



Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education

A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on
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Student: Sir, i have opted for " no show " process, as i got admit from my dream univ before the apointment day.when can i reschedule with the same receipt number and when and wher will it be updated as "no show".

U.S. Vice Consul :In cases where an applicant does not appear for their interview, they can call the call center to reschedule: 0120-660-2222 (or) 022-6720-9400. They must do so within one year of the original appointment, however.

i have already called them before the visa appointment date and raised a ticket regarding it..they said my status will be updated as "no show" after 24 -48 hours and i can rescedule the appointment. my question is wher will it be updated..

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Student: Sir why the number of rejections increases as the time reaches August?

U.S. Vice Consul :The Consulate does not publish statistics on visa approvals or rejections, so anyone who says they have such information is only speculating. The most important thing for students is to prepare for their own interview.

Student: I had my Visa Interview on 20-May-2013 at the Hyderabad Consulate. I was given a 221(g) and the consulate has retained my passport and docs (that are pinned just before our VI starts). It is already 21 days past my VI, when can I expect a decision on my visa?

U.S. Vice Consul :Ravi, as I told Barkat, administrative processing is a routine part of the application process for many cases, and we cannot give a timeline as each case is different. This is one reason why we encourage everyone to apply early. Rest assured we process every case as quickly as possible. You will be notified as soon as we reach a final decision.

Student: One of my friends says that,"BOOK YOUR VISA SLOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OTHERWISE YOU MAY NOT GET THE VISA BECAUSE THERE ARE LIMITED NUMBER OF F-1 VISAs"
How far it is true sir?

U.S. Vice Consul: Sir I worked as an ASSISTANT in an Electronics lab, so they paid my monthly salary hand to hand,so I do not have my salary slips. My question is if VO asks me to show the proof, what should I show? I am having only the experience letter.

Student: Good afternoon sir, I had applied for F1 visa in month of may visa officer said that he need some significant changes. So, i had changed university as I had already changed/improved my Gre and Ielts scores as i could n't change my bachelor's degree percentage and applied in June 1st week but this time visa officer did't mention the reason for rejection instead officer said " I suggest you to reapply again but take sometime before reapply" what does this actually mean? Do i need to apply for this fall are need to wait for next semester.I had applied 5 times for visa and I had spend lot of money on it.Money is not a concern for me but the thing I need to know is where I got stuck.

Could you please suggest me what i need to do in the next interview to be successful.

U.S. Vice Consul : Individuals whose student visa applications were refused are eligible to reapply. However, we do not recommend that applicants reapply unless they are able to present significant new evidence that addresses the previous grounds for refusal. Keep in mind that consular officers evaluate the totality of a student's application, including--but not limited to--their academic preparation for the proposed course of study, their intent to study while in the United States, and their ability to fund their program of study.

That is up to you. As noted, you must prove that you are a credible student, but also that you have been able to address any concerns noted during the interview. Good luck.

Student: thanku sir.. i rised this question because u hav told so many times that.. we should aply as soon as posible.. as v have aug as deadlines.. is ther anyreason behind it.. please clarify my doubt sir.. thanku

U.S. Vice Consul : Yes, you should apply as soon as you can. There are a number of reasons: for example, if the [U.s. Consulate Hyderabad](#) becomes very busy and you are unable to get an appointment until it's too late, then you might miss your start date. Why take that risk when there is virtually no waiting time right now. Apply early!

Student: hello sir,i attended visa interview last week in hyderabad consulate and i received my visa only for 2 1/2 years where as my friend got 5 years visa same day visa interview and same university also same department .can you tell me on what basis it will be issued?

U.S. Vice Consul : First, congratulations on getting your visa! That's a great moment for any student. As for visa validity, each case is different, no matter how similar they may appear. What matters is that you can enroll in your program. Good luck in school.

Student: Sir, while going to visa interview do we need to dress in formals? Or which dress code you suggest?

U.S. Vice Consul: As long as the clothing is deemed appropriate--and not indecent--for a public place, it is acceptable. Beyond this, we have no suggestion.

Student: Thank you , but may I know what's the processing is being done?

U.S. Vice Consul: We cannot answer case-specific questions in a public forum. Administrative processing is a routine step that many applications are required to undergo before a final decision can be made. If we need any information or documents from the applicant, we will contact him or her directly.

Student: goodaftnun sir, i hav one qustn, sir is there wil b any limit on number of f1 visas to b issue

U.S. Vice Consul: Good question, Surya. There is no limit to the number of F1 visas the U.S. government issues. There are more than 100,000 Indian nationals studying in the U.S. at this very moment!

Student : Good afternoon sir,
I am Surya, I've completed my graduation in the year of 2012 (May-2012), that time onwards I worked as an ELECTRONICS LAB ASSISTANT in a college. But the problem is college's management provided monthly salaries in Hand-to-Hand way,they didn't deposit in a salary account, So I do not have salary slips. I am only having a letter,that contains
"THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, SURYA WORKED AS A LAB ASSISTANT FOR 11 MONTHS etc.."
Will it work as an enough proof of my experience?
If not, please let me know how can I get a solution for this.

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U.S. Vice Consul: Surya, you need to demonstrate to the officer that you can afford to pay for your education and live in the Unites States. It's up to you how you want to do that. Be prepared to show financial evidence that you, or whoever is sponsoring you, has sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period of your intended study. And while you may wish to bring documents, the officer may not ask to see them. All that is required is a valid I-20 form and passport

Student : If VO asks me to show the salary slips? Then ?

U.S. Vice Consul: Be honest about why you don't have them.

Student: Hello sir, I had my visa interview on 16th May, the officer told me I have qualified for visa but my application needs further processing and handed me 221(g) pink slip. My question is it has been almost a month and the status is not even updated. Is that a matter of concern? I am worried cuz I don't want to miss my semester that's gonna start in August.

U.S. Vice Consul: Barkat, we are required to conduct administrative processing in many cases. Unfortunately, we cannot give a specific time frame during which processing will be completed, as each case is different. While we recognize how frustrating these delays can be for applicants, please be assured we process each case as quickly as possible. To inquire further about your specific case, please email support-india@ustraveldocs.com.

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