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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Thank you for taking part in our webchat. Since this is a public forum, please submit questions that are of general interest. If your question is about a specific case, or includes passport numbers, telephone numbers or other personal information, I won't be able to respond. Please also do not submit your questions more than once. Thank you!

感谢您参与我们的网谈。由于这里是公共论坛，请您尽量就大家普遍关心的问题提问。如果您的问题有关具体个人申请，其中提供了个人护照号码、电话号码或其它个人信息，我将无法回答。另外请您不要多次提交相同的问题。谢谢！

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Camille2: Dear Visa Officer, I am a graduate student in a U.S. university. My family was refused once for B2 visa application in Beijing this year. We would like to apply for B2 visa again, and I read from the embassy website that visa application are not restrained even if the person has been refused once. However, I found there is no opening slot in Beijing for second time applications such as this, not even for people who were refused once in February or March 2008. Could you please help us with this? We are just hoping for a chance of family reunion during summer holidays, after August my family would have to go back to work and wouldn't be able to come here... Could you please help with this? Or give us some suggestions? Many thanks! Sincerely, Camille

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Summer is our busiest season and the demand for visas to the U.S. is especially great this summer. We can only provide appointments for a certain number of people, based on the size of our waiting rooms and the number of visa officers we have. First priority for appointments is for students and business travelers. People who have already been refused a visa do have to wait longer, in order to give other people a chance to apply. Visas are usually valid for one year, so we always encourage people to apply as early as possible. You could check again with the visa call center to see if your family can get an appointment, as we will be able to open a limited number of new appointments in July and August.

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aki: 签证官您好!

如果已经获得了美国非移民的公务活动签证,但是在这段时间我们单位工作很忙,我的上司要求我放弃这次去美国的文化交流演出活动.也就是说,我已经申请到的P类签证没有在有效期内使用的话,会影响我以后再次申请美国的签证吗?会不会下次申请签证的时候被拒签啊?谢谢!

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Answer: Whether or not you actually use a visa that you apply for is not important and will not have any impact on your future

applications. However, the visa officer might ask you why you did not use the visa. Your explanation is very reasonable.

您是否实际使用过您申请的签证并不重要，也不会对您将来的申请造成任何影响。但是，签证官也许会问您为何没有使用此签证。您的解释非常合理。

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peter2: Dear officer, Thank you for your time to read my question. The school I have applied is required by law to document students finance of about \$16,000 for one year .The question is that if I need supply more money for getting a visa and how much it is.By the way,I have got \$8,000 for scholarship each year. Best wishes Violin

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: The requirement for the visa is that the applicant must have all the money needed for their first year of study (according to the I20) at the time of the interview, and be able to show that they will have access to the money or a way to get the money that they need to complete the rest of the program.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: cathy2

> Timestamp: 05-22-2008 03:00:34

Question:

尊敬的签证官您好，在这里我想向您请教一个问题，中国企业对美国的商务考察现在为什么很难办理签证，因为我和我的朋友准备前往美国考察一个项目，但在签证的时候被拒绝了，我想问下您，我们是合格的中国公民，而且有充分的财力以及理由是过美国考察项目，在广州领事馆看都没有看我们的资料就拒绝了我们的，这是正常的么？我跟我的朋友都是中国的企业法人及总经理，难道我们会放弃我们在中国的生意和家人以及家产到美国偷渡么？我们也有美国邀请方的邀请函以及安排好的时间，我觉得这样对我们去美国考察项目投资的中国企业不公平，因为我们是过去考察投资，是为美国政府交税，我也希望你们能够了解和明白我们的心情。谢谢您，打扰到您很抱歉。 >

> Dear visa officer: I have a question for you. Why business visas for Chinese enterprises to conduct business investigation are so difficult to get? My friend and I planned to conduct business visit in the US but our applications were rejected. We are lawful Chinese citizens; we have adequate financial resources to undertake the trip and legitimate reason to travel to the US. However, the consulate in Guangzhou rejected our applications without even taking a look at our materials. It that normal? My friend and I are legal persons and general managers. Will we abandon our business and families in China and illegally stay in the US? We have invitation letters from the US inviter and itinerary. I think it is unfair to Chinese enterprise since we need to conduct business investigation and invest there and pay taxes to the US government. I hope that you can understand our feeling. Thank you and sorry to bother you.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** ANSWER: I understand that it can be very frustrating for legitimate travelers to be refused a visa. The problem is that we see many applicants who are not legitimate travelers going to the U.S. for "business investigations." Sometimes, these applicants are not employed where they say they are, or their invitation letters are fraudulent. If you feel that you are qualified for a visa under U.S. immigration law, you are welcome to reapply for a visa.

我可以理解对于合法的旅行者被拒签是让人感到非常沮丧的。问题是我们见过太多不合法的去美国作“商务考察”的申请人。有时，这些申请人不是他们所说的单位的职员，或者他们的邀请信是假的。如果您觉得根据美国移民法您是符合签证要求的，我们欢迎您重新申请。

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Chunjie: I work in ShenZhen, but my home in HeNan province. Can I get the VISA in GuangZhou Embassy?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** We always recommend that people apply for a visa in the place where they regularly work and live, but where you apply is your decision.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Name: 20064074xxx > Timestamp: 05-22-2008

06:01:49 > Question:

签证官：您好！我是一名大二的学生，今年七月放暑假，我很有幸得到一对美国夫妇的帮助，去美国的一家医院实习两个月，我想这对我来说是一次很好的学习与交流的机会，期满后我将于八月末回国参加新学期的报到。请问我在提供了这家医院的邀请书和大学的返校证明外，还需要提交什么相关证明，或者还有什么要注意的呢？那么像我这种情况的签证通过率高吗？还是根本没有机会？谢谢！ >> Hi officer: I am a sophomore student and I will have my summer vacation in this July. I am so lucky that I got help from a couple from the US to be an intern in a hospital in the US. It is a great opportunity for me to learn more. After that I will return to my university to start the new semester. What else do I need to provide except invitation letter from the hospital and certificate from my university? Is the issuance rate for people like me high? Or I do not have a chance at all? Thanks!

