



Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC)

Introducing the DS-160 U.S. Visa Application Form



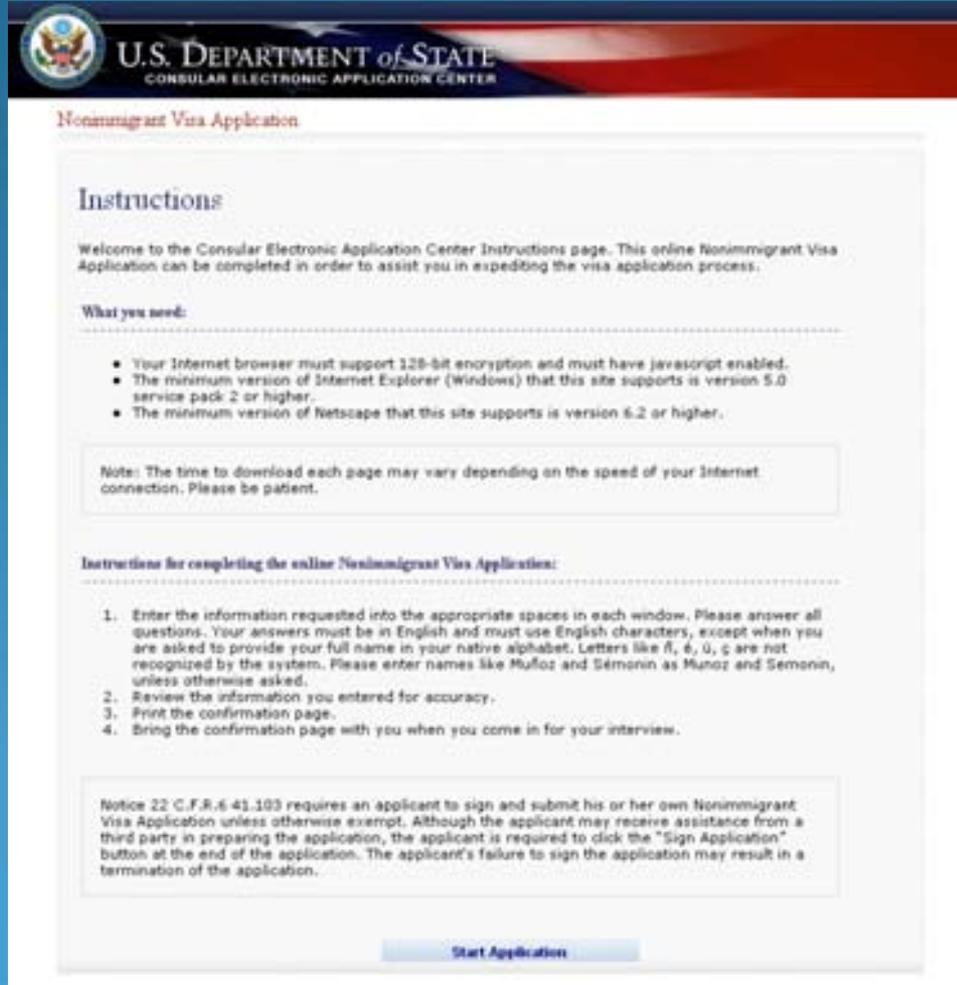
U.S. Embassy Brasilia

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http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_1342.html

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>



The screenshot shows the CEAC website interface. At the top left is the U.S. Department of State seal. To its right, the text reads "U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE" in a serif font, with "CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER" in a smaller sans-serif font below it. The page title is "Nonimmigrant Visa Application". Below this is a section titled "Instructions" in a large serif font. The main text welcomes users and explains the purpose of the online application. A section titled "What you need:" is followed by a list of three bullet points regarding browser requirements. A note box contains text about download times. Another section titled "Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:" is followed by a numbered list of four steps. A final note box explains the requirement for the applicant to sign the application. At the bottom center, there is a blue button labeled "Start Application".

