

Moderator: (2010-2-2 09:59) 本次聊天的主题是"最新非移民签证 DS-160 电子申请程序", 请提问与此主题相关的问题. We will answer questions related to this given topic only - "New DS-160 Process for Non-immigrant Visas".

Moderator: (09:59) 请尽量用英文提问, 我们将以英文回答您的问题. Please submit your questions in English if possible. All questions will be answered in English.

Moderator: (09:59) 请直接提交问题, 我们会选取有代表性的问题在 2 月 22 日下午 3:30 集中回答. Please submit your questions. We will answer questions that most people concern on Feb 22, 3:30pm.

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (2010-2-22 15:25) Hello everyone! My name is Booyeon Lee Allen, a visa officer specializing in student visas. I am here today with Tom Leiby, a visa officer currently in charge of the new DS160 application roll-out. We're excited to be here to answer any questions you may have about this new process.

Jimmy Go: (15:28) hi, right now I am working in US under H1B visa and my visa will expire this February. I am planning to travel to China this April and considering to renew my H1B visa in China. I am not a Chinese citizen and my nationality is Indonesia. I would like to know if there is potential problem if I renew my H1B visa in China instead of Indonesia. Thanks

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:28) Hi Jimmy, please feel free to renew your visa in China. Under U.S. immigration law, you are allowed to apply or renew your non-immigration visa at out-of-districts Consulates. When you fill out the DS-160, make sure you select the right consulate in China, because selecting the wrong location would route your application to the wrong database.

He, Liyan: (15:34) Would you please tell me what is different from the old DS-156 and new DS-160? Do I continue to use the old DS-156 for Non-immigrant visa application?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:34) Hi Liyan, the only difference is that DS160 is online. We strongly encourage you to use the new application form after March 1. The only thing that changes is that the form will become paperless. The application procedure remains the same.

JF1228: (15:42) WHAT'S DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DS160 AND DS 156,157?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:42) Hi JF1228, DS-156, 157 and 158 have all been combined to create the DS160. The only difference is that the DS160 application is online.

emma: (15:43) Do F-1 students need to fill out this form?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:43) Hi Emma, yes, F1 applicants must fill out the DS160

Jayson Wu: (15:44) Shall I submit DS-157 or DS-160 when I make application of B1 visa in Jan.2010

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:44) Hi Jayson, we accept both DS157 and DS160 now, but beginning Mar. 1, we will only accept DS160.

赵琳: (15:53) 您好! 我想问一下 D 类签证是什么签证?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:53) D visas are for seafarer or pilots. But currently, in China, we issue C-1/D visas, which combines the D visa with the transit visa.

vc: (15:53) 你好, 请问 160 表, 是什么时候开始要使用。我将要在本月去签证。

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:53) You can begin using the DS160 form now; we accept them.

Johnson: (15:54) i know it is not related to the topic here, but could you please tell me is there any news about V92 visa. my family took the V92 interview in July. it has been half a year now and we did not get a single piece of answer from the consulate. is there any way that we could make the visa processing quicker? thank you.

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:54) I'm sorry, we are unable to look up your cases here. Please contact our DHS office.

Hovey Kang: (15:56) Accounts in Jiangxi, can not go to the Guangzhou consulate visa?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:56) Hovey, you can still apply out-of-district. Meaning, even if you live in Jiangxi, you can apply for your visa in Guangzhou. However, when you fill out the DS160, you must select the Consulate at which you are scheduled to interview.

张雪: (15:56) Must this new form be finished with 15 minutes?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:56) No, there's no time limit.

张雪: (15:57) After printing the confirmation page, is it a must to write the home address and name in Chinese?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:57) No, your name should already be on the confirmation page and there's no need to add any other information.

tiger: (15:59) 需要短期在美国工作``要签什么类别的签证?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (15:59) Work visas in the U.S. must be petitioned by the employer. There are many different kinds, including H and L visas. Please refer to this page on our Web site for more information: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-visa-types.html>

一一: (16:01) student visa must fill the DS-160?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:01) Hi! Yes, student visas require the DS-160 beginning March 1

Frank: (16:03) My son is a F-1 student. I am going to see him and have a travel with him in June in US. Which Visa must I apply for? What documents must I provide to you?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:03) Hello Frank! B1/B2 is the visa you would apply for. Please bring a copy of your son's visa, family registry or photos of your son over time to confirm your relationship to the child, and any other information you believe the visa officer may need to make certain that you will return to China.

leven: (16:04) If i've already made an appointment with the previous confirmation number, but after that, I get another number. Because everytime you access ceac and change one detail, you'll get a different confirmation number. So if i go for the interview with the new number, will it be a problem?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:04) Hi, it won't be a problem, as long as you bring in the confirmation page associated with the latest and corrected version of the application.