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: I am not sure I completely understand your situation. In order to do an "internship" in a U.S. hospital, you would have to go through a specific program that was authorized to run such a program and apply for the correct type of visa. Rules on non-U.S. citizens and students who want to learn more about hospitals are very strict. You can find the relevant section of U.S. immigration law that relates to medical students coming to the U.S. on the internet. I suggest you fully investigate the law before you apply. The hospital should be able to help you with that if they are running a legitimate program.

我不是很确定是否完全了解您的情况。去美国医院做“实习生”，您应该通过一个经过授权

可以运作此种项目的程序，然后申请正确种类的签证。对于非美国公民及学生想学习更多医院的知识，规章是非常严格的。您可以在互联网上找到美国移民法中与医学专业学生赴美相关条款。我建议您在申请之前对这个法律做充分的调研。如果医院运作的是合法的项目，他们应该可以在这方面给您帮助。

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kposh2: Dear Sir or Madam, I want to apply for J1 vise.I wonder that the expiry date of my passport is Feb.2008, but the expiry date of my DS2019 form is Aug.2009. Should I change my passport for J1 visa?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: It sounds like your passport has already expired. Your passport must be valid for at least six months from the time that you plan to enter the U.S or you will not be allowed to enter the country and will be turned around at the airport. If your passport expired while you were in the U.S, you could apply for another one at the Chinese Consulate in the U.S. It would not matter that your visa was in your old passport, or that your visa expired, as long as you keep the passport with the visa in it and of course, as long as you are still in your J1 program and your DS2019 is still valid.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: > Name: Leason > Timestamp: 05-22-2008 12:42:16

> Question:

你好，我想问一下关于存款证明书想问一下有什么具体要求？哪些银行好一些？汇丰银行怎么样？> Hello. Do you have any specific requirements for bank certificate? Which banks do you think are better? What about HSBC: (Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation)? ANSWER: We have no requirements for bank statements and the name of the bank is not important to us. 我们对于银行证明没有要求。银行的名称对我们不重要。

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sightview: I am a student who want to get an F-1 visa. My parents applied the immigrant visa on behalf of me 9 years ago when i was only 9 years old and i had no idea about it then. Now i have already been refused to get the F-1 visa and the visa officer didn't give me any chance to explain it.Actually i just want to study in the United States, not immigration. I have withdraw my immigrant visa and someone in the United States want to garentee that I will come my China after my graduation. Is that enough? What shall he do? Any certificates? or just write a letter with his signature? Thanks!

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Someone else cannot guarantee that you will return to China; however, if someone wants to write a letter to support you that is fine (it should be in English). You need to explain to the visa officer why your parents applied for the immigrant visa, and when and why you withdrew your immigrant visa application. Also, you should explain where your parents are now, and what they are doing. You need to convince the visa officer that you do not plan to immigrate to the U.S. This will be harder for you than for other people, since your parents clearly wanted you to immigrate at some point. However, we understand that circumstances can change. You should be ready to explain this clearly and quickly at your next interview.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: > Name: jack2 > Timestamp: 05-22-2008 20:50:33 >

Question: 想问一下 我要是先签 F1 签证 如果没签过的话?

可以在一个月内再去签 J1 签证吗? > I want to apply for an F-1 visa first. If I don't pass the interview, can I apply for a J-1 within a month? ANSWER: If you have been refused a visa before, there is generally a longer wait to get another appointment, however, students do have priority for visa appointments and can request an expedited appointment. To request an expedited appointment, follow the instructions on our website.

如果您曾经被拒签过, 一般来说您的再次预约时间会等得稍长。但是, 学生在签证预约方面的确是有优先权的, 而且可以申请加急面谈。申请加急预约, 请按照我们网站上的说明申请。

06-03-2008 02:14:42

June2: Hello,this question is kind of emergency. I am studying in a College now, and I will back to China in June, and i also have to renew my VISA in this summer. My visa has expired for 6 months. Is the grade report must submitted? Do you have any requirement of the grade? what about if i took 4 courses,grades are: one A, one B, two C? what could happened in this situation? Could you give me some suggestion?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Yes, when you renew your visa, you must also submit your transcripts for all the time that you were in the U.S. studying. The visa officer needs to verify that you are still a full-time student.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: > Name: Nadia Lu

> Timestamp: 05-23-2008 13:25:07

> Question:

我父母已经退休,现定居于美国,我妈妈因为身体原因,不能长途旅行,我们已经 5 年没有见面...

> 今天(5 月 23 日)我和我太太申请 B2 被拒签了,我很不理解...

>

我 97 年曾经持 B1 前往美国,并按时回国,过去几年,我去过英国,德国,日本,都如期回国...

> 我在中国有相当体面的工作和不菲的收入...

> 我太太拥有自己的企业...

> 我们在中国拥有价值超过 300 万的房产和汽车和存款...

> 我们可爱的女儿因为上学,需要留在国内...

> 我想不明白,为什么我们会被拒签???

> 仅仅因为我姐姐曾经为我申请美国移民吗???

> 按照目前的排期,我的移民需要等上 5 年!!!

> 难道这意味着:在未来的 5 年,我没有机会见到已经分别 5 年的老母亲吗???

> 我在中国拥有更多的机会和上升空间,我为什么要持 B2 签证在美国逾期逗留???

> 如果 5 年后才让我踏上美国土地,却不能见到母亲的话,我是不会去的!!!

> My parents are all retired and they reside in the US. My mother cannot stand long distant travel because of her health condition. We have not met

with each other for 5 years! My wife and I applied for B2 visas today (May 23) and got rejected and I do not understand why. I traveled to the US in 1997 with a B-1 visa and I returned to China on time. I also traveled to other countries like Britain, Japan, Germany, etc and came back. I have a decent job with high income, my wife has her own enterprise, we have house, car and savings which exceed 3,000,000RMB. Our adorable daughter needs to stay in China because of her education. Why our applications were rejected? Is it only because my sister filed an immigration petition for me for which I have to wait for 5 years? Does that mean I will not be able to see my aged mother in 5 years? I have more opportunities in China, why do I stay in the US illegally with a B-2 visa? If I have to wait for 5 years to land on the US but cannot see my mother at that time, I will not go!!!