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Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Instructions

Welcome to the Consular Electronic Application Center Instructions page. This online Nonimmigrant Visa Application can be completed in order to assist you in expediting the visa application process.

What you need:

- Your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled.
- The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher.
- The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher.

Note: The time to download each page may vary depending on the speed of your Internet connection. Please be patient.

Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:

1. Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces in each window. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters, except when you are asked to provide your full name in your native alphabet. Letters like ñ, ã, ù, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémonin as Munoz and Semonin, unless otherwise asked.
2. Review the information you entered for accuracy.
3. Print the confirmation page.
4. Bring the confirmation page with you when you come in for your interview.

Notice 22 C.F.R. 641.103 requires an applicant to sign and submit his or her own Nonimmigrant Visa Application unless otherwise exempt. Although the applicant may receive assistance from a third party in preparing the application, the applicant is required to click the "Sign Application" button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application.

[Start Application](#)

Advantages to Applicants

- One form instead of three - replaces the following forms:
 - DS-156 “Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-157 “Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-158 “Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant”
- Completely online – nothing to fill out by hand
- Family and group feature – no need to fill in identical data more than once
- Don’t need to complete all at once – save for later feature
- Applicants can save application for reuse
- Less paper – prints a single confirmation page

Mandatory as of April 5th, 2010

Application Process

Pay Fee

- At Citibank
- Online payment system planned in future

Make Appointment

- <http://www.visto-eua.com.br>
- By phone: (21) 4004-4950

Complete Form

- Online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Interview

- At Embassy
- Fingerprint

Issued Visas

- Sent by SEDEX within 3 business days from date of interview

Only the application form has changed – Other parts of the process remain the same

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Step 1 – Accessing the Application

- Go to <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Read the instructions and press “Start Application”

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Select Tooltip Language English

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Step 2 – Choose the Embassy

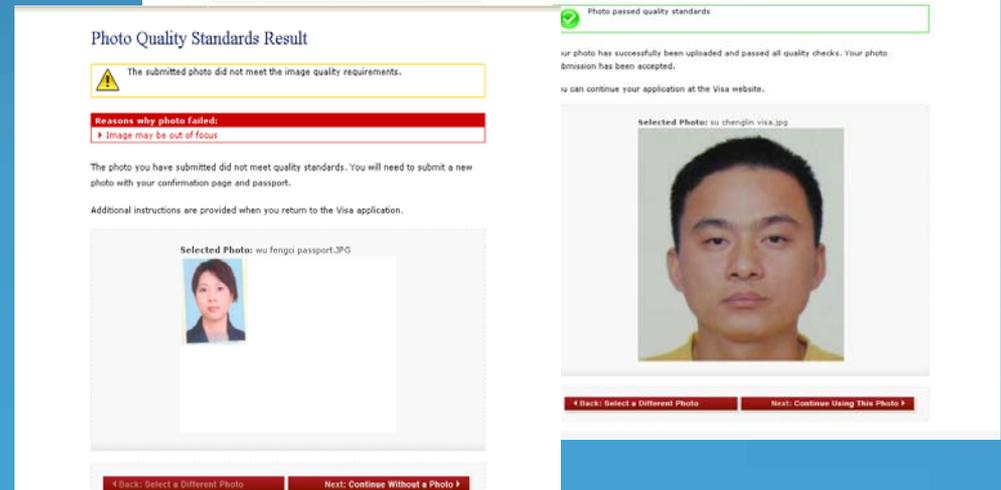
- Choose the Embassy or Consulate where you will apply
- ****NOTE:** Roller mouse is VERY sensitive and can change countries very easily. Pay close attention to ensure BRAZIL and the correct Consulate is chosen.
- Press “Test Photo” to begin uploading your photo

