

Moderator: (2011-5-3 16:09) 本次聊天的主题是"申请美国非移民签证", 请提问与此主题相关的问题. We will answer questions related to this given topic only - "Applying for Nonimmigrant Visas to the U.S."

Moderator: (16:09) 请尽量用英文提问, 我们将以英语回答您的问题. Please submit your questions in English if possible. All questions will be answered in English.

Moderator: (16:10) 请直接提交问题,我们会选择有代表性的问题在 4 日晚 7:00 集中回答。 Please submit your questions. We will answer questions that most people concern on May 4 at 7:00pm.

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (2011-5-4 19:02) Hi, everyone. This is Jamie Fouss. I'm the Chief of the Nonimmigrant Visa Unit. I am happy to answer your general questions. I'm sorry I won't be able to answer specific questions about your case. I look forward to hearing from you.

wuyuqi: (19:03) and I want to have a interview in Guangzhuo, and I have a HONGKONG document of identity for visa purposes...

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:03) If you currently live and work in Guangzhou, you are welcome to apply at the Guangzhou Consulate.

Jack: (19:05) I had applied the visa on June 28 and the visa has been approved. However, the officer request for 2 additional information, I just faxed this morning. Can I check whether you get my fax?

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:05) Thanks for your question. Please don't send us faxes. We don't want to waste paper. If you want to contact us, please use this link: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-inquiry-form.html>

dani: (19:06) hi, I have a question. I am keep fax a letter to the embassy. Why there is nobody answer me?

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:06) Please don't use the fax. It is now 2011. We prefer you use the Internet. Please go to this web site if you have case-specific questions or you need to submit more documents.

Rucker Blankenship: (19:08) Her name is Juying Sang and the case number is GUZXXXXXXX

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:08) Please, everyone, don't give us case-specific question. Remember, everyone can see your information.

周铭: (19:10) Morning! I have a question. I was born in Yunnan Province, but now I have been working in Jiangsu over 3 years. If I want to apply the visa, where should I interview?

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:10) You are welcome to apply Chengdu or any other place where the wait time is the shortest. Check here for the shortest wait time: http://beijing.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv_info.html

LOCKE: (19:12) The day of my airplane plan is on August 17,2011.and the CITIC bank helped me send my continued F1 US visa document for my second year US study to embassy on August 3.

NIV Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:12) You have plenty of time to use CITIC drop box process. Or, you can submit visa renewals through a travel agent. Please check this web site:

<http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/drop-off-service.html>

QQ: (19:14) Hello Jamie, let me repeat my question: that I have ready have the invitation letter printed from the PDF file via email, I wonder it is necessary to get the original one by post? it is the invitation letter from the academic department for a J-1 visa

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:14) We prefer to see the original invitation letter from the US. However, we can accept a printed pdf file.

QQ: (19:14) Hello, Jamie, glad you are here.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:14) Nice to meet you QQ.

huang 2: (19:16) 请问广州签证要提前多久预约?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:16) Please apply early. Our wait time is getting longer, about 20 days now. It will get longer as we go through the summer.

lishengnian: (19:17) 我不懂英文怎麽办?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:17) It is OK not to speak English. We can speak to you in Mandarin. We also have translators in Cantonese, Fujianese, Taishanese, Hakka and Shandonghua.

OU HUIPING: (19:19) 请问面谈之前需要先进行体检吗?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:19) No need for a physical checkup for a nonimmigrant visa.

JUNE: (19:22) Hey dear Jamie Fouss, I am a housewife after married. but I manage a online eshop (taobao) business in part-time. So what's I should to fill the work information of DS-160?homemaker or others? Thanks!

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:22) Thanks for your question. Please, please tell the truth when you apply. If you are a housewife or work from home, that's great. Don't make the mistake of saying you work at a company when you really don't. We often do a job check. If we find out that you don't work where you say you do, then you will be refused and barred from ever visiting the US. Please, just tell us the truth. Don't let others convince you otherwise. If you have an online shop, just put that, then be able to show how much money you typically make.

OU HUIPING: (19:24) 谢谢! 另一个问题, F1 签证需要交纳 SEVIS 费用, 是吗? 如何交纳? 网上支付吗?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:24) Click here: <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml>

lai: (19:25) Hello Jamie, My daughter , my husband and me Apply to B2 Visa. My husband and I have to make an appointment for visa. I just want to know whether my daughter need make an appointment for visa. My daughter is 4 years old.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:25) Your daughter doesn't need an appointment nor does she need to come in. Just fill out an application and bring her passport.