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: ANSWER: According to U.S. immigration law, the visa officer cannot issue a visa to someone who is an intending immigrant. Since your sister has already filed an immigrant petition for you, it is very difficult to prove that you are not an intending immigrant. Legally, the visa officer can issue you a B2 (nonimmigrant visa) only if he or she is satisfied that you do not intend to immigrate to the U.S. and abandon your residence abroad. If you feel you can satisfy this requirement, you are welcome to reapply. Based on the situation you describe above, it sounds like you could meet the requirements, but only the visa officer who interviews you can determine whether or not you are qualified for a visa.

根据美国移民法，签证官不能够为有移民倾向的人签发签证。既然您的姐姐已经为您申请了移民签证，那您就很难证明您不是有移民倾向的人。就法律上来说，签证官只有在他/她完全相信您不打算移民美国也不打算放弃自己在美国以外居住的时候才能给您签发 B2 签证（非移民签证）。如果您觉得您能满足这个条件，我们欢迎您重新申请。根据您的描述，听起来您可以达到这些要求，但必须是给您做面谈的官员才能决定您是否符合资格得到签证。

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Bruce2: Hi, I have an actual question about my visas. I plan to US as a visiting scholar in a university in Nov. 1, 2008 (I think it needs a J-1 visa). But before my visiting, I have to attend a conference held in Honolulu, Oct. 12~18 (I think it needs a B-1 visa) and will to return to China right after the conference. So, since my two entrances to US are quite close, how could I apply for my visas? May I apply for two visas in a single interview? What can I do then? Thanks a lot and looking forward to your helpful reply.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: This is a very good question. You could apply for the two visas at the same time, but, you can only apply for the J1 visa 120 days before your program starts. Also, you need to have your DS2019 before you can apply for the J visa. We always recommend that people apply for the visa as early as possible. It might be safer to apply for the B visa as soon as possible. You could always make another appointment to get the J1 visa after you get the B visa, even if you have not yet traveled on the B visa. People

going to the U.S. on J and F visa have priority for visa appointments. Keep in mind that it could take a month or more to process your visas.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: freudyang

> Timestamp: 05-24-2008 03:01:39

> Question: 妳好 我的護照是"中華民國

臺灣"護照,我目前在北京居住,我打算 2009 年暑假帶兒子到美國遊玩,本來打算最近提出簽證申請,但是看到貴網站的資訊,好像在北京簽到的簽證都是一年多次(臺灣大部分是五年多次),所以就不知是否應該按預定最近申請,擔心如果是拿到一年多次的話,在明年還沒出發前,簽證就過期了!是否可告知可簽到簽證年限,以及最合適的提出時間? 謝謝!! freud yang >

> Hi. I am holding a Republic of China passport and I'm currently living in Beijing. I plan to take my son to have sightseeing in the US in 2009. I want to apply for a visa but I learned from your website that most of the visas are only valid for one year. (In Taiwan, visas are valid for five years with multiple entries). I do not know whether or not I should apply recently. If I only get a one-year visa, that visa will be expired before my date of departure in 2009. Please let me know the validity of a visa and most appropriate time for me to apply. Thank you. >

Answer: This is correct, visas for residents of the PRC are limited to 12 months. This is based on agreements between governments and cannot be changed by the visa officer. We suggest you apply a few months before you plan to travel.

您说的情况是正确的。中华人民共和国居民的签证有效期是 12 个月。这是基于两国政府之间的协议制定的, 签证官员无法改变。我建议您在计划旅行之前头几个月申请。

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Bruce2: Hi! I am a F1 student in America and I will go home this summer. I just finished the ESL(English as Second Language International) program in my university, and I will be a freshman when I back from China in September. The case is I need to renew my Visa. The first thing I want to ask is I changed my major before I go to University, so my major is different from the major that appeared on the I-20 now, is that Ok? The second is I plan to use the drop-off service to renew my Visa, the grade I have is the ESL's grade but not Univertsity's grade, and the grade is not the kind of official transcript, I want to know if it is acceptable. The third is if I will not use the drop-off service, I want to do the interview, need I prepare the Proof of Finances as before? Thank you very much.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Whether or not you use the drop-off service or come for the interview is up to you, but from what you describe, it sounds like it might be hard for the visa officer to understand your situation without talking directly to you. It would be better if you could show an official transcript, but if you cannot, perhaps you could ask your ESL program for a letter explaining

why you do not have an official transcript. If you changed your major, you should get a new I20, please ask your school for advice. You can bring both the old and new I20s to the interview. The officer will probably not ask for your proof of finances, but it cannot hurt to bring them.

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chenshifei: Why is visa checking process taking so long right now? My wife has to delay her flight twice to wait for her visa. Thanks.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Summer is our busiest period. Special processing could be taking longer because there are many, many students from all over the world applying for visas that need special processing and this can slow down the process. If your wife has been waiting for more than two months, I suggest she send a fax with her information to the embassy or consulate where she applied. There could be a problem with her application, for example a missing document.

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Ireland sky: I'm Mr.Yu Liang ,the organzier of China Pavilion for a trade show (July 15-17) in USA. My chinese exhibitors are going to have a visa-interview by the end June, but they are informed that the nearest interview should be on 20.July after the show. the questions are: 1, When should the exhibitors apply for a visa interview, 1 month before the show ? 2,do the exhibitors have any chance obtaining the early interview time, if they can't get the visa interview on time?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Summer is our busiest season and the wait for visa appointments can be longer than we would like. We always recommend that people apply for a visa as far in advance as possible. Business travelers can apply for an expedited appointment, but such appointments are not guaranteed. Please follow the instructions on our website for requesting an expedited appointment.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: > Name: zhengdeming > Timestamp: 05-24-2008

09:09:33 > Question:

我们是 60 以上的中国退休老人, 在美国有亲侄子, 侄女, 也有堂姐弟, 多年未见, 很想念, 同时也想到美国旅游, 在有生之年, 增长知识, 开阔眼界。在美国逗留大约一个月。不知是否可以? >> We are in our 60s and we have niece, nephew and cousins in the US. We have not met for many years and we missed each other very much. We want to have sightseeing in the US and stay there about a month. Is that OK? > Answer: This is a perfectly reasonable reason for applying for a visa. In order to qualify for the visa, you must show the visa officer that you have strong ties to your home in China and that you do not plan to immigrate to the U.S.