黄晓军: (16:06) When will the application form DS-160 be used in mainland, China?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:06) DS-160 will be used in all U.S. Consulates and the U.S Embassy beginning March 1.

ji: (16:07) What are the requirements to obtain the visa?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:07) Please see this page for more information on requirements; <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-visa-types.html>

blue sky: (16:07) How do I apply for U.S. refugee in China?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:07) Please contact our DHS office. <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/cis.html>

Yang Bin: (16:08) and also the exhibition will be held at Apr 27, 2010. What documents we should have ?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:08) Hello, Yang Bin! Since the exhibition is scheduled for April 27, 2010, then you and your colleagues should apply for a B1/B2 visa using the DS-160 application. On the day of your interview, you should bring the invitation letter, proof of employment and income, and other documents that demonstrate your social and economic ties to China.

sukunami: (16:10) 家属在国外生病，申请出国探望的话，是对方申请比较好还是由自己申请比较好？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:10) To visit your relative, you'd apply for a B1/B2 visa, and for this classification, a petitioner is not required. You may apply on your own. Please see this Web site for more information: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/cis.html>

林建圣: (16:10) 请问以后是否所有非移民签证都改以 DS-160 电子签证程序申请？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:10) Yes!

林建圣: (16:11) 请问改以 ds-160 电子签证之后，签证费用是否会更改？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:11) Currently, the visa fee is \$131. But, we are expecting the fee to increase.

吴丽萍: (16:14) 请问怎么申请非移民签证, 有哪些文件需要填写? 多长时间可以安排签证面试。

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:14) In order to apply for a non-immigration visa, please fill out the DS160 application form online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>. Currently, there is no wait time to get an interview.

刘吴: (16:14) 我是中国公民,但我孩子是在美国出生的(2009年2月27号),孩子一直在美国,现在孩子要办理护照,孩子的妈妈寄回一份表格要我到美国驻中国大使馆填报,不知道要不要预约?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:14) Hello! Please make an appointment with American Citizen Services at the embassy or consulate where you'll be applying for your child's passport.

Tina: (16:16) When will DS-160 Process be used in Beijing ?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:16) Hello, Tina! Beijing -- and other consulates throughout China -- are ready to accept DS-160 applications. However, after March 1, using the DS-160 application will be mandatory.

唐文: (16:16) 李小姐: 本人今天很高兴能够和妳在此得到联系, 请问可以申请难民庇护吗?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:16) Please contact our DHS office: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/cis.html>

Yiping Han: (16:18) Hello! I'm going to apply H1B visa in Beijing embassy next Monday. Should I use the new DS-160 form or the old DS-156/157 forms? Thanks~

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:18) Hello, we accept both the DS156 and DS160 forms until March 1. Then we begin only accepting DS160.

Summer: (16:20) What does DS160 mean? Does it mean students will not have to fill DS 156、 DS157 and DS 158 and just fill one application form -DS160?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:20) Hello, Summer! Yes, that's correct -- instead of filling out the DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158, students will only need to complete the DS-160. The DS-160 replaces all of these old application forms.

Eva: (16:22) Hi, I have been accepted by 2 universities. One is conditional offer and the other one is unconditional, I prefer the conditional one because it is a better university. However, would that influence my rate of success in obtaining my F-1 visa?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:22) Hello Eva! Congratulations on your acceptance to the universities! Visa officers require an I-20 from the university you plan on attending. Whether the offer was a conditional or unconditional one is irrelevant for us. Good luck!

Xiaoling Shank : (16:24) if a person has failed to print out her DS169 and yet got the confirmation letter, should she fill out another DS160 since she has no paper version of her DS160 that she applied? thank you....