The screenshot shows the U.S. Department of State Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Contact Us' and 'Help'. The main header reads 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. The page title is 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application'. The left sidebar contains a 'Getting Started' menu with options: Personal, Address and Phone, Passport, Travel, Travel Companions, Previous U.S. Travel (selected), U.S. Contact, Family, Work / Education / Training, Security and Background, E-Visa, Student Exchange Visa, Crew Visa, Temporary Work Visa, and V-Visa. The main content area is titled 'Getting Started' and contains a dropdown menu for selecting a consulate. The dropdown is open, showing a list of locations including BAGHDAD, IRAQ; CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO; DUBLIN, IRELAND; GUADALAJARA, MEXICO; HERMOSILLO, MEXICO; HAMILTON, BERMUDA; HONG KONG (highlighted); MERIDA, MEXICO; MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA; MOSCOW, RUSSIA; MONTREAL, CANADA; MATAMOROS, MEXICO; MONTERREY, MEXICO; NOGALES, MEXICO; NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO; PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO; PERTH, AUSTRALIA; ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA; SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA; TIJUANA, MEXICO; TRIPOLI, LIBYA; VANCOUVER, CANADA; VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA; YEKATERINBURG, RUSSIA; and PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO. Below the dropdown, there is a 'Help: Navigation Buttons' section with instructions to click on buttons above to access previously entered data. A 'Test Photo' button is highlighted with a blue arrow. The page also includes a warning about session expiration and a link to review photo standards.

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Step 3 – Upload Photo

- Browse to your photo and press “Upload Selected Photo”
- If your photo does not pass, please click on the link “[see photo quality standards guide](#)” and try again.
- If your photo meets the quality standards, you can press “Continue Using This Photo”
- Please note: You must still bring one passport sized photo with you on the day of your interview.



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Step 4 – Fill In The Form

- Complete all questions carefully and accurately
- Inserting wrong information or leaving required items blank will only delay your application

The screenshot displays the DS-160 form interface. On the left is a navigation menu with sections: Getting Started, Personal, Address and Phone, Passport, Travel, Travel Comparisons, Previous U.S. Travel, Visa Support, Family, and Visa/Education/Training. The main content area is divided into three sections:

- Personal Information 1:** Includes a note that data must match the passport. Fields for Surnames (FERNANDEZ GARCIA), Given Names (JUAN MIGUEL), and Full Name in Native Alphabet are visible.
- Passport Information:** Includes a field for the Passport Number (A1234567) and a dropdown for Issued Passport.
- Previous U.S. Travel Information:** Includes a note to provide complete and accurate information. It contains several questions with dropdown menus for dates and checkboxes for responses. For example, "Have you ever been in the U.S.?" is answered "Yes" with a date of arrival of 01 SEP 1996. Another question asks if the applicant has ever held a U.S. Driver's License, which is also answered "Yes".

Help text is provided for several fields, such as "Passport Number" and "Expiration Date".

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Saving an Application

- If you can't finish in one sitting, you can save the application to your hard drive and continue later
- Press "Save" at the bottom of any data entry page
- Press "Save Application to File"
- Press "Save" and navigate to the place you want to save your application

The screenshot displays the CEAC website interface. At the top, it shows the address: "to: A/ISS/DIR, Room 2400 SA-22, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2202". Below this, there are navigation buttons: "Back: Getting Started", "Save", and "Next: Personal 2". The main content area is titled "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER" and "Nonimmigrant Visa Application". The "Save Confirmation" message states: "You have saved your application for your current session. Once you close the CEAC application browser window, you will not be able to retrieve the saved data." It provides instructions on how to save the application to a file and how to retrieve it later. Below the instructions, there are three options: "Save Application to File", "Continue Application", and "Exit Application". A file download dialog box is overlaid on the page, asking "Do you want to open or save this file?" with the file name "CEACAA0000KFCJ.dat", type "HTML Document, 21.9 KB", and file path "file:///C:/ceac.state.gov/". The dialog box has "Open", "Save", and "Cancel" buttons. A warning message at the bottom of the dialog box states: "While files from the Internet can be useful, some files can potentially harm your computer. If you do not trust the source, do not open or save this file. What's the risk?"