这是申请签证的一个极为合理的理由。为了符合得到签证的条件, 您必须向签证官证明您在中国的家有非常强的约束力, 您不打算移民到美国。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** > Name: Maggie2

> Timestamp: 05-27-2008 02:58:27

> Question: 我是一名高中生，毕业后想去美国深造

> 由于英语不是很好 IELTS 5.0, 现在拿到的 OFFER 是语言学校和大学的双录取 > 在 5 月 22 日被拒签, 下次签证排到了 7 月 7 日, 由于我的 I-20 上写的是 6 月 23 日开学, 面谈时间赶不及开学, 因此申请了加急面谈, 得到批准的几率大吗?` >

> I am a senior high student. I want to pursue further study in the US. I was rejected on May 22 and my next application is scheduled on July 7. However, my I-20 indicates school starts on June 23rd and the appointment is too late for me. I therefore requested an early appointment. Do you think I can get an early interview?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: Students are always allowed to request an early, or expedited, appointment and we do our best to make sure that they can have an interview before their studies begin. However, summer is a very busy time and students who have already been refused may have to wait a bit longer for an appointment. To request an expedited appointment, please follow the instructions on the website for the Embassy or consulate where you live.

学生们一直都可以申请提前或加急预约。我们尽全力确保他们在开学之前面谈。但是, 夏天是非常忙碌的一段时间, 已经被拒签的学生再次预约等待时间可能稍长。申请加急预约, 请遵循使馆或您居住领区的领馆网站上的要求。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Name: 快乐王子

> Timestamp: 05-27-2008 05:54:38

> Question:

你好! 我的妻子现在在美国皇家加勒比邮轮公司工作。她将于 6 月 14 日回国, 她想预约 6 月 16 日签证并让我代她预约签证时间。我想知道我应该什么提前几天预约好, 另外, 我想请教, 她去年是从澳大利亚登船, 所以在澳大利亚大使馆签过境签证.这次她去美国登船, 是否只需签 D 证而不需签美国的 C1 证了呢? 谢谢! >

> Hi. My wife works for Royal Caribbean International. She will come back to China on June 14 and she wants to have an interview on June 16. What is the best time for me to make appointment for her? Last year, she boarded on ship from Australia so she got a transit visa from Australian Embassy. This time she will board on ship in the US. Does she only need a D visa? Does she need a C-1 visa?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: You should make the appointment immediately. Summer is a very busy time and it is best to apply as early as possible. Royal Caribbean should advise your wife what kind of visa she

needs, it depends on where she boards the ship and whether or not she will get off the ship in the U.S., etc.

您应该马上预约。夏季是高峰期，最好是尽可能早的申请。美国皇家加勒比邮轮公司应该告诉您的妻子她需要何种签证，这取决于她在哪儿上船还有她是否会在美国下船，等等。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: angelayan

> Timestamp: 05-27-2008 13:37:04

> Question: 签证官，您好！

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> 根据使馆网站公告，"自2007年5月1日起，未满14周岁或已满80周岁的申请人可通过代传递服务递交签证申请"并指出"14周岁以下的孩子申请非移民签证时不必亲自到使馆来递交申请。如果父母中至少有一人持有有效的美国非移民签证，此年龄段的孩子可以通过免面谈代传递服务申请签证；如果14周岁以下孩子的父母或父母中的一人也需要申请签证，那么可以由父母（或父母中的一人）在前来面谈时同时携带孩子的签证申请材料替孩子一起申请。">

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但以上公告没有列明父母持有效签证进入美国、目前合法居住在美，但签证已经过期（毕竟签证有效期只有1年）的孩子是否也可以使用此服务。>

> 以本人为例，

2006年合法进入美国，目前以F1身份在美读书，但签证已于2007年1月过期，本人持有有效的I20和护照。我的儿子目前3岁半。我可否使用免面谈代传递服务为其申请赴美签证？>

> 多谢

> Your website says: "Effective May 1, 2007, applicants under 14 or over 80 years of age who would normally apply in Beijing can courier their nonimmigrant visa applications to the visa unit through China CITIC Bank, without the need to apply in person. >

> Children under 14 are not required to come to the U.S. Embassy to apply for a nonimmigrant visa. If at least one parent holds a valid U.S. nonimmigrant visa, a child may apply through the courier service. If a parent or parents are applying for a visa at the same time as a child under 14, the parent(s) may bring in the child's application at the time of their interview and apply on the child's behalf." >

> However, it does not clearly say whether or not children of those who entered the US with valid visas and legally stay in the US with expired visas can use this drop off service.

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> Like me, I entered the US in 2006. I currently study in the US with my F-1 status. My visa expired in January of 2007 but I am holding valid passport and I-20. My son is three and half years old. Can I submit my son's application through CITIC Bank?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Answer: Yes, your son can use the drop-off service because he is under 14. He is not required to have an interview or have his fingerprints taken. Make sure to include a copy of your visa, his birth certificate, his endorsed I-20, and copies of your transcripts so that the visa officer knows you are still in student status.

是的，您儿子可以使用免面谈代传递业务，因为他 14 岁以下。他不需要面谈也不需要按指纹。请确保在他的申请文件中包括您的签证复印件、他的出生证明、他的 I-20 和您的成绩单复印件，以便使签证官知道您仍然持学生身份。

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wang10: Dear Sonia,

I am a single mother and divorced on Sep. 2003, My son is 10 years old, came to U.S.A. with me on May 2000 and went back to China on May 2001 because of my broken marriage. He has been raised by my parents since 2001. I currently hold a H-1 visa, my son's father got green card on Sep. 2005 and he didn't file any immigrant petition for his son these three years. I am trying to apply a H-4 visa for my son. Is it easy to get refused for this case?

Thank you very much. Sincerely yours, Wei Tan

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: As long as your son is under 18, and you have a valid H1 petition, your son is entitled to an H4 visa and there is no reason why he should be refused a visa if you entered the U.S. legally and you are currently in the U.S. legally. However, since he has not lived with you since 2001, you must be able to show the visa officer that he is your son. You should prepare his birth certificate, the passports that you and your son traveled on when you went to the U.S in 2000, copies of correspondence between you and him, evidence that you support him, etc.