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:24) Hello! If the DS-160 was saved to your computer, then you can re-submit your application to receive a new confirmation page. This confirmation page is required because the consulate needs it to access your application.

jinglin: (16:25) my son is 13.he want to go to USA on his own to see his uncle from Jul. to Sep.2010. because he is short of 14,and this is the first time for him to go to USA,面签要他本人独自去? 还是家长陪同? 还是只需家长代签?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:25) Hello, you are right. Since he is not yet 14, and we do not require fingerprints from him, he technically does not need to be there at the interview. Often, parents come to apply on behalf of the child. I would recommend that you accompany your son to the interview so that the visa officer could better understand the circumstances around your son's travel.

Xiaoling Shank : (16:26) for B2 visa, should a 12-year-old be accompanied by the person who has the custody at the time of interview at the Embassy?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:26) Yes, it is better if a minor is accompanied by an adult.

Charlene: (16:27) F1 applicants should fill out only one form DS160?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:27) Hello, Charlene! Yes, F1 applicants only need to complete the DS-160 application. However, on the day of the interview, they also need to bring their I-20, which demonstrates that they have been accepted to attend a U.S. college. The DS-160 application does NOT replace the I-20.

Charlene: (16:28) my parents are coming to see me in the US.But our information are not in the same family registry.What should I do to prove my relationship with my parents?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:28) Hi Charlene. Are you a student in the U.S.? If you are, it would help for them to have a copy of your visa. Your birth certificate and photos showing a progression of time are also helpful.

lily: (16:29) Regarding the DS-160, we fill it out online, can we also print them out? Do we need to bring it to the appointment?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:29) Hello, Lily! After you complete the DS-160, you'll be asked to print a confirmation page, which will contain a barcode. On the day of the interview, please bring the confirmation page with you. The consulate needs the confirmation page in order to access your application.

wang: (16:29) 我今天收到美国邮寄的 DS-2019 表,请问如果后天预约签证的话,最快能预约到什么时候?我是否需要填 DS-160 表?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:29) You must fill out the DS160 form first. Then when you make an appointment with the call center, please provide them with your confirmation number. Within a few days, you should be able to get an interview.

nangongyi: (16:32) Could I fill out the DS160 again online if I find that I make a mistake after I submit my DS160 online?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:32) Hello! If you discover that you made a mistake after submitting the DS-160, you can access your DS-160 -- which you can save to your computer -- and make the necessary corrections before submitting it again. However, on the day of your interview, be sure to bring the confirmation page that corresponds with the corrected version of your DS-160.

mike: (16:33) I tried to fill a DS160 form by myself but I cant submit to the net step, can you tell me why??

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:33) Hello, Mike! The DS-160 won't allow you to continue to the next step if there are errors. The DS-160 will notify you of the errors, and will ask you to correct them before continuing on with your application.

wang ying: (16:34) 请问我是申请美国留学签证，我在 2010.2 月存入人民币 69 万元存在中国银行我的名字下面，那我我计划在 2010.3 月递交我的申请到广州领事馆，可以吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:34) Hello Wang Ying, in order to qualify for a student visa, you must show that you are a legitimate student, have minimum level of preparation, have sufficient funds for the education and you intend to return. By "sufficient funds" we must ascertain at the time of the interview that you, your parent or your sponsor have enough cash to cover the first year of your education and consistent source of income to pay for the rest of your education. To that end, you must show that your parents have had a consistent source of income, and high savings. Simply showing a recent deposit of funds does not necessarily help your case.

CITS OF ZHONGSHAN: (16:36) Dear Officer! I'd like to ask three questions: One, Do I need to print the photo for the applicaiton? Two, the applicants only submit the confirmation form when they come to consulate? Thank you for you attention!

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:36) Hello! The confirmation page will include a photo of yourself. However, we require that all applicants bring in a passport-sized photo of themselves on the day of the interview. Why? If we believe that the photo uploaded on the DS-160 is of a poor quality, then we'll use the photo that you bring to scan it into our system. And when applicants come to the consulate for their interview, they need to bring their confirmation page, passport, and other supporting documents demonstrating their social and economic ties to China.

jinglin: (16:36) DS160 表格需要填写的内容都是大写字母表示的，如 ROAD，而填不上 Road？这正常吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:36) Hello, capitalization shouldn't affect the application.

wang: (16:37) 正版光盘可以携带到美国么?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:37) Sure.