QQ: (19:26) thanks for your reply. and my another question is that I have already had a confirmation page of the DS-160 form, but without the photo uploaded, because the photo could not pass the test. Now I have a photo that can pass the test, should I do another DS-160 form and get another confirmation page? or just take the printed photo for the interview?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:26) I'm sorry you're having trouble uploading your photo. We've been having some technical problems. We have notified Washington and they should fix it soon. Please try again tomorrow.

1: (19:28) 你好，请问，我想去探访我的男朋友，是办理访友签证吗？我男朋友可以在美国帮我办理签证吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:28) Your boyfriend can fill out the form for you, but you still have to come in for the interview. Remember that you'll still have to show that you have sufficient reason to return to China after your trip.

OU HUIPING: (19:28) 申请 F1 签证的学生（14 岁），可以由家长代替填写 DS-160 表格吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:28) Sure, your parents can fill out the form but remember you have to verify that the information is correct.

candy: (19:30) Hello Jamie, I will visit my supplier in USA, I would like my husband and my daughter go with me for a tourism . What kind of visa should I apply? What kind of visa should my husband and daughter apply?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:30) Your husband and daughter are welcome to go with you. They can apply for B2 visas.

舒颜: (19:31) hello, Jamie, I want to know about H1B visa problems, It's my first time to conduct work visa. U.S. homeland security approved batch, and the approved I - 797 original and a certified I - 129, how do I obtain these files. It's my first time to conduct work visa. thank you

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:31) You'll get your forms from DHS. Bring them when it is time to interview.

saa: (19:32) can I book my F1 visa appointment in the Embassy in Shanghai if I live in Shandong Province?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:32) You can apply either in Beijing or wherever the wait time is the shortest.

lai: (19:34) 你好，我预约了 16 日的面谈。但是我 20 日就要去美国参加活动，我是浙江的，不属于广州领区，据我所知，贵馆是在 j 签证后 2 个工作日后拿护照，这对于我来说实在太紧了，我可以向签证官申请当日或者下个工作日拿护照吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:34) After you pass the interview, you can arrange to pick you visaed passport up from China Post.

huang 2: (19:35) 另一个问题，我女儿 15 岁，和我一起申请 B2 签证，她也要和我一起去面试吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:35) It isn't necessary. Your daughter can interview alone. Because our visa hall is small, we prefer do not allow non-applicants to come in.

candy: (19:37) If my husband or daughter's apply is refused , does it will cause my application be refused too ?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:37) Not necessarily. You should be able to show you have sufficient reason to return to China. If your husband and daughter weren't able to convince the officer they have reason to return, then maybe it might be difficult for you.

舒颜: (19:38) hi, I have a question, excuse me for short-term work visa need what documents and materials

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:38) You'll need to bring your invitation letter, your resume, and itinerary.

saa: (19:41) Yes, I know that I can pick my passport from China Post. I want to know if I can ask someone else such as my parent who will happen to be there to pick my passport for me. How long can the post office save my passport for me? Can I pick it in a week after my visa is issued?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:41) If it's not too long, you can probably pick it up from China Post. Passports that stay at China Post for a long time are eventually returned to the Consulate.

candy: (19:41) My family just got the visa to Canada , will this be helpful to get our USA visa ?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:41) It wouldn't hurt. Their immigration policy is very similar to ours.

Xing Weili: (19:43) Sorry I am a little bit late. I want to make some suggestion about application of nonimmigrant visa. I am going to participate in a short term exchange student program next month. but I have to get to Indiana this month. I got my invitation letter just a few days ago, so I have to apply for expedited interview. But the embassy rejected my application for this expedited interview. I really think

this is important to make some improvement about this procedure in the future. Maybe give us some chance to explain our case to you directly, but not through email.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:43) I am the one who approves/rejects expedite appointment requests. I don't recall seeing a J1 visa expedite request

张小姐: (19:50) 你好,我女儿今年十六岁,明年暑假想去美国旅游,旅游期间会得到美国的亲戚安排. 请问她能自己单独去办签证吗?单独出入境有问题吗?谢谢!

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:50) It's OK for her to apply alone. Please she should be able to explain what her plans are.

Xing Weili: (19:52) We have to do some clinical work in IUSM affiliated hospitals so I really need to go there earlier for orientation

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:52) It depends. Sometimes it's a B1/B2. Sometimes it's a J1. The hospital should contact DHS in the US. They should be able to help.