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Tina2: Hello; I'm studying in Weston Oregon University of USA. I'm going back to China in summer break. My visa will be expired at Nov 29th,2008. I would like to renew it during my summer break in China. Because I would like to visit my fiance in TaiWan during Christmas 2008, then go back to USA. Is that ok to renew your visa even the visa hasn't expired yet. thanks~

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Yes, you can renew it even though it has not expired. You should be able to use our drop off service, but you might want to include a letter that explains why you are renewing the visa early. Returning students should always have copies of their transcripts when applying to renew their visas.

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Ruojia: Form DS 157 asks if the applicant has made specific travel arrangement. Is it a good idea to purchase flight ticket before an applicant was approved for his/her B2 visa?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: No. You should never purchase an airplane ticket before receiving your visa. We always encourage people to apply for the visa as far in advance as possible, so you will still have time to purchase an airplane ticket. You should, however, have some plan for where you are going and where you will stay in the U.S. before your interview.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: helen988

> Timestamp: 05-28-2008 19:42:35

> Question:

您好，如果有美国朋友赞助，今年 9 月份去阿拉斯加玩两个礼拜，美国朋友那边要准备什么资料；对邀请函有什么要求；是否需要提供什么有经济能力支付我在美国开销的证明；这些证明要哪里开出来；而且我自己本身没什么钱，工作也是在私人小企业，不稳定，每月的收入也不高，家里也不是条件很好的。这样的情况，能有机会获签吗；

期待您的回复，谢谢 >

> Hi officer. If an American friend wants to sponsor me to have sightseeing in Alaska in this September, what documents does he need to prepare? Do you have any requirements for the invitation letter? Does he need to provide any certificate to prove that he can cover my expenditure? Where he can get these certificates? I myself do not have that much money or a stable job. My salary is not high. Do you think I can get a visa? Thank you. >

Answer: Under U.S. immigration law, an American citizen cannot "sponsor" someone to visit the U.S. An applicant must qualify for the visa herself by showing that she has strong ties her home and that she does not intend to immigrate to the U.S.

根据美国移民法，美国公民不能“赞助”别人访问美国。申请人自己必须证明自己在其国家有强固的约束力而且不打算移民美国来获取签证的资格。

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Franky2: I already finished my first year of master, still have another year, and I'm now back to China to see my parents, my visa will be expired until July 11st, but I will go back to the U.S on July 3rd, so do I need to apply for visa again in case I might want to come back next year? Thanks!

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: You can still use your current visa to enter the U.S., as long as you enter before the date that the visa expires. It is up to you whether or not you want to apply for another visa now, or next time you return from the U.S. Just keep in mind that it can take about one month to process a student visa, so you should apply when you have plenty of time to wait for the visa processing.

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sunnyqi: Hello! My husband and me are both worked for the banks. He's in Bank of China, and I worked for a Swedish bank. We'd like to apply a tourist visa to the US to pay visit to our relatives in the US. But we heard in recently for those who worked for financial institutions will definitely get the refusal. My husband has a colleague got three times refusal for this reason. Could you please suggest us how could we get the visa in this circumstance? Is this the side effect of sub-prime crisis? Thanks a lot!

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: I can assure you that there is no policy to refuse visas for people who work for financial institutions. I do not know why there is such a rumor right now, but it is certainly not based in reality. Visa policy is determined by the Immigration and Nationality Act and is not related to the economy

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Kendrew: what should i do if i lost my I-20 form? can i get another one?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: You must ask your school to supply you with a new I20. We cannot issue you a visa without one.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: mxh

> Timestamp: 05-29-2008 21:58:40

> Question:

您好！我的护照是 2009 年 9 月到期，我今年 8 月要去美国读 5 年的 phd 项目，请问我的护照期限会影响我的签证通过吗？谢谢

> My passport will expire in this September. I will go to the US pursue my PHD which lasts 5 years. Will my soon-expired passport have any negative impact on my application? >

ANSWER: No. A visa only gives you permission to apply for entry to the U.S. at a port of entry (like an airport). The immigration officer at the border will determine how long you can stay in the U.S. For a student, that amount of time is called "duration of status." That means, you can stay as long as you are a full-time student.

不会。签证只是给予您许可在入境口岸（如机场）去申请进入美国。在边境的移民官员决定您在美国可以停留多久。就学生而言，此段时间叫做“身份有效期”。也就是说您只要还是全日制学生，您就可以停留在境内。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: > Name: kasumi2

> Timestamp: 05-30-2008 04:03:10

> Question: 您好！请问去美国使馆上海办事处取指纹，需要准备哪些材料？我们申请的是 B1 证。 > 非常感谢！

> Hi. We need to have our fingerprints done in the Consulate General in Shanghai. What materials should we prepare? We want to apply for B1 visas. Thank you so much. >

ANSWER: Please look at our website for details on how to prepare for the

visa interview. This page might be useful for you - http://shanghai-ch.usembassy-china.org.cn/how_to_apply.html

请浏览我们的网站上有关如何准备面谈的内容。这个页面上的内容可能会对您有所帮助。
http://shanghai-ch.usembassy-china.org.cn/how_to_apply.html。

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weiwei2: Urgent: My F-1 visa(1 year duration, M entries) will expire in Sep, 2008. Last year, due to the admistrative process, when I received my visa, I had missed the starting date of my graduate program. The same school deferred my scholarship and this year, I plan to go in Aug.

(1)Do I need a new visa application or fingerprint process or what? When I enter, do I need to show documents other than the visa and the new I-20?

Do I need to show emails of last year saying they would defer my admission?

(2) If I come back in Sep 20th, after the expiration of my current F-1 visa (which will expire on Sep 04th)for some personal things, when I come back to the university in America, I need to apply for a new visa, right? but at that time, I will not be able to have my transcript, will that be a deficiency for my visa application? Thank you very much for your reply. Yours

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** If your visa is still valid, you can use it to enter the U.S. with your new I20 and you do not need to apply for a new one. If I understand correctly, however, you already know that you need to come back to China in September. If that is the case, it sounds like it would be better for you to apply for a new visa now, while you still have time for any administrative processing. If you come in September for a short visit, your return could be delayed for visa processing.

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cui xin: My visa has been washed by washing machine, the letters are very clear but my photo looks a little white, what can I do?