jeff: (16:38) 申请美国签证，要求护照有效期至少多久?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:38) If the passport expires less than six months from the date of the interview, we cannot accept your passport.

ouyang: (16:38) 我问的问题为何不回我了，DS160 表不上传相片可以?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:38) Hello, you must upload your photo on your DS-160.

sunny: (16:39) Hi, I want to ask how to sign? Do I need to print the application form first, then sign on the document?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:39) Hello, Sunny! With the DS-160, only an e-signature is required. (You're not required to physically sign any form.) By submitting an e-signature, you agree that the information contained in the DS-160 is true to the best of your knowledge.

s: (16:41) 我的儿子在美国留学的，但他的签证快过期了，他想续签，可以将他的签证寄回中国让中信银行办理代签吗？然后我再把护照寄回给他，这样子可以吗？或者说可以在美国境内办理签证延期吗？谢谢

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:41) Hello S. The visa expiration date only matters if your child needs to come back to China. He will need to renew his visa before returning to the U.S. If he continually stays in the U.S. for the entire period of his studies, he does not need to renew his visa. He is "in status" and legally allowed to live in the U.S. for as long as he is enrolled in his school.

jeff: (16:41) So, when i finish the DS-160 i just need to print a pice of paper contain code number, and bring it with my printed photo,right? The printed photo must come from the upload-photo?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:41) Hello, Jeff! On the day of your interview, you need to bring the confirmation page, passport, and any supporting documents demonstrating strong social and economic ties to China. And yes, please bring a passport-sized photo with you. The passport-sized photo must have been taken within the last six months.

Charlene: (16:41) 取得签证后，我可以在多长限期内离境去美国？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:41) The tourist/business visas (B1/B2) is typically for 3 to 6 months or less. The immigration officer at the port of entry in the U.S. will decide your duration.

彭思萍: (16:43) do we need to submit another photo?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:43) Hello! The DS-160 requires that you upload a photo, but the consulate also requires that you bring a passport-sized photo with you on the day of the interview.

pure: (16:44) 您好！请问为什么要换新的表格呢？对于一些不懂电脑，而且不会英文的人，这个表格就无法独立完成了。

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:44) Hello! The new system begins on March 1. You may get help in filling out the application form. If you do, however, please make sure to indicate on the form that someone else filled it out for you.

xyli: (16:44) To safety visa appliation, can we fill in both DS-156/DS 157 and DS-160 at same time?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:44) Hello! No, you cannot complete both applications at the same time. However, we encourage you to begin using the DS-160 now.

kitty: (16:46) I'm apply B visa, for the country what I've been including the country i've been just for flight transfer transfer ?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:46) Hi Kitty, I believe you are referring to the question about previous countries you have visited. A transit is not considered prior travel.

cutebaby: (16:46) You said the new form becomes paperless, do you mean that I don't need to print the form out? Thanks.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:46) Hello! Although the DS-160 is entirely online, you still need to print a confirmation page after submitting the DS-160 online. On the day of the interview, you need the bring the confirmation page with you to the consulate.

qianming: (16:46) 请问 160 表与 156 表有什么不同，中文电码是必须填的吗？

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:46) Hi, the only difference is that the DS160 form is entirely paperless and online. And no, you do need the four digit code for your Chinese name.

QIAN XIAOMEI: (16:50) Hello! For the meterial requirements of B2 visa , is there any differernce?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:50) Hello -- the requiremetns for the B2 visa has not changed at all. Only the form has.

Howard Wayne Land: (16:50) I went to your website to begin the DS-160 process, but could not find the starting point. there was picture of Booyeon Allen and that she would help answer questions. I have married Chinese citizen and want to get her and her son a visa to the USA. My mother is 91 years old, and not doing well, and I would like to get visa as soon as possible to take them to visit my mother before she dies. Please tell me what I can do to expedite this process. I have been on line to try to find how to start, but have not been able to bring up the forms to start the process. I called by phone, but was told to go to the internet. Please help me get started.

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:50) Hello, Howard. You can access the DS-160 by going to the following link: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/visa-application-form2.html>. You can also request for an

expedited interview date. You can do so by going to the following link: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/niv-expedited-visa-interview-requests.html>

xl: (16:51) urgent!! If I don't print the confirmation right after I receive it, how can I find it and print it later?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:51) Unfortunately, you must print the confirmation page immediately after you've filled out the form. You may have to fill out the application form again.

kico: (16:52) Is the new system applicable to F1 visa? and when it will bring into effect? THK

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:52) Yes, the new system applies to F1 visas. We are accepting DS160 now, and our entire system will shift to the new system on March 1.