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Retrieving a Saved Application

- Browse to a saved application file
- Press “Upload Data”

The screenshot displays the CEAC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE' and 'CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. Below this, there are tabs for 'COMPLETE', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN'. The main content area is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Upload a Previous Application'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with various application categories. The main content area includes instructions for uploading a file, a 'Previously Saved Application File' section with a file path input field and a 'Browse...' button, and a 'Security Questions' section with input fields for 'First 5 Letters of Surname' (containing 'HERNA') and 'Year of Birth' (containing '1978'). At the bottom of the main content area, there are 'Upload Data' and 'Cancel' buttons. A footer at the bottom of the page contains a copyright notice and links for 'Copyright Information', 'Disclaimers', and 'Paperwork Reduction Act'.

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COMPLETE REVIEW SIGN

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Upload a Previous Application

Click 'Browse' and select the previously saved application file you wish to upload. Next, answer the security questions to validate that the correct file has been selected, then click 'Upload Data'. Finally, click on the 'Next' button at the bottom of each page until the last completed page has been reached and continue the application process.

Previously Saved Application File

File Path:
H:\CEACAA0000KDQF.DAT

Security Questions

First 5 Letters of Surname: Year of Birth:

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Tips

- If a question doesn't apply to you, you must check the "Does Not Apply" box
- Answer fully and include as much detail as you can
- Be especially careful with the yes/no questions near the end – misrepresenting the facts can make you ineligible to receive a visa ever

(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Full Name in Native Alphabet

Does Not Apply

If your past name does not include a surname, please include 'FNU' in Given Name.

A: Yes No

Phone

Home Phone Number
03-555-5555

Work Phone Number
03-444-4444 Do Not Apply

Work Fax Number Does Not Apply

Mobile/Cell Phone Number
012-555-5555

Monthly Salary in Local Currency (if employed)
 Does Not Apply

Briefly describe your duties:

Security and Background: Security Information

NOTE: Provide the following security and background information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation. A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when a waiver is obtained in advance). Are any of the following applicable to you? While a YES answer does not automatically signify ineligibility for a visa, if you answer YES you may be required to personally appear before a consular officer.

Q: Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?
A: Yes No

Q: Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?
A: Yes No

Q: Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?
A: Yes No

Getting Started
Personal
Address and Phone
Passport
Travel
Travel Certifications
Previous U.S. Travel
U.S. Contact
Family
Work / Education / Training
Security and Background
Medical and Health
Criminal
Security

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Step 5 – Reviewing Your Application

- You have an opportunity to review and edit all your answers before submitting your application
- Check carefully that everything is correct – it's impossible to make changes later

The screenshot displays the CEAC interface for a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The top navigation bar includes 'Contact Us' and 'Help' links, and a language dropdown set to 'English'. The main header identifies the 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. The application progress is shown as 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW', and 'SIGN', with 'REVIEW' being the active step.

The left sidebar contains a menu with the following items: 'Personal/Address/Phone/Passport', 'Travel', 'U.S. Contact', 'Family', 'Work/Education/Training', 'Security and Background', and 'Location'. The 'Travel' item is currently selected.

The main content area is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Travel Information'. It includes a 'Print' button and an 'Edit Travel Information' link. The form contains the following fields and values:

Principal Applicant?	YES	Edit Travel Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specific Travel Plan?	YES	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Location you plan to visit in the U.S.		
Address where you will stay in the U.S.:	222 MAIN STREET LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	
Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip:	SELF	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Persons Traveling with You:	YES	Edit Travel Companions Information
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you ever been in the U.S.?	YES	Edit Previous U.S. Travel Information
Do you or did you hold a U.S. Driver's License?	NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	YES	
Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the point of entry?	NO	

At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Back: Personal/Address', 'Save', and 'Next: U.S. Contact'.

