



AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL, HYDERABAD, INDIA

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: HYD-12-25

OPEN TO: Interested candidates

POSITION: **Visa Clerk;** FSN-1415-06; HYA-312009 (Personal Service Agreement)

OPENING DATE: July 9, 2012

CLOSING DATE: July 23, 2012

WORK HOURS: Full-time; 40 hours/week

SALARY: Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) - Grade: FP-08
Ordinarily Resident (OR) - Grade: FSN-6*

*Starting salary will be determined on the basis of qualifications and experience, and/or salary history.

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

The U.S. Consulate in Hyderabad is seeking an individual for the position of **Visa Clerk** in 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 applicants who are selected for the interview will be contacted.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

- The employee provides a wide range of clerical duties essential to the processing of Non Immigrant Visa (NIV) applications from initial receipt of the NIV application to delivery of the issued visa to the courier.
- Duties include providing general NIV information to Visa applicants in the Consular waiting room and accepting visa documents and passports at the intake window, reviewing applications for completeness, verifying that data has been correctly entered in CEAC, transferring information from CEAC to NIV application and rechecking the data in NIV application, preparing approved visas, printing and affixing visas in the proper format, distributing passports with visas, retrieving and filing application forms, interpreting for Consular Officers during visa interviews when necessary, assisting applicants with their fingerprint capture at the Bio-metrics counter, and managing the flow of visa applicants in Consular waiting room.
- The jobholder receives and screens incoming NIV application and documentation for correctness at the intake windows and through offsite vendor services.
- Verifies SEVIS and PIMS records whenever applicable and captures photographs. Produce machine readable visas, places visas in passports; passing it through the QA reader. Assists the team leader and NIV Accountable Items Officer in confirming daily foil usage.
- Distributes passports with issued visas to offsite vendor representative and confirms the correct number has been distributed. Makes preliminary determination of whether the applicant exhibits fraud indicators and notifies the NIV unit Chief of any suspicions. Acts as interpreter when needed and provide other clerical services.
- Drafts security advisory opinion cables in NIV application for department. Handles special kinds of visas involving petitions (H, L, O, P and R) and runs it against Petition Information Management Systems (PIMS) in CCD.
- Assists NIV visa applicants in Consular waiting room, confirms appointment dates and directs flow of visa applicants into the Consular waiting room. Directs applicants to the appropriate windows for fingerprinting, visa interviews, and cashiering services.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- a. **Education:** University degree in humanities/commerce/science and related field is required.
- b. **Prior Work Experience:** Minimum two years in the Consular area, or area related to customer service and/or work applying regulatory material.
- c. **Language Proficiency:** Level 4 in English, and one local language (Telugu/Hindi/Urdu/Oriya) is required.
- d. **Job Knowledge:** Basic understanding of USG policies relating to the area of consular-visa operations and host country policies relating to the area of immigration is required (following post entry training). Working knowledge of NIV software and consular consolidated database is required (following post entry training).
- e. **Skills and abilities:** Requires keyboarding and data entry skills due to constant demand for data entry of visa application information. Accuracy of data entry is a critical requirement.

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 applicants for this position should submit the following:

1. Universal Application for Employment as a Locally Employed Staff or Family member (DS-0174) is available on website

<http://hyderabad.usconsulate.gov/jobopportunities.html> **or**

2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Definitions); **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-0214 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

U. S. Consulate General,
Human Resources Office
1-8-323, Paigah Palace, Chiran Fort lane,
Begumpet, Secunderabad - 500003.

or

FAX: 4033-8301

or

E-mail: Hyderabadvacancies@State.gov

Please insert **12-25** (Vacancy Announcement Number) in the Subject of the E-mail Hyderabadvacancies@State.gov. Applications without the Vacancy Number or with incorrect Vacancy Number will not be accepted.

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.

5. **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.

6. **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).

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. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers

- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class / Type
- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
 - O. Education
 - P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
 - Q. Language Skills
 - R. Work Experience
 - S. References

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: (July 23, 2012)

The U.S. Mission in Hyderabad 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.

Cleared: CONS: LJohnson
Approved: AMO: NDavila
Drafted: HR: VSaradhi