can we know the original webpage of greencard lotter? this is the question which has been asked from me.

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: The diversity visa lottery webpage is here:
http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: CAN WE APPLY FOR VISA THROUGH THE USA EMBASSY IN KABUL?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes we currently offer non immigrant visas in Kabul

LCBamyan: I would like to go to the United States, and I don't know how to apply?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

Sayed: Sir, do we need to fill more than one form DS156 or we need to fill some other forms too

U.S. Embassy Kabul: You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All of the forms are on our website. The ONLY way to apply is through our website.

LCKU/Naseem: how the people passed in interview?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Applicants who are issued non-immigrant visas are accepted by proving that they have a legitimate purpose of travel to the United States and that they have significant ties to Afghanistan so that they will return at the end of their trip.

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A STUDENT PASSPORT TO APPLY FOR STUDENT VISA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: No, you don't.

LCKU/Ramiz Sarwary: Let me know at least how long it takes to get visas?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: It takes approximately 3 to 4 months if you are approved during the interview for a visa so please apply 4 months in advance of your travel. Some visas are processed more quickly but we can't guarantee it. If a person applies a week before a trip they will very likely not make their travel because their visa will not be ready

Mirwais: so you mean, it's possible that you pay and don't get the visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes Mirwais, the application is no guarantee of a visa

Mirwais: is working with any US funded programs doing us any good in getting the visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Mirwais, working for a US program will not guarantee you will receive a visa. You need to demonstrate that you have sufficient ties to Afghanistan and that you will return home after your trip in order to qualify for a visa.

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: The \$131 fee is only for the interview. However, if you are approved, there is no addition fee to pay.

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: is there any other way for permanent resident of united state except DV lotter?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: The only other way is to be sponsored by a family member who is a US citizen. Again, all immigrant visas are processed out of Islamabad.

LCKU/fferoogh: How can I get a non- immigrant visa for one to go to US and vist my parents down there?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

Mustafa: If some one feals in intrview for getting one type of 3 visas, can he still tryes for other types, or may be for second time for the same visa? or he will be black listed?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: If you have been previously refused for a visa, you can apply again if you feel that your life situation has changed substantially and that you can now demonstrate strong ties to Afghanistan. Please remember that you will not receive the \$131 fee back, so you should only apply if you feel that you can demonstrate that your situation has changed significantly.

LCKU/fferoogh: And how much it is costs?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: \$131 for the interview. That is the only cost.

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: if some is in united state temporarily, can he do anything to stay there forever?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for short-term trips to the United States ONLY. They can NOT be converted to immigrant visas at the border. If the officer interviewing you determines that your intention is to immigrate to the United States, or to go to the United States to work, you will not receive

a visa and you will not get the \$131 interview fee back. If your intention is to immigrate to the United States, do NOT apply for a non-immigrant visa.

Mirwais: I want to ask a question about studying there; will the student visa be for as long as we want to study?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: When a person with a student visa arrives in the US, the officer at the airport will stamp their passport with a date of how long they can stay in the US for. The length of time you can stay will depend on how long your school program is.

LCKU/Uranous: how much should we pay to get a visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: \$131. This is a one time fee. It will not be returned

LCBamyan: Is it possible for people who wish to go for working there?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling to the United States for tourism or short-term business. They are not for people who intend to work in the United States. If the officer interviewing you determines that you intend to immigrate to the United States to work there, you will be found ineligible for the visa. You will not get the \$131 fee back. If you have a job offer from a business in the United States who would like to sponsor you for one of the special work-related visas, you will need to file your application in Islamabad. Please keep in mind that these visas are for people with highly specialized skills. The website for the US Embassy in Islamabad is:
<http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

Abdul Hadi Pardis : dose it need to invitation letter for any kind of busniess tripe?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: An invitation for a business trip can help demonstrate that you have a legitimate reason to travel to the US, but it is not a requirement.

LCKU/Uranous: how long it will get to get to America?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Processing for non-immigrant visas generally takes three to four months.

Mirwais: Can you give an example of having a good tie to Afghanistan that one would need to prove?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Good ties include owning property, having a job, having a family whom you support financially.

LCKU/Naseem: The US visa all the time is available?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, beginning February 16.

LCKU/fferoogh: I mean is it possible to get a residential visa for the US?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: No. Non-immigrant visas are for short-term trips only.

