



INFORMATION FOR IMMIGRANT VISA APPLICANTS

Immigrant Visa Section, American Embassy, New Delhi

You have received a letter scheduling an appointment for you to come to the American Embassy, New Delhi and formally apply for an immigrant visa. All members of your family immigrating with you must appear with you for the appointment. Each person immigrating, regardless of age, requires a separate visa. If you cannot keep your visa appointment, please notify this office by telephone at 2419-8062 ((10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon), Email: ivnd@state.gov. **If you cannot keep your scheduled visa appointment, you will experience a lengthy delay before another appointment can be granted.**

BEFORE COMING FOR YOUR VISA INTERVIEW YOU MUST contact the nearest VFS office along with appointment letter and pay A COURIER FEE OF Rs. 365/- for each applicant. YOU MUST pay the courier charges at a VFS office **NO EARLIER THAN FIFTEEN (15) WORKING DAYS AND NO LESS THAN THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR INTERVIEW.**

You need to bring in your original passports, your VFS fee receipt and your original appointment letter at the time of your visa interview at the American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

NO ASSURANCE THAT VISA WILL BE ISSUED: No assurance can be given in advance that a visa will be issued on the day of interview. A consular officer can make a decision only after your visa application and all documents are reviewed, and you have been personally interviewed. You are advised not to make any travel arrangements, and not to dispose of your property or give up your job until the visa has been issued. If your visa application is refused, you will be given a refusal sheet that will indicate the basis for your refusal. If applicable, it will tell you what actions you could take to overcome the refusal. The visas are affixed inside each passport and the applicant is given a sealed envelope which should be hand carried, UNOPENED, to the United States and submitted to the immigration inspector at the U.S. port-of-entry. **If the sealed envelope is opened prior to arrival in the United States, the immigrant visa fee of \$400 must be paid again at the American Embassy, New Delhi and new sealed envelope will be handed over to the applicant.**

VISA VALIDITY: An immigrant visa is valid for a maximum period of six months from the date of issuance. You must travel and apply for admission to the United States within that six-month period. A visa may not be transferred from one person to another, or used by any person other than the one to whom issued.

ABANDONED APPLICATIONS: Section 203(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act requires that an intending immigrant pursue his/her visa application within one year from the date he/she is informed that it is possible to do so. If you fail to do so within one year from the date of your interview, your application and any visa petition approved for you will be canceled.

AGE 21 NOTICE: If you or any other members of your family planning to immigrate is turning 21 years of age within the next three months, this may change your or family member's visa status. Under U.S. immigration law you may be considered an adult rather than a child. Please consult with the Consular Section if this will be an issue in your family's immigrant visa applications.

Security regulations at The American Embassy, New Delhi do not permit the following items to be carried into the Embassy:

- All battery operated or electronic gadgets such as mobile phones, digital diaries, pagers, cameras, audio/video cassettes, compact discs , MP3's, floppies, lap tops, palm tops or portable music players.
- Sealed envelopes or packages
- Cigarettes / cigars / match boxes / lighters
- Any sharp object such as a pair of scissors, pen knives or nail filers

VFS OFFICE ADDRESSES ARE **LISTED BELOW:**

New Delhi

International Trade Tower S-2 Level
Nehru Place
New Delhi – 110019

Telephone number: 42220000

Jalandhar

Ratan Tower, 2nd floor Namdeo Chowk
Circuit House Road
Jalandhar – 144001

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Chandigarh

SCO-186-187, Sector 8C Madhya Marg
Chandigarh – 160009

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