Fred Morgan: (19:54) Fred Morgan - US approved our document 5 months ago but has not sent it to Guangzhou. They say they are waiting for an interview. Can you explain?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:54) Fred, if this is an immigrant visa or fiancé visa, then please send your question and case number to <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn//immigrant-visa-unit-question.html>

2: (19:56) 面试的时候,存折,户口本需要原件还是复印件,谢谢?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:56) Please we need to see original documents. You might want to also have copies so you can hand to us.

saa: (19:56) 在大使馆通过安检的时候,有可以存包的地方吗?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:56) Very good question. We have a small space to store belongings. Please don't bring large bags. Also, to make the security screening go quickly, please don't bring any electronics. This only slows the

1 2: (19:57) when I call the embassy for the interview, can I fix the interview date by myself, or will the embassy give me a date? thanks

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:57) You have to call the call center. Please see our web site on how to apply.

Xing Weili: (19:59) I just received the rejection letter for my expedite request this morning. And I already wrote another letter to explain my difficulty.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (19:59) I'm sorry. We only give priority expedite appointments to J and F visa applicants or to those who are going for family emergencies. Especially when our wait times are long, we do not give expedite appointments to anyone but F and J applicants.

saa: (20:00) thank you. What identification certificate should my parent take if he wants to pick my passport in the China Post for me?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:00) I'm not exactly sure since China Post handles this. National ID card plus a note from you should be OK.

huang 2: (20:02) 谢谢您的回答！对不起，还是有点疑问，我想和我女儿（15岁），申请 B2 签证，可以预约同一天，同一个时间吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:02) Of course, you can make the appointment on the same day. You can arrange this through the Call Center when you make the appointment.

lai: (20:03) 父母和 14 周岁以下儿童同时申请旅游签证，儿童免面谈，儿童是要另外单独申请还是可以直接由父母把材料带过去，据我所知成都是要单独申请的，沈阳不要，不知道贵馆的政策是怎么样的，谢谢

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:03) When the parents apply, please bring the children's applications.

高乐 2: (20:05) I am a postgraduate student from Ghana on both Chinese government scholarship and Ghanaian gov scholarship and been in Guangzhou for almost two years with residence permit. am left with almost another two years to finish. My question am being invited by my brother I the US for summer vacation, can I apply for US visa in Guangzhou or I have to go back to Ghana to apply and if I can what are some of the documents I should provide looking at my situation. Thank you very much for this forum.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:05) You are welcome to apply. However, it is often difficult to get a visa when you are a student who is studying here in China because we cannot assess your ties to your home country.

1: (20:06) I want to know if I want to visit America in July 1st, when should I start with the visa application?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:06) You should apply within the next week. Remember, the wait time gets longer during the summer.

OU HUIPING: (20:06) I want to know if I want to visit America in July 1st, when should I start with the visa application?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:06) You should apply within the next week. Remember, the wait time gets longer during the summer.

Ling Lin: (20:06) I want to know if I want to visit America in July 1st, when should I start with the visa application?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:06) You should apply within the next week. Remember, the wait time gets longer during the summer.

lai: (20:09) 和签证官面谈大约需要多少时间啊？等候需要多少时间？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:09) Please come at your respective appointment time. You might have to wait in line for about an hour -- going through security and then document intake, fingerprinting and interview. The interview is usually quite short, a few minutes, no more than 5.

lai: (20:09) If I pass the interview, Can I let my husband to get my visa passport? If yes, please kindly to tell me what documents need to take with my husband. Thank you.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:09) Yes, he can pick it up from China Post.

郭仕斌: (20:13) 三次被拒签后我都灰心了，圣经上的一句名言：“反寻求的就得着，凡敲门的就给你开门”给了我信心，我相信基督耶稣，有他的指引，我又预约了5月9号的签证。

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:13) You are always welcome to reapply. However, since you have already been refused 3 times, you should be able to explain to the officer what has changed since the last interview. The more you apply and get refused, it makes it harder to get the visa the next time.

WANG BIN: (20:15) My passport number: GXXXXXXX, I apply for VISA B1 23 days ago, VO gave me a white paper to email guangzhounivi@state.gov materials. I did as she said, but I didn't get any reply now. My academic conference is urgent. Please can you help me to check the state of my administrative process?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:15) Typically it takes 3-4 weeks to get a response. We don't typically answer inquiries for cases that are less than 4 weeks. I'm sorry, but you'll just have to wait. If, after 4 weeks, you can contact us again.

SUKI: (20:15) I am studying aboard in U.S right now, I will go back to China for visiting this summer, but my F1 visa had already expired. What kind of material I should prepare for renew my F1 visa?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:15) Bring your transcripts and proof that you are a continuing student.