Syed Kazim Baqeri: If we get an invitation from our close relative living in US, will it help us?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: ituation of the person in the United States is not the important thing, your personal situation in Afghanistan is the most important factor. Just because a person has family in the US or if they writean invitation letter, does not mean you will receive a visa. If a person proves they plan to return, they will receive a visa

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: Is Dv lottery effectfull for Afghan, have they been accepted by Dv lottery in the past years?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, Afghans have been accepted through the DV lottery. Information on the Diversity Visa lottery can be found here:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1322.html Please note that the application season for 2010 has ended and no applications will be accepted at this time. Applications for the 2011 Diversity Visa lottery will be accepted in the fall of 2009. Please check back at the website starting in September for further information. Please Note: There have been instances of fraudulent websites posing as official U.S. Government sites. Some companies posing as the U.S. Government have sought money in order to "complete" lottery entry forms. There is no charge to download and complete the Electronic Diversity Visa Entry Form. The Department of State notifies successful Diversity Visa applicants by letter, and NOT by email. To learn more see the Department of State Warning and the Federal Trade Commission Warning. If you applied for the 2010 diversity visa lottery and submitted your application between October and December 2008: all entrants, including those NOT selected, will be able to check the status of their entry through the E-DV website and find out if their entry was or was not selected. Entrants should keep their own confirmation page information from the time of their entry (October 2, 2008, to December 1, 2008) until they may check the status of their entry online. Status information for DV-2010 will be available online from July 1, 2009, until June 30, 2010. All notification letters are sent to the address indicated on the entry within five to seven months from the end of the application period. NOTE: If you receive an email stating that you have won the lottery, this is FRAUD. You will NOT be notified by email if you win the lottery.

Mirwais: Is it needed to prove you are gonna return for getting the student visa as well?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes. All students need to demonstrate that they will return to Afghanistan at the end of their trip.

Abdul Hasib Latifi: what are rules for those who had none immigratn US visa in the past, is there any relaxation for those applicats or not?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: No an aoolicant must apply again for visa, however past travel and to the US does help demonstrate thier intention not to immigrate. It is no garuntee of a visa however

LCKU/Naseem: why the taking visa takes along time?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Visas require processing, which is done in America. It can take a few months for processing to be complete.

Huda: How to apply for student visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Huda, I think we have explained how to apply for a student visa to you before. Please follow these steps: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

Syed Kazim Baqeri: I have traveled to Iran, will it be a problem for getting a visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: If you traveled to Iran to study or as a refugee or you had business then it will not be a problem. Applicants must answer all questions asked by the interviewer. Thanks

Ahmad Safi: If someone is eligible to take a Special Immigrant Visa to US after a while, can he/she be also considered eligible for a non-immigrant visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Yes they are still eligible however it will be difficult because you have demonstrated your intent to immigrate. We do review each case individually

LCKU/Uranous: does it save our money to get a visa from Afghanistan?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, you don't need to travel to Islamabad so now you don't need to pay the cost of traveling to Islamabad. You will need to pay the \$131 application fee.

LCBamyan: Let's say, I received a tourism visa, how much would it cost?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: \$131. That is the ONLY cost. It is the cost of the interview. If you are not approved for a visa, you will not get your money back.

LCKU/fferoogh: Can Afghans get an immigrant US Visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: The US Embassy in Kabul is not able to process immigrant visa applications at this time. To apply for an immigrant visa, you will need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html

Yama: What is the reason that the US government decided to issue visas for Afghan citizens?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: We have wanted to do this for a long time. We needed to get all of the staff and equipment to open up visa services.

Abdul Hadi Pardis : if a person has a USA visa in his passport or if he already had a trip once to USA, for a second visa he should follow the same procedures?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: Yes, if a person had a visa, they have to apply again and follow the same procedure. Good prior travel to the US is helpful in determining if a person will return

LCBamyan: which states are willing to welcome tourists?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: All states have tourism opportunities

Abdul Hadi Pardis : for any urgent cases and any urgent matters what kind of documents are needed to submit, for example if there is a short time for any conferences or any business trips?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: To prove that you have an urgent need to travel to the US, you need to demonstrate a medical urgency or a very important business conference. The US Embassy will determine if your case is urgent. However, right now there is no wait time for a visa interview, so you don't need to worry about asking for expedited interview times.

