



American Consulate General, Mumbai, India

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: 55/2012

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates

POSITION: Visa Assistant; BLA-311025; FSN-1415-07
(Personal Services Agreement)

OPENING DATE: September 11, 2012

CLOSING DATE: September 25, 2012

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – Grade: FP-07
Ordinarily Resident (OR) – Grade: FSN-07*
* starting salary will be determined on the basis of qualification and
experience, and/or salary history

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (see Appendix A) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The American Consulate General in Mumbai is seeking an individual for the position of “Visa Assistant” in the Immigrant Visa Unit of the Consular Section.

Applicants must apply on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form and specify the vacancy announcement number. Applications not completed on U.S. Mission Application Employment Form, or without reference to a specific vacancy number will not be accepted. Only completed forms will be accepted (refer to application procedure below).

Only shortlisted applicants will be called for the interview.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Incumbent assists in the Immigrant Visa (IV) Unit, consisting of a Senior Visa Specialist, two Senior Visa Assistants and eleven Immigrant Visa assistants responsible for processing 20,000 immigrant, fiancé, and K visa applications annually. Annually, the unit also handles a number of returning resident applications and boarding foils. Incumbent performs a full range of duties in the IV unit including checking documents submitted by pending immigrant visa applicants, organize and track visa requests according to a relatively complicated set of laws and procedures so that a Consular Officer can make decisions and ensures that the legal requirements of the application have been met. Incumbent attends to applicant inquiries; prints, QAes and packs the immigrant visas, files immigrant visa cases received from NVC,

drafts memos for transferring or returning petitions, as appropriate, to different posts or NVC and interprets for Consular Officers as required.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

1. Completion of University Degree (Humanities / Science / Commerce)
2. Two years of experience in consular work or relevant work experience involving customer service and / or office clerical work, involving contact with public.
3. Level IV (fluency) in English (speaking/reading/writing). Level IV (fluency) in Telugu (Speaking) and Level III (good working knowledge) in Hindi (speaking/reading/writing) is required. **(when applying for the position, please indicate your level of proficiency for the language)**
4. Knowledge of U.S Immigrant visa laws and regulations, procedures and instructions, including 9 FAM, State Department ALDACS and consular SOPs. Knowledge of pertinent Indian laws, customs, religions and other local factors affecting visa eligibility. Knowledge of visa printing process, working knowledge of IV software and the Consular Consolidated Database. Knowledge of general principles of filing, general office procedures. Understand and adhere to established controls over the custody and processing of visa foils. Understands the concept of principle of accountability.
5. Typing/keyboard proficiency is required. Ability to work under pressure, good judgment in evaluating evidence and in applying highly complex regulatory material, staying abreast of constantly changing laws and regulations, including introduction of new technologies. Incumbent must have computer skills knowledge and use of Microsoft Office software (Word and Excel).

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed U.S. Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (DS-174) is available on our website http://mumbai.usconsulate.gov/human_resources.html **or**
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); **or**
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1- 24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; **plus**
4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g., essays, certificates, awards) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO

American Consulate General
Attention: The Management Officer
C-49, "G"-Block
Bandra-Kurla Complex
Bandra (East)
Mumbai 400 051.

POINT OF CONTACT

Human Resources Office
Tel: (022) 2672-4000 Extn.: 4471/4354/4797
Fax: (022) 2672-4584
E-mail: MumbaiHRCareer@State.gov

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: September 25, 2012

The U.S. Mission in Mumbai provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

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[Appendix A](#)

DEFINITIONS

1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM)**: An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#));
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.

2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM)**: For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; and,
- EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
- Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 1. Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 2. Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.

3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM)**: EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:

- Is a U.S. citizen; and
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
- Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form [OF-126](#), Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.
- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH)**: An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:

- Not an EFM; and,
- Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
- Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

4. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)**: An individual who:

- Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
- Does not ordinarily reside (*OR*, see below) in the host country; and,
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

5. **Ordinarily Resident (OR)**: - A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:

- Is locally resident; and,
- Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Appendix B

DEFINITIONS

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number
- D. Date of Birth
- E. Place of Birth
- F. Dates Available for Work
- G. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- H. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- I. U.S. Citizenship Status (*Yes or No*) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- J. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- K. Eligibility to work in the country (*Yes or No*)
- L. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (*Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation*)
- M. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- N. Days available to work
- O. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- P. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- Q. Education
- R. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- S. Language Skills
- T. Work Experience
- U. References