Brian: (20:16) After acceptance of application of I-129F how long does it take for notice of either petitioner or beneficiary to know the next step. There is also an expiration date, why I don't know? My fiancée is located in Guangzhou I am from the USA. Please explain the times we have to wait and for what?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:16) Please direct your question to the immigrant visa office: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn//immigrant-visa-unit-question.html>.

tian chao zheng 2: (20:18) hello honorific officer. I will go to the United States in June or July. How to apply B2 visa (such as first step should I do ,next step should I do ...),and what key document should I prepare? if all pass ,how long it will take ? thank you very much.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:18) Hello, Tian Chaozheng. Please see our web site for information on how to apply. <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-application-procedures.html>

袁汉文: (20:19) 您好，我叫袁汉文。在 2011 年 5 月 3 号面谈完美国 F1 类型签证，现在有些疑问希望你们帮忙解答一下，谢谢！在面谈过程中，签证官要了我的 I20，个人简历，导师简历，现在的工作证明，托福、GRE 等成绩单，这些资料。还给了我一张白色的 A4 纸，上面列出要再提供个人的详细简历，详细的访美日程表，所参加会议将要讨论的议题，以及所要进行项目的完整说明和美国导师的简历。但是，后来签证官又给了一张蓝色的小纸条说通过了，我不知道这样算不算通过？还是被 CHECK 了，然后需要提供白色 A4 纸所说的补充材料？如要提供的话，如果提供给你们？是直接通过邮件发电子版的给你们还是传真给你们，谢谢！如果是被 CHECK 了，大概要多长时间才可以 CLEAR？因为，我现在打算买机票了。麻烦尽快告知我这些信息，非常感谢！PS: 蓝色指条上的号码是 0044532

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:19) Please read the paper the officer gave you. It has the instructions on what to do next. It typically takes 3-4 weeks. Please don't buy your ticket until we have returned the passport to you.

吴晨熙: (20:20) hello, I'm a student in Xiamen University. This summer I will go to America for the "NC State University Summer Academic Program". But I don't know which type of visa should I apply for. B or J?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:20) That should probably be a B visa.

tianchaozheng: (20:21) hello honorific officer. IF my visa application does not pass, will the visa charge be refunded?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:21) I'm sorry Tian Chaozheng, we can't refund the application fee.

Suri Xia: (20:21) And what if I just discover that my home address that is list on my previous visa application has a translate mistake, will I be able to change at the upcoming visa application and will that effect my Visa application, since is difference than the previous one?

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:21) Yes, you can just provide us with the correct address when you fill in the DS-160 form.

陈辛: (20:23) I am currently in USA with F1 visa. And I am coming back to visit in the coming summer. I heard that it is suggested to make an appointment for the interview as early as students can, regarding the tie schedule of consulate general. I am wondering if it is all right, if I make an appointment one month before I travel back. Thank you.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:23) No need to make an appointment. *Returning students* are required to use our drop box program. We have several options, some through CITIC and others through travel agents. Check out this web site. <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/drop-off-service.html>

quinten: (20:24) 请问一下，我和我妻子预备申请去美旅游，我们的户籍是在成都，但我们一直在深圳工作，这样的情况下，我们可以在广州总领事馆申请 B1/B2 VISA 吗

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:24) You can apply at the consulate closest to where you normally live or at the consulate/embassy where the wait time is the shortest.

焦怡倩: (20:25) 有人在吗？我想问一下，我需要在五月是二十号去美国，但是现在开始申请签证已经要排到六月份了，可不可以直接申请加急签证？申请加急签证的流程是什么？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:25) You can visit this link: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-inquiry-form.html>

HELEN: (20:33) 您好！去年 8 月以 J-1 的签证到了美国，现在已成功申请到了美国一所大学，预计今年 6 月中旬回国重新办理 F-1 的签证，因为是户籍是湖南，第一次签证是在北京办理的面签，由于有家人居住广东深圳，想第二次面签在广州办理可以吗？

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:33) You can use the CITIC drop box. Please see our web site: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/approved-drop-off-service-providers.html>. It takes about a week or two to get your passport back.

Non-immigrant Visa Section Chief Jamie Fouss: (20:34) OK, everyone. Thanks for your very good and interesting questions. Please remember to apply early. And don't give us fake information or fake documents. Don't make the mistake of getting permanently barred from entering the US if we catch you in a lie. Tell the truth. The truth shall set you free.