Suhail Tahmass: Can I get long time visa for studying?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator: you can get a visa for the duration of your program. If the program is 4 years, you have to reapply every year but yes, you can get a long term visa for studying if accepted to a University

Yama: what guarantee the embassy needs to issue the visa ?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made online. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

Huda: I have small business company how I can submit request for visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: Yes, you can.

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: FOR EXAMPLE IF WE GET A SCHOLARSHIP IN A USA UNIVERSITY THAT'S DURATION IS FOR 1 MONTH AND WE WILL WAIT FOR THE VISA FOR 3 MONTHS, NOW HOW WILL IT GO?

U.S. Embassy Kabul: You should apply for every visa well before your intended time of travel

Syed Kazim Baqeri: Can I apply for tourism visa? Without any business or invitation from someone or organization

U.S. Embassy Kabul: Moderator 2: An invitation letter is not required. Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment:

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Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: is there any other scholar ship program without TOEFL?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Please see the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov for more information about Education in the U.S. Thank you.

LCBamyan: And what are some criterias for an Afghan to live in the U.S.?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: To live in the US, you must receive an immigrant visa. Kabul does not issue immigrant visas. To apply for an immigrant visa, you will need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

Mirwais: how long is each stay for non immigrant visas?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: When you arrive in America, the officer at the border will determine how long you can stay. Usually, people traveling on non-immigrant visas can stay for three months.

Sayed: Kabul supplemental form shall be filled by pen, right?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Yes, you can fill it out in pen. only the DS-156 needs to be filled out online.

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: is this true that when somebody work with ISAF or maybe with us force for about one or more than one year, he can recive the visa for United state?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: People who work as translators for the US military can apply for a Special Immigrant Visa.

Mohammad Mirza: Can we get shelter visas

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: While we're concerned for the safety of all Afghans, the US Embassy in Kabul does not process asylum cases. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Pakistan processes Afghan asylum cases. The UNHCR has offices in Peshawar and Islamabad, as well as other Pakistani cities. Please go to the UNHCR website for information on how to apply: <http://www.unhcr.org.pk/>

LCKU/HAMID OMED: is there other way to participate to non-immigrant visas

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Yes, please go to our website and you will find a lot of information on different types of visas. You have to use our website anyway if you plan to apply

LCKU/Dawar Ahmad: WHY THE USA VISA PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, D WHY THE USA VISA PROCEDURE IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, DONT U THINK 3 MONTHS IS A VERY LONG TIME?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: The U.S. is a free and open society. We welcome citizens from around the world who genuinely want to visit, study, and do business here. We are dedicated to protecting their safety and keeping our doors open to them. Changes in visa procedures reflect our concern for ensuring the safety of U.S. residents and visitors alike, not to make it more difficult for legitimate travelers to enter the United States. Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, we made some changes in our laws governing visitor entry and exit. We now require additional application forms and security clearances. Visa applications take longer to process. At first, many applicants experienced hardship when applications got backlogged and delays became indefinite. Fortunately, we have improved our visa clearance procedures. Better interagency cooperation and automated procedures have speeded up the clearance process. Our goal is to make the visa process not only thorough, but also respectful and efficient. There are some new procedures that you will need to become familiar with. We want to educate and inform you about this process.

LCBamyan: WHAT ABOUT AN EDUCATIONAL VISA TO THE United States of America?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Just as a reminder to all applicants out there, our website has all this information in English and Dari

Yama: Does the non immigration visa needs medical test? if yes, where it should completed ?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Yes, it does. when you apply in Islamabad, they will give you information about the medical exams.

Sayed: Appreciate for every thing, you are very helpful

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You're welcome.

LCBamyam: WHAT ABOUT THE SPECIAL IMMIGRANT VISA FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED AND WORKED FOR EITHER THE US TROOPS OR UNDER THE CHIEF OF MISSIONS?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Currently, the only visa available to Afghans who have worked for the U.S. government is the Special Immigrant Visa for translators. If you have worked for at least one year as a translator for the U.S. military or government, you may be eligible for this visa. Please contact your American supervisor. Further information can be found here: http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/info/info_3738.html. Please note: SIVs are NOT processed at the US Embassy in Kabul.

LCKU/Masud Wadan: with which forces we we'll be ables to receive the Visa, all or some?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: SIVs are for Afghans who have worked with all branches of the military.

Sayed: is this special immigrant visa for people who only worked under the military? what about the relief workers who worked under USDA/USAID grants?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Unfortunately, it is only for military translators. This law was written by the US Congress.

