



Interview Waiver for U.S. Visa renewals

To determine whether you may be eligible to renew your non-immigrant visa without appearing for an interview, look at your previous visa and answer "yes" to the statements below:



- Yes NO General (interview waiver in a visa class other than E, H, L, P, or R):**
- I am renewing my visa;
 - I am citizen or resident of Bangladesh and currently present in Bangladesh;
 - I am applying for the same visa classification;
 - My visa was issued in Dhaka on or after January 1, 2008;
 - I have had no refusals for a visa in any category after my most recent visa issuance;
 - My previous visa has never been revoked, lost, or stolen;
 - My name, date of birth, nationality, and place of birth are the same on both applications (current and previous);
 - On my previous visit to the United States, I complied with all immigration laws and regulations;
- Yes NO For F, M, or J visa holders and their derivatives:**
- a) Must meet all other general criteria as listed above;
 - b) Renewing my F visa within 12 months after my prior visa expiration date (F and their derivatives);
 - c) Renewing my J, M visa between 12-48 months after my prior visa expiration date (includes derivatives);
 - d) I did not drop out of status for 5 months or more (principal F and M);
 - e) My SEVIS number has not changed from the previously issued visa (J and their derivatives);
 - f) Continuing my participation in the same program at a different institution (F, M, and their derivatives);
 - g) Attending the same institution in a different program (F, M, and their derivatives);
- Yes NO For B, C1/D visa holders:**
- Must meet all other general criteria as listed above;
 - Renewing my B, C1/D visa in 12 months after my prior visa expiration date;
- Yes NO Interview Waiver Based on Age:**
- Must meet all other general criteria as listed above;
 - My age was over 14 when my previous visa was issued;
 - Applying for the same classification and my age is now below 14;

If you answered yes to the statements above (by visa category), you qualify for interview waiver. Please provide Saimon Overseas with the following:

- Your current passport that has a validity of at least six months beyond your intended stay in the U.S. (all categories)
- Your previous passport that contains latest U.S. visa
- The DS-160 nonimmigrant visa application confirmation sheet (all categories)
- Original MRV fee receipt for the visa processing (all categories)
- One photograph with a white background, 2 x 2 inches (all categories)
- Copy of I-20 or DS-2019 (principal F, M, J)
- Copy of SEVIS I-901 fee payment receipt (principal F, M, J)
- Copy of F, M, J dependents' I-20 or DS-2019
- Copy of your CDC book/employment contract (for C1/D)

If vessel crew members only had C1/D and no B1/B2 visas in the past, if they would like to apply for both C1/D and B1/B2, they should consider coming in for interview, instead of renewing their visa through the interview waiver program.

Important: Please note that eligibility for interview waiver does not guarantee a visa issuance nor does it guarantee that the interview will be waived. Although your interview may be waived, you may still be required to appear for finger scanning. Any necessary notification will be made via the email address listed in your DS-160 online application.