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Response: I suggest you fax a copy of your visa to the Embassy or Consulate that issued it and ask about the appropriate procedure. They may be able to issue you another one, but you would need to return the current one to be cancelled.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** > Name: Jihou

> Timestamp: 05-31-2008 05:47:46

> Question: 签证官您好：

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我是中国人，单亲母亲。现在泰国工作已4年多了。小孩也在泰国念书。在国内有房，有一些存款，现在想带小孩一起去美国游玩，请问我是回中国签证还是在泰国签比较好？我需要准备那些材料？尤其，如果在泰国。？>

> 谢谢

> Hello officer: I am a Chinese citizen and a single mother. I have been working in Thailand for 4 years. My child studies in Thailand. I have a house and savings in China. My child and I want to visit the US. Should we apply for

visas here in Thailand or China? What documents should we prepare for interview especially in Thailand? Thank you.

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游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: Answer: It is often more difficult for people who do not live in their home country to qualify for a visa to the U.S. This is because in order to qualify for a visa, you must show that you have a residence abroad that you do not intend to abandon and that you have strong social and economic ties to your home. This is harder when you live in one place, but have a "home" somewhere else. We usually recommend that people apply for a visa where they work and live, but where you apply is your decision. I suggest you look at the U.S. Embassy website for Thailand and China. The documents you prepare should help show the visa officer you do not intend to immigrate to the U.S.

对于那些不居住在他们祖国的人来说符合赴美签证的条件时常会比较困难。这是因为为了有资格拿到签证，您必须证明您在海外有不打算放弃的居住地而且您在家中有牢固的社会、经济约束力。当您居住在一个地方，而您在另一个地方有一个“家”时，就比较困难了。我们通常建议人们在他们工作和生活的地方申请，但是在哪里申请是您的决定。我建议您浏览美国驻华使馆及驻泰使馆的网站。您准备的文件应该要能帮您向签证官显示出您没有移民美国的打算。

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游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: Name: Billy Du > Timestamp: 05-31-2008 20:45:44 > Question: 在哪里能够下载 DS-156 表格的中文版? 谢谢!!! > Where can we download Chinese DS-156 form? Answer: There is no Chinese DS-156 form. The sample of a complete electronic DS-156 can be found here: http://chinese.usembassy-china.org.cn/uploads/images/CmiPu-FzioexDqn9AXC4Dw/Sample--completed_DS-156.pdf DS-156 表格没有中文版本。填写完毕的电子 DS-156 表的样本请见这里：http://chinese.usembassy-china.org.cn/uploads/images/CmiPu-FzioexDqn9AXC4Dw/Sample--completed_DS-156.pdf

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wpliu: Dear Sonia, I applied a visa to US for astrophysics symposium followed by a visit to a reserch institue, which will take a duration from July 26 to August 5. I got the B1/B2 visa last week, but the expiration date on the visa is July 29. How can I make a extenstion of expiration date in order to finish all my activities? Is it possible for me to just go to US and make extension then? You know, I fixed all the programs, send registration fees, and booked the tickets and hotels, so I relly would like to keep the original schedule. With best regards, Weiping Liu in Beijing

游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: The visa only gives you permission to apply for entry at the port of entry (like an airport). It does not determine how long you can stay in the U.S. The immigration officer at the border will tell you how long you can stay when you enter the country. As long as your visa is still valid on the day you enter the U.S., you should not have any problems.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: liyuan > Timestamp: 06-01-2008 01:28:04 >

Question:

我的妹妹在美国，有工作，而且也已经买了房子，她们邀请我们去美国旅游探亲，因我们公司正值开工期间，工作较忙，而老公因公曾在美国住过一段时间，因此我们就不陪父母去了，反应那边有妹妹和妹夫照顾，而我女儿刚 10 岁，一直由我父母带，考虑到正好她也放假，因此我们决定让她也跟着姥爷、姥姥一起去美国开开眼界。但是我的父母上周带我的女儿去面签时，签证官只给我父母签了，没给孩子签，说儿童必须父母领着去签，那么由我老公领着去签可以吗，还是由我领着去签更好？请给与回答。谢谢！如果我或老公带着孩子去签，获得批准后，因工作太忙，能否由我父母带着孩子去美国，而我们两个不去。入境时会有问题吗？谢谢回答。 > >

My sister lives in the US. She has a job there and bought a house. Her family invites us to visit them. I am too busy with my job and my husband went to the US before so we won't go this time. My daughter is only 10 years old and she has been living with my parents all the time. We want her to visit the US with my parents in this summer vacation. Last week they applied for their visas together but only my parents got visas. Visa officer said children must be taken by their parents to apply for visas. Can my husband take her to the embassy? Or it is better that I take her to your office? If my child gets a visa, can she go with my parents without my husband and I? Will they have difficulties at the port of entry? Thank you for your answer.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Answer: If your husband has traveled to the U.S. before, it would be best if he applied for your daughter (she does not have to come to the Embassy for the interview). He should submit his passport with his old U.S. visa in it, as well as any other passports he has. It would also help the visa officer to see your passports. There is no problem with your daughter traveling to the U.S. with her grandparents; the problem is that in general, the visa officer needs to know that a child's parents are qualified for a visa before issuing a visa to the child.

如果您丈夫曾经去过美国，那么最好他为您女儿申请（您女儿无须来使馆面谈）。他应该提交他的含有旧的美国签证的护照以及他的其他护照。签证官看到您的护照也会有帮助。您女儿和您父母赴美旅行不会有问题，问题是通常来讲，签证官在给孩子签发签证之前需要知道孩子的父母是否符合签证条件。

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Victor Huang: Dear Sonia Urbom, I am a Chinese semiconductor engineer at Samsung Electronics in South Korea. I have been in Korea for almost four years (2-year master courses 2-year work experience). Recently I got admission from Yale MBA program, and had my visa interview at US Embassy in Seoul. However, my visa application was rejected because "the lack of strong tie in China and Korea". Could you please tell me what kind of "strong tie" are you looking for? I sincerely do NOT have any intention to stay in USA after getting my MBA degree, but I don't have any hard evidence

to prove my "strong tie" (whatever it means). I am reapplying in Beijing next month. Could you please give me some advice of how to show my "strong tie" in China to visa officer? Thank you.