Andrew DiSanto 2: (16:52) Will the DS-160 be required for K-1 Visa Applicants and K-2 Visa Applicants? Should DS-160 forms be submitted in addition to the forms typically required for K1/K2 Applicants?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:52) Hello, Andrew! Technically, K-1/K-2 visas fall under immigrant visas. Since the DS-160 only applies to non-immigrant visas, then the DS-160 isn't required for K-1/K-2 visa applicants.

deva: (16:53) how would the new form would affect people who apply visa through china citic bank whose visa expired less than 12 month?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:53) Hi Deva, the Citic Drop box system will not change. When you make an appointment, just give them your confirmation code. Then instead of the 3-page DS-156 form, provide them with the confirmation page and your passport. Everything else stays the same.

Xiaoling Shank : (16:53) officer Tom, what if she can not retrieve her DS160 that she failed to print out, she has to fill out another one? thank you..

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:53) If she didn't save her DS-160 to her computer, then she needs to complete and submit a new DS-160. After submitting the new DS-160, she should immediately print the confirmation page.

虹漪: (16:54) the visa mailing address: i don't think we ever use the home or another address in English within China. Can i put in the Chinese address instead?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:54) Hello, you must fill out the form in English.

虹漪: (16:54) about the occupation: if i am a retired teacher with income, shall i choose the "education" and then still write out the school and monthly income?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:54) Please select "retired" then under income, please fill in your monthly pension.

虹漪: (16:56) about family info: if my parents are deceased, still need their names and birthdates?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:56) Even if they're deceased, divorced or widowed, you must provide the names of family members as required.

曹晶: (16:56) Can I apply the New DS-160 process for Non-immigrant Visa now or I have to wait for March First?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:56) Yes! You may use the new form now!

Zhang Xue: (16:56) I know after submission of DS-160, I can not make any changes. Well, If I want to do some correction, what shall I do? Fill the form once again?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:56) Hello! If you saved your DS-160 to your computer, then you can re-access it and make the necessary corrections before submitting it again. A new confirmation page with a new bar code will be created for you. Bring that confirmation page with you on the day of your interview.

fc: (16:57) and for parents who can not speack English, can I fill out the form online, print it out and send back to China?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:57) You may print out the confirmation page and send it to your parents to bring to the interview. But you must indicate on the form that you helped fill out the form.

lincy: (16:58) Hello, sorry for trouble you, I would like to ask that if the DS156.157.158 will not be used after March 2010? And do I need to print out the DS160 form after I complete it online?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:58) Yes, that's correct. After completing the DS-160 online, you only need to print the confirmation page.

马迎梅: (16:58) Weather I could make an appointment without getting my metriculation letter but I have already knew that I have been accepted by the School in USA?

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (16:58) Hi, congratulations on your admission. We require the I-20 issued by the school on the day of the interview. Even if you don't have the acceptance letter, make sure you have your I-20.

Zhao Zhengmei: (16:58) Would you please tell me after we filling in the DS-160, do we need to print all the form out to bring with us when we go to meet the visa officer?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (16:58) No, you only need to print the confirmation page. We will already have access to your DS-160.

xyli: (17:00) Hi, I am in preparing for the US VISA today . which form should be used under this situation?

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (17:00) We encourage you to begin using the DS-160 now.

Yin Limin: (17:00) Is it possible to provide sample of DS-160 to us for reference? thank you!

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (17:00) Please go to this site: <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/cis.html>

Xiaoling Shank : (17:02) oops, ^_^, she DID print out and HAS the confirmation page, she just didn't print out the DS 160 FORM itself, in this case, does she have to fill out another DS160 online? THANK YOU..

Visa Officer Tom Leiby: (17:02) No, she doesn't need to print out the DS-160 form itself. We will already have access to her DS-160 on our computers at the consulate.

Visa Officer Booyeon Allen: (17:03) Thanks for joining us everyone! We are planning more outreach events about the DS160 system, so please keep checking our Web site at <http://guangzhou.usembassy-china.org.cn/index.html>