LCBamyam: Is the \$2000 for two way trip or not?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: That was an estimate. You will need to see how much it costs to fly to the city in the US you would like to travel to.

Yama: The issue of non immigration visa for Afghan is on test bases, or it will be continue?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: It will continue.

Sayed: I hope you can pass our concern about relief workers, these days we receive more warning than military

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: We understand that you all do risky jobs. Consular officers must follow the law as written by the US Congress.

Mirwais: PAE is a US department of states contractor, so my question is, that will working with PAE would make one eligible for special immigrant visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: No, only translators working directly for the US military are eligible.

Ahmad Safi: Can we copy the session to our computers or it is all confidential?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: It is not confidential. A transcript will be posted on the US Embassy website next week.

Mohammad Mirza: How can some one get a job of translator in US Army?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: The embassy cannot assist you with this, please apply at a US military facility or with Department of Defense

Yama: thanks for useful informaitons

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Your welcome Yama\

Enayatullah: Can we go for higher education to US through Non-Imigrant Visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

Suhail Tahmass: Would it be possible to have short term visa for the study survey?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You are always eligible to apply for a visa. However, it would be better if you did research online about which school to go to and then apply for a visa when you have been accepted by a school in the US. If you apply before you have been accepted, it could be hard for you to prove your ties to the US.

LCBamyan 2: If someone has worked with the Bamyan PRT(Kiwis), will he or she be eligible to apply for the immigrant visa or not?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: No. Only people who worked for the US military.

Enayatullah: Can you provide us with link where we can search for eligible school and ask for letter of acceptance

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: www.educationusa.state.gov is a good resouce on US schools

LCKU/Masud Wadan: When somebody have been success for DV lottery, does he need to go to islamabad for other process or it is possible here?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: We do not process immigrant visas in Kabul. If someone is successful in the DV lottery, he will still need to go to Islamabad.

Suhail Tahmass: can i get a tourist visa without any sponership?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Yes, you just need to demonstrate that you have enough money to pay for your trip and that you have sufficient ties to Afghanistan so you will return at the end of your trip.

LCBamyan 2: Can u please share some of the links regarding u.s scholarships?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: For information about education in the United States, please see either the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov or educationusa.state.gov. Both websites include information about studying in the United States and also include contact information for the U.S. Educational Advisor at the Embassy in Kabul. Thank you.

LCKU/Masud Wadan: is there any new plan of the new government of united state for immigration visa to america?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: The US Embassy in Kabul is not able to process immigrant visa applications at this time. To apply for an immigrant visa, you will need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html.

Enayatullah: If we qualified for the US student visa and got to US, who will pay for the accommodation, is the student allowed to work part-time job to cover his own expenditures and support his/her family?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You will need to get a scholarship to pay for your accommodation. Some schools allow students to work part-time to cover some of their expenses, but you will need to show you have a sufficient scholarship to cover your costs in order to qualify for a visa.

Suhail Tahmass: How much cost would be estimated to have a to US?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: It depends on what you are planning to do and where you are planning to go. However, all trips to the US are VERY expensive.

Mirwais: Do u have any information regarding how long should one work with the military to be eligible for the special immigrant visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You must work for the military for at least one year.

Suhail Tahmass: what grants would be required to show the tie up with the government of Afghanistan?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: I don't understand your question. Can you

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: try again?

LCKU/Masud Wadan: will embassy accept cases or no, if no, is this still possible accepting cases in Islamabad?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Masud = I am confused by your question, please clarify what type of case you mean

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: What are the characteristics for a permanent visa, is it possible to obtain such kind of visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Immigrant visas are not processed in Kabul. You need to apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. <http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

Enayatullah: For me scholarship means someone else at the other end of the next country to financially support who is moving to the specific country, is it true can you shed some light on it. Thanks

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: That's correct. Usually scholarships are from specific universities, but there are also private organizations that offer scholarships for Afghan students.

LCBamyan 4: what about the FULLBRIGHT CRITERIAS FOR THIS YEAR?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Please see the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov for information about Fulbright scholarships. This year's program will only be for Master's degree students and will likely be announced in April.

Suhail Tahmass: i mean what garante for expample any (official letter) is required to show for going to US?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You do not need an official letter for a tourist visa.

