

Changes in Fees for U.S. Consular Services Effective September 12, 2014

On August 28, the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs announced changes to the fees for some U.S. consular services. The new fees will go into effect on September 12. **The fees for visitor (B1/B2) and student (F1/M1/J1) visas were not affected by the change and will remain the same.**

The Bureau of Consular Affairs, which operates on a fee-for-service basis, is adjusting the fees to more accurately reflect the costs of providing services based on the most recent update to the Bureau of Consular Affairs' cost of service model. The fees for most categories of immigrant visas will change, while fees for nonimmigrant visas largely remain the same. All visa applicants will be charged the fee in effect on the day of payment.

Under the new schedule, processing fees for nonimmigrant and immigrant visa applicants will change as follows. Administrative service fees, such as documenting renunciation of citizenship, have also been revised to reflect the real, unsubsidized cost of providing these services.

Nonimmigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Treaty Investor and Trader visas (E)	\$270	\$205
Fiancé(e) visas (K)	\$240	\$265
Border Crossing Card (under age 15)	\$15	\$16

Immigrant Visa Processing Fees

<i>Type of Visa</i>	<i>Previous Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Immediate Relative and Family Preference Applications	\$230	\$325
Employment-Based Applications	\$405	\$345
Special Immigrant Visa Applicants (except for Diversity)	\$220	\$205

Visa applicants)		
Determining Returning Resident Status	\$275	\$180
Waiver of Two-Year Residency Requirement	\$215	\$120
Affidavit of Support Review (only when reviewed domestically)	\$88	\$120

Citizens' and Administrative Services

<i>Type of Service</i>	<i>Previous Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>
Administrative Processing of Formal Renunciation of Citizenship	\$450	\$2,350
Charge for Consular Time (for fee services performed outside of normal business hours or away from the office)	\$231	\$135

The Department will accept public comments at www.regulations.gov on this interim rule for 60 days after the date of publication. At the close of the comment period, the Department will review and consider any comments received from the public and the published final rule will include responses to the comments received. More information about the fee changes may also be found on the Department of State, travel.state.gov internet site and on the Fees for Visa Services webpage.