



Information to apply for a United States' nonimmigrant visa
Guayaquil Consular District



GENERAL INFORMATION AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where should I apply for a nonimmigrant visa? Applicants living in the provinces of Azuay, Cañar, El Oro, Galapagos, Guayas, Loja, Los Rios, Manabi, Santa Elena, and Zamora Chinchipe are part of the Guayaquil Consular District and must schedule an appointment at the US Consulate in Guayaquil.

All nonimmigrant visa applicants must schedule their appointments through the Visa Information Service (VIS)

Before you can schedule an appointment with the VIS, you must obtain a PIN number:

There is a \$12 fee to obtain a PIN number. There are two ways to obtain a PIN number:

-Pay the \$12 fee at any branch of Banco de Guayaquil. Keep the receipt you will receive from the bank as you will need it when you call the VIS; **or**

-Call the VIS at one of the phone numbers listed below and select the option to pay by Visa or Master Card. Be sure to write down the PIN number when it is given to you.

Note: *You can use one PIN number to schedule up to 5 appointments for family members living in the same household.*

After obtaining a PIN number, call the VIS at one of the following numbers Monday-Friday 8:00AM-6:00PM (closed on Ecuadorian holidays):

In Ecuador: 1-800-010-145

In the U.S.: 1-800-919-5290

Provide your PIN number and an operator will provide information and schedule the date and time of your interview.

Before you arrive for your interview, you must pay a visa fee at a branch of the Banco de Guayaquil in one of the provinces belonging to the Guayaquil consular district. Your receipt is the proof of payment and must be presented at the Consular Section when you come for your interview. On the day of your appointment, it is important to arrive on time, and bring all relevant documents with you (see the back of this page). Please do not come more than **30 minutes** early. The waiting time at the Consular Section is approximately two hours.

Which form should I fill out? All applicants must fill out the DS-160 form in **English**, which can be obtained by logging on to:

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

The form must be completed on-line (Internet), following all instructions. Please **print out the confirmation page which contains a bar code** and bring this page to the interview. It is no longer necessary to print out the application form.

You must answer **all** sections of the DS-160 form in **English**. **If there are questions left blank or answered in Spanish, the application will not be processed and you will have to reschedule your appointment.**

Children under 18 must come with their parents, and must bring their original birth certificates. Parents must bring their passports if they have valid visas. Parents or legal guardians do NOT need to schedule an appointment, unless they are applying for a visa.

Picking up Passports: If the visa is approved, the passport will be ready within six to eight business days from the issuance date. DHL will send the passport to the address provided by the applicants or to the office of DHL nearest the applicant's city of residence. A DHL representative is located at Jose de Antepara Street #802 between 9 de Octubre Avenue and Primero de Mayo Street (next to Sweet and Coffee). For delivery to the applicants address, or the one indicated, DHL will charge US\$9.00 for the first passport and US\$2.00 for each additional passport. Applicants who wish to have their passports delivered to a DHL office will be charged US\$7.00 for the first passport and US\$2.00 for each additional passport. DHL will only accept cash payments.

For questions regarding delivery of the passports please contact DHL at 04-2598600 in Guayaquil.

Web page: <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov>

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VISA REQUIREMENTS

A) Any applicant must present:

1. Valid Passport. Passport **with a validity of no less than six months after the date of exit from the United States**
2. Form DS-160, completed on-line by logging into our web site.
3. Recent photograph, not Polaroid nor scanned, good quality, with a white background, 5cm x 5cm (measuring from the top of the head to the chin 3.5 cm and 2.5 cm. wide). Applicants should not wear glasses or hats for the photographs.
4. Payment receipt ticket, depending on the type of visa for which you are applying (\$140 for tourist visas)
5. Prior Passports, if they contain a prior visa to the U.S.
6. Original Birth Certificate for minors under age 18, and passports for both parents only if they have valid visas for the U.S.
7. Original Marriage Certificate if applies.

B) Student (F), (M) or exchange (J) visas:

1. Documents mentioned in section A
2. US\$140 payment receipt ticket.
3. I-20 form (students) or DS-2019 form (exchange visitors).
4. SEVIS fee receipt. For more information please visit www.fmjfee.com.
5. Proof that the parent or sponsor has ready access to funds sufficient to pay the first year costs as given on the I-20 form.

C) Working visas (H, L, O, P, Q):

1. Documents mentioned in section A
2. US\$150 payment receipt ticket.
3. Original Form I-797 approved by the Immigration Service in the US (USCIS)
4. Economic Support (exception for H1B or L1 visa applicants, who only need to present an approved original Immigration form I-797 and a copy form the package presented to the USCIS offices).

Applicants presenting blanket petitions for L1 visas must also pay USD\$500 at the Consulate on the day of the interview.

D) K Visas

K visa applicants must contact the VIS at **1-800-010-145 in Ecuador**, or **1-800-919-5290 in the U.S.**, in order to receive instructions. They should indicate the type of visa for which they are applying. Please bring the US\$350 payment receipt ticket.

NOTE: We encourage visa applicants to bring documents to the interview that may help demonstrate their qualifications for a visa. Applicants should be aware, however, that supporting documents do not by themselves provide a basis for visa issuance. A consular officer may determine an applicant's visa eligibility based on information provided during the interview and on the application forms, without referring to the supporting documents.

IMPORTANT: *Please be advised that on the day of the interview, applicants will only be allowed to enter with your passport and the documents which support your visa application. You are not permitted to bring purses, bags or backpacks. You may not enter with cellular telephones, cigarettes, lighters, matches, food, beverages, photographic or electronic equipment, or weapons. These articles will be retained while access.*

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9 de Octubre y Garcia Moreno
Guayaquil, Ecuador

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