Ahmad Safi: Can we apply or process immigration visa rather than Islamabad, for eg India or Tajikistan?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You need to apply in Islamabad. In some rare cases, officers will agree to trn

LCBamyan: WHAT ARE SOME REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR MATER DEGREE IN FULLBRIGHT PROGRAM?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: For more information about Fulbrights or study in the United States, please see the US Embassy website at kabul.usembassy.gov We cannot answer detailed Fulbright or scholarship questions today. Thank you for your understanding.

Obaidullah Ahmadi 2: What are the next steps towards bringing more facilities in relation to visa issuance ?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Our facilities are complete. We open February 16!

Suhail Tahmass: in how much time is it possible to take a tourist visa and from where i can get the information of forms and other related documents?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy. Generally, processing for non-immigrant visas takes 2-3 months.

LCKU/Masud Wadan: Some people goes to united state for permanent by paying money, is this true?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: No the only way you can legally stay in the US is apply at the US Embassy in Islamabad. The website is: http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/immigrant_visas.html. Do not ever give money to someone who says they can get you to the US, this is illegal and dangerous

LCKU/fferoogh: How long does it take to get a student visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Student visas are expedited. Usually they take 1 or 2 months to process.

LCBamyar 2: I am a YES alumni, is there some more facility for me to visit the U.S as a tourist?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: All Afghans are eligible to apply for tourist visas.

Enayatullah: I am graduated from 12 grade, and would like to have B.Com and then M.COM and will try to continue further, what could be the cost involved as roughly on monthly basis that I have to pay from my own pocket studying in US

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Education in the United States can either be paid for by private resources or by scholarships. For more information about scholarships, please see educationusa.state.gov or kabul.usembassy.gov

JNA: What is the first step to apply for a visti visa to USA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: . Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

JNA: is there any Guarantee needed when applying for US Visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: No guarantee is needed, you just need to show that you have sufficient ties to Afghanistan and that you will come home at the end of your trip.

Mirwais: how many military translators can get US special immigrant visas annually?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: The US congress sets the number. They haven't set the number for 2009 yet.

LCKU/fferoogh: Can undergraduate students apply for the short term student visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Feroogh, In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

Enayatullah: If a person stayed in Pakistan and was a simple member of one of the Mujahadeen organization, will they be eligible to apply? As I heard that those they stayed in Pakistan during the communist region may not be that much relevant to the US Embassy as those stayed some where else or in Kabul

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: lived in Pakistan or worked for the mujaheddin. This does not make you ineligible for a visa.

Aman: I just start chat what is the basic?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Welcom Aman, . Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling for a short trip to the United States for tourism, to visit family, or for business reasons. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All of the forms are on our website. The ONLY way to apply is through our website. To make your appointment for an interview: all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Form DS-156 is on our website. Make sure that you fill it out online. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy.

JNA: Could you please clarify "sufficient ties"? is it somehow related to guratnees needed by US Govt or embassy?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: You need to prove your ties to the officer interviewing you. Ties can include: owning property, supporting a family, having a job or being enrolled in college.

Mirwais: what was the number for the last couple of years?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: We don't process SIVs in Kabul. We don't have that information.

LCBamyam 5: i am a university student in mazari sharif, but i do not want to study in there i want to study in America is there a chance for us?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: For information about study in the U.S. please see educationusa.state.gov

LCKU/Masud Wadan: What's the date of TOEFL exam yearly?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Please see educationusa.state.gov. You will find the contact information for the U.S. Educational Advisor in Ka

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: bul and he can give you teh information.

LCKU/fferoogh: ALright thanks for your time and plenty answers...

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: You're welcome! Thanks for participating today.

LCBamyam: befroe we had to the officail issuers in islamaabd for traveling to America but now do we have this facilty in Kabul>?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Non-immigrant visas are not processed in Kabul.

Enayatullah: Why I am asking this question because normally at the ministry of Higher education or Ministry of education strudents graduated in Pakistan are suffering alot of problems here in Kabul

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: While we're concerned for the safety of all Afghans, the US Embassy in Kabul does not process asylum cases. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Pakistan processes Afghan asylum cases. The UNHCR has offices in Peshawar and Islamabad, as well as other Pakistani cities. Please go to the UNHCR website for information on how to apply:
<http://www.unhcr.org.pk/>

LCKU/Waheed Wali: could you please give me a little bit information about tofel exam?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: For TOEFL information, please see educationusa.state.gov

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Educational questions were answered in a webchat two weeks ago. For the transcript, please see kabul.usembassy.gov for answers to questions about studying in the United States, the TOEFL exam, and scholarships. Thank you.