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Step 6 – Submitting Your Application

- Once you submit your application, you can't change it
- Pressing “Sign and Submit Application” constitutes your electronic signature, certifying that all the answers on the application are true

The screenshot displays the CEAC website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the U.S. Department of State logo and the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. Below this, a red navigation bar contains the steps: COMPLETE, PHOTO, REVIEW, and SIGN. The current step is 'SIGN', and the page title is 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application'. A sidebar on the left shows 'E-Sign and Certification' as the active section. The main content area is titled 'Sign and Submit' and contains the following text: 'Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the application. Your application is now ready to be submitted. Please note that this does not necessarily mean that your application for a nonimmigrant visa is complete, as additional information may be needed after Department of State personnel have reviewed the application. By clicking "Sign and Submit Application" you are certifying that all the information you provided is true and correct. You are required to electronically sign your application. If you are unable to sign electronically, you may be required to appear in person at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate to sign your application.' Below this text is a question: 'Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. The 'A:' label is positioned to the left of the 'Yes' button. Underneath is the 'E-Signature' section, which includes a certification statement: 'I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.' This is followed by two input fields: 'Enter your passport number:' and 'Enter the code as shown:'. To the right of the second input field is a CAPTCHA image showing the code '9FZx8'. At the bottom of the form area, there is a red instruction: 'Click the button below to electronically sign your application:' and a blue button labeled 'Sign and Submit Application'. At the very bottom of the page, there is a red navigation bar with three buttons: 'Back: REVIEW', 'Save', and 'Next: Confirmation'.

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Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Page

- Print the confirmation page
- You only need to bring the printed confirmation sheet to the interview
- You can print the entire application for your own records if you wish
- You can e-mail the confirmation to someone else (e.g., if you are completing the application for another person)

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Confirmation

YOU MUST PRINT this confirmation page. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

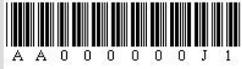
YOU MUST SUBMIT this confirmation page and the following document(s) to the Consular post indicated below: Passport. You may also submit any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** send the entire application.

If you have further questions, please go to <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided: TEST, TEST
	Nationality: BRAZIL
	Passport Number: TEST
	Completed On: 20 February 2008
	Confirmation No: AA000000J1

Location Selected:
US EMBASSY - SEOUL
333 TEST DR
SEOUL, S. KOREA



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Step 7 – Printing Your Confirmation Letter (cont)

- This is what the confirmation page looks like, with your photo appearing once uploaded
- Reminder: You will still need to bring a photo with you on the day of your interview.
- No photo or poor photo quality will cause delays in processing!

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Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Language: ENGLISH (UNITED STATES) ▾

Confirmation

NOTE: The photo you have submitted with your visa application did not meet the quality standards specified in the instructions on photo submission for visa applicants. Please have new photos taken, specifically following the photo guideline instructions on <http://travel.state.gov>.

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process:

Passport.

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and submit it with the NEW photo and your passport to your Embassy, Consulate, or International Organization to complete the application process. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** submit the entire application.

Some posts have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to <http://usembassy.state.gov/> or <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
	Nationality:	BRAZIL
	Passport Number:	TEST
	Completed On:	3 June 2008
	Confirmation No:	AA000004E8

Location Selected:
US EMBASSY - LONDON
666 TEST DR
LONDON, UK

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Additional Reminders:

The DS-160 replaces only the application form/s. Other items are still required

- Original ATM bank receipts
- Original Receita Federal tax documents
- NO internet bank documents will be accepted
- Old passports with prior visas

- Exchange Visitors: DS-2019

- Diplomats and Officials: Diplomatic Note

And most applicants still need evidence of ties to their place of residence



Document fraud and misrepresentation are crimes punishable by law.

Contacts

Consular Section:

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E-Mail: pergunta-ao-consul@state.gov

Phone: 61-3312-7000

Fax: 61-3312-7651

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