游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: Dear Victor, I know that the term "strong ties" can be confusing. This just means that according to U.S. visa law, an applicant has to prove that they have social and economic "ties" to a home outside the U.S. that they do not intend to abandon. In other words, you have to show the visa officer that your life outside of the U.S. is such that you would not have any intention of staying illegally in the U.S. "Ties" can refer to family, friends, a career, property, etc. Sometimes it is harder for applicants to qualify for a visa when they are in a third country. Just because you were refused a visa in Seoul does not mean you are not qualified for a visa. Usually, in Beijing, people going to schools like Yale do not have any problems qualifying for a visa.

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游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: > Name: Hui > Timestamp: 06-01-2008 01:43:33 >

Question:

我婆婆五月份约的面签时间是 7 月份, 想提前去签证, 不知道有没有什么渠道或者手续?

需要另外交费或者根本就不能提前? 谢谢您 > > My mother-in-law made an appointment in May but was scheduled to have her interview in July. She wants to apply for an early appointment. What are the procedures? Do we need to pay for extra fee or we cannot get an early appointment at all?

Thank you. >

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游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: Answer: Summer is a very busy time for U.S. visas. We can only grant expedited appointments for students, business travelers, or others with an urgent need to travel to the U.S. Please look at the website of the Embassy or Consulate where you live to see more information about requesting an expedited appointment. There is no fee for an early appointment.

夏季是美国签证的高峰期。我们只能为学生、商务旅行者或其他急需旅行的人提供加急预约。有关申请加急预约的更详细的信息, 请浏览美国使馆网站或您居住地的领馆网站。加急预约不收费。

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phrases: I am a postgraduate student, I will take part in an annual meeting of scientific research this July in the US., my supervisor will support me for this trip and he will go with me and he had already get his visa. My question is shall I prepare any material about my supervisor's financial certification or something like that?

游诗雅 Sonia Urbom: The most important thing is that you can explain to the visa officer who is supporting your trip and why. You are welcome to bring a letter from your supervisor and his financial information, but the visa officer probably will not ask for it.

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clueless: i am a Filipino working in china. I have a residence permit and i would like to travel and tour to US to visit my relatives. can i apply here in guangzhou. and what are the guidelines i should follow.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** You are welcome to apply for a visa any where that you live and work, but it is often harder for someone living outside of their home country to qualify for a visa. Please see our website for more information on qualifying for a B1/2 visa.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** > Name: leo2 > Timestamp: 06-01-2008 20:41:55 >

Question: 尊敬的签证官, 您好, 我想请问几个问题 >

我是 2004 年 11 月提交的亲属移民, 今年我妈妈成为了美国公民, 我的排期也就到了 2002 年的 3 月, 还有几年的时间要等, 这期间我想请问, > >

1.如果我想去美国就读, 申请留学签证的时候会不会因为有移民倾向被拒签? >

2.如果我想去看我妈妈, 能不能申请探亲的短期签证? > Dear officer: I have some questions. > I filed immigration petition in November of 2004. My mother became an American citizen this year. I still have several years to wait. If I want to study in the US, will I be presumed to be an immigrant at the time of my F-1 application? If I want to visit my mother, can I apply for a tourist visa?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: Only the visa officer who interviews you can determine whether or not you are qualified for a visa. You are right, the visa officer might consider you to be an intending immigrant and find you unqualified for a nonimmigrant visa since you have already applied for an immigrant visa. However, it depends on your whole situation. You are welcome to apply. The most important thing is to be truthful on your application and in your visa interview.

只有面谈您的签证官才能决定您是否符合签证资格。您说的是对的, 签证官可能会因为您已经申请了移民签证而认为您有移民倾向而不符合非移民签证的条件。但是, 这取决于您整体的情况。我们欢迎您申请。最重要的是在您的申请表上以及在面谈时要诚实。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** > Name: 1262

> Timestamp: 05-23-2008 11:41:16

> Question:

尊敬的签证官, 您好, 我申请的是美国商务签证, 是 4 月 9 号面试, 被通知要进行背景调查, 大约需要 1 个月, 但是现在还没有任何结果, 我想了解一下是什么原因, 谢谢您! >

> I applied for a business visa on April 9. I was told that my case needed additional administrative processing which normally takes a month. As of today, I have not yet received my visa. I want to know the reason. Thank you.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: Unfortunately, during the summer months, when many people are traveling to the U.S, administrative processing can take longer. However, it is possible that there is some problem with your application. Perhaps the Embassy is still waiting for some information from you. I suggest that you send a fax inquiring about your specific case to the Embassy or consulate where you applied. You should be able to find the fax number on our website.

很遗憾，夏季很多人都要赴美旅行，行政审批时间会稍长。但是也有可能是您的申请出了些问题。也许使馆依然在等待您提供一些信息。我建议您就自己的个案给使馆或您所申请的领馆发份传真询问一下。您可以在我们的网站上找到传真号码。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** name: John_Indiana

> Timestamp: 06-01-2008 22:41:47

> Question: 我 2006 年 7 月第一次在上海签证 F1,

今天回去后一定要在上海续签？还是可以到北京续签？家在山西。

> I applied for my F-1 visa in Shanghai for the first time in July of 2006. Do I always have to apply in Shanghai in the future? Can I apply in Beijing? My home is in Shanxi. <BR.

Answer: We always recommend that people apply for a visa in the place where they normally work and live.

我们一直推荐大家在他们通常工作和生活的领区申请。

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chloebebe: Hi, officier, I am green card holder and my husband is US citizen. My parents want to go to US to look after our children. Is it possible they can get one year travel visa? They are from Bj, and both 62 years old.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Keep in mind that a B1/2 visa is intended for short visits to the U.S. for business or tourism. Some visa officers do not consider taking care of grandchildren for one year to meet the requirements of a B1/2 visa. Your parents need to show that they do not intend to immigrate to the U.S. in order to qualify for the visa. If they do intend to immigrate to the U.S., you should consider applying for an immigrant visa for them. There is lots of information about immigrant visas on the website of our consulate in Guangzhou, which is where we process immigrant visas to the U.S. You can also get information at <http://travel.state.gov>.