LCKU/Waheed Wali: what is the easy way to apply for this visa vai net or coming to embassy?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: . Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment:
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Mirwais: well gentlemen, thank you all for your kind responses

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Your welcome Mirwais

Enayatullah: or there will be specific language examination through the embassy

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: No, there are no language exams administered by the Embassy. Some applicants for university study in the U.S. are required to take the TOEFL exam, which is not directly administered by the Embassy. For more information on the TOEFL, please see educationusa.state.gov

LCBamyan 3: we are students in Bamyan university, but we do not like to study here, is there any chance for us to continue our study in America>?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Bamyan Students: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

Aman: I was interpreter with Canadians and want to take im.visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Unfortunately, working for the Canadians does not qualify you for a US immigrant visa.

LCKU/Waheed Wali: what are the needed documents for those who are coming to the embassy ?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: In order to qualify for a student visa, you need to have a letter of acceptance from the school or university in America where you intend to study. The school will also provide you with an I-20 form that confirms you have been accepted as a student. Additionally, you must prove that you have enough money to pay for your intended education through a sponsor, a scholarship, or your own personal money. Once you have the letters of acceptance from your school, you can apply online for your visa by going to our website: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html>. Applicants for student visas fill out the same forms as tourist and business travelers.

LC Herat: Because I was kinda late, you might have told others before but can you please tell me what are some documents that are required for applying for a US visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made online. Please go to the following link

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U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: what is the needed documents for those whom are coming to the embassy?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Sorry Wahid, Thank you for your interest in traveling to America. Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling for a short trip to the United States for tourism, to visit family, or for business reasons. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All of the forms are on our website. The ONLY way to apply is through our website. To make your appointment for an interview: all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment:

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U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: We have ten minutes remaining for the webchat. Please submit all your questions at this time. Thank you again for your participation.

LC Herat: If some one had a US visa befor is that going to help that person getting US visa for the second time

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: Prior travel to the US does not guarantee that you will get a visa again, but the fact that you have travelled to the US and returned is a positive sign.

LCKU/Waheed Wali: thanks for your nice informatoin

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: You are welcome Waheed Wali

LCBamyan 5: is it possible to prolong the visa inside USA?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: No a non imigrant valid for three months, if you need to return to the US you can reapply for a new visa

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: To Lincoln Center Herat: We understand you had internet problems. We are scheduled to end in ten minutes, but if you can enter all your questions as soon as possible we will try and get answers to all the questions.

Enayatullah: Thanks once again

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: You are welcome Enayatullah

Rahim: What site can we find all the details about the visas?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 2: Hi Rahim, you can check out our website. Please go to <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/non-immigrantvisas.html> for all information about how to apply for a visa and how to make an appointment for an interview. You must complete all the forms (DS-156, 157, 158 and Kabul Supplemental form) before you can make your appointment. All applications must be completed online and all interview appointments must be made on line. Please go to the following link to make your appointment: http://kabul.usembassy.gov/scheduling_an_appointment.html. When the link opens, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click "Schedule an Appointment." Please note: you MUST have the barcode generated on page 3 of form DS-156 in order to make an appointment. Only applicants with appointments will be allowed on to the US Embassy. If you do not have an appointment, you will be turned away from the Embassy. Thanks

Suhail Tahmass: Is there any possibility of family visa?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 3: There is no specific family visa. If a family would like to travel to the US, all members need to apply.

LCBamyan: is there any special facilities for staff of Bamyan eco-tourism to visit USA's historical points?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: The United States has many tourism opportunities both eco-tourism and historical. Many of these can be found at www.usatourist.com/

Suhail Tahmass: Is there any work visa also available?

U.S. Embassy Kabul 5: Suhail Tahmass, Non-immigrant visas are for people who are traveling to the United States for short-term business. They are not for people who intend to work in the United States. If the officer interviewing you determines that you intend to immigrate to the United States to work there, you will be found ineligible for the visa. You will not get the \$131 fee back. If you have a job offer from a business in the United States who would like to sponsor you for one of the special work-related visas, you will need to file your application in Islamabad. Please keep in mind that these visas are for people with highly specialized skills. The website for the US Embassy in Islamabad is: <http://islamabad.usembassy.gov/visas.html>.

U.S. Embassy Kabul 4: Thank you so much for your participation today. We look forward to future webchats. The transcript will be available next week at kabul.usembassy.gov. Have a great day!