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jinuliwei: i want to know if my adress was changed ,when the embassy sends me the package for me,how can i get it.can i inform them and give them my new adress? thank you very much.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** This depends on where you applied for a visa. In Beijing, your passport would be returned through the China Post office in the visa service center, so you would need to contact them.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: Holly2

Timestamp: 06-02-2008 02:28:07

Question:

有一所美国的学校邀请我的一个朋友及其太太参观校园以及商讨未来的合作发展。但是我朋友的太太是一名现役军人，不知道赴美签证上对现役军人是否有什么限制？或者特别的审查？谢谢！ A university in the US invited a friend of mine and his wife to visit their campus and negotiate their future cooperation. His wife is currently serving in army. Do you have any limitations for active army on visa policies? Or any special processings? Thank you.

ANSWER: No, we do not have any special requirements for people in the army.

不，我们对军人没有特殊要求。

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Name: woodywu Timestamp: 06-02-2008 06:05:35

Question:

我现在持有 B2 多次往返签证，在美期间，因为我太太持有 H1 签证，因此我申请了 H4 签证，移民局也给我 797 表的收据，距今 3 个月了，至今未收到 H4 的签证文件，我的 B2 签证要到期了，我还想再去美国看望我的太太，请问我是否在中国重新申请 H4？或者我继续申请我的 B2 签证？ I have a B2 visa with multiple entries. When I was in the US, I applied for an H-4 visa because my wife is an H-1. DHS issued me I-797 form. However, three month passed, I have not yet received my H-4 document. My B-2 visa will expire soon. I want to visit my wife again. Do I apply for an H-4 or a B-2 visa?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom**: Answer: It is extremely important that you do not stay illegally in the U.S. Your B2 visa was probably valid for one year, but that does not mean that you can stay in the U.S. for one year. Usually, you can stay in the U.S. only for six months, unless the immigration officer at the airport (or other port of entry) wrote in your passport that you can stay longer. Whether you apply for an H4 or B2 is up to you, but the H4 is valid for as long as your petition is valid and it is intended for people who are living in the U.S. The B2 visa is only for short-term tourists. What kind of visa you apply for depends on what you want to do in the U.S. and how long you want to stay there. I suggest you ask your wife's sponsor for assistance. If you cannot find out from the Department of Homeland Security whether or not your change of status to an H4 visa has been approved, you should leave the U.S. before you overstay the amount of time you were allowed to stay in the U.S. If you overstay, you will not be eligible for another visa.

不要在美国非法停留是极其重要的。您的 B2 签证大概一年有效，但那并不代表您可以在美国停留一年。通常您只可以在美国停留六个月，除非在机场（或入境口岸）的移民局官员在您的护照里写出您可以停留更长时间。申请 H4 或者 B2 取决于您自己，但是只要您批件有效，您的 H4 就有效，而且它是为那些在美国居住的人制定的。B2 签证只是为了

短期旅游。您申请何种类型签证取决于您想在美国做什么及您想在那儿停留多长时间。我建议您寻求您妻子的雇主的协助。如果您无法从国土安全部得知您改为 H4 身份的申请是否已经获批，您应该在允许在美停留期超期停留之前离开美国。如果您逾期停留，您将不会再得到签证。

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elaine2: Hello, I have question regarding the renewal of student visa. I'm currently a first MBA student in the US with F1 visa and will graduate in April 2009. My visa expires in June, and I'm thinking of going back to China to see my family either in the summer or during Christmas. Would there be differences in considerations for the visa renewal if I go back and apply in August or in December? Thank you very much. Elaine
游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** No, there should not be.

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wzy: What should I have before I make a visa appointment? Only a passport? My I-20 form is on the way now. Can I make a appointment with my passport and the admission letter? Thanks a lot!
游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** You must have your I20 form before your visa interview. If the I20 form comes late, you can request an expedited appointment.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Name: summer2

Timestamp: 06-02-2008 21:33:30

Question: 你好，我已经预约了 6 月 6 号的签证，但是我的 I-20 表要 6 月 7 号才到，我可以继续签证吗？我需要准备什么证明吗？

Hi. My appointment is on June 6 but my I-20 won't arrive until June 7. Can I have interview as scheduled? What certificates should I prepare?

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Answer: You must have your I20 before you can come for your appointment. You should send a fax to the Embassy or consulate where you are applying and ask to have your appointment date changed. Please see our website for more information on what students should bring to the interview: http://chinese.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv_student.html

您必须在面谈之前拿到 I-

20 表。您应该给使馆或者您将提出申请的领馆发传真要求改变预约时间。请浏览我们的网站上有关学生面谈所需文件的更多信息：http://chinese.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv_student.html

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Freyja212: There are many students who want to get their visa in Beijing. But the number of interviews are limited. Is there any possibility that the

Embassy will arrange more interviews in June? I must have visa interview before graduation from the University before July indeed. Thank you!

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Summer is always our busiest season and unfortunately, the wait for visa appointments is sometimes longer than we would like it to be. Students are always given priority for visa appointments. You can request an expedited appointment by following the directions on our website. Also, hopefully some new appointments will be available in Beijing in July and August.

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max2: Dear officer: my parents visited us in the US ten years ago. They stayed with us for two years. I am inviting them to come to visit us again. However, they no longer have the extension approvals from their last visit. What should they do? Also, do they have to have our original I-94 forms? We have been in the US for about 20 years now (we are naturalized citizens), and we couldn't find the forms. Please help.

游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** In general, applicants should always bring copies of their old passports and visa extensions to the interview. You should try contacting the Department of Homeland Security to see if they can provide copies of your parents visa extensions. If not, you should write a letter, in English, explaining when your parents were in the U.S., when they got their extension, etc. And, your parents should be ready to explain this. What is important is to demonstrate that your parents were not in the U.S. illegally. The visa officer will need to know when your parents left the U.S. and returned to China.

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游诗雅 **Sonia Urbom:** Thank you all for joining us for today's webchat. I appreciated your questions, and was sorry that I could not answer all of them. Please join us for our next webchat on June 17!

感谢大家参与今天的网谈。非常感谢您提出问题, 并对我无法回答所有问题感到抱歉。欢迎大家参加我们下次 6 月 17 日的网谈。
