

# Vacancy Announcement

## U. S. Embassy Baghdad



**OPEN TO:** All Interested Candidates/All Sources

**FROM:** Human Resources Office

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**POSITION:** Visa and Admin Assistant (Full Performance and Developmental Level)

**GRADE:** FSN-7; FP-7\* Full Performance Level  
FSN-6; FP 8\* Developmental Level

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:** 15-66-D

**OPENING DATE:** October 22, 2015

**CLOSING DATE:** November 21, 2015

**WORK HOURS:** Full time: 40 hours/week

**SALARY:** \*Ordinarily Resident (OR):USD 33,809 p.a.  
Starting Gross Salary Including Allowances (Position Grade: FSN-7)  
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-7\*  
\*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington

\*Ordinarily Resident (OR): USD 28,173 p.a.  
Starting Gross Salary Including Allowances  
(Developmental Grade: FSN-6)  
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-8\*  
\*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington

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

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad is seeking eligible and qualified applicants to fill the Visa and Admin Assistant position in the Consular Section.

Note: If a candidate meets all the requirements of the position but does not possess knowledge of U.S. Immigration laws, visa regulations and other consular procedures, that candidate may be hired at the Developmental Level FSN-6 without further advertising and recruitment.

### **BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION:**

The incumbent under the direct supervision of Immigrant Visa (IV) Specialist serves primarily as a Visa Assistant in the IV Unit, with remaining time providing administrative support to the Consular Section. The incumbent provides full clerical support to the IV Unit by: 1) processing the full range of IV applications up to the point of officer review; 2) printing visas for approved applications using the machine-readable visa (MRV) system; 3) serving as an interpreter/translator for American officers and colleagues, as needed; 4) maintaining issuance, refusal, A-Z and lookout files; 5) assisting in clerical duties in all other Consular units; and 6) performing anti-fraud duties. Performs other related duties as assigned by the supervisor.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office and can be obtained by contacting us at [BaghdadJobs@state.gov](mailto:BaghdadJobs@state.gov)

**\* See definitions for Ordinarily Resident (OR) and Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR) on page 5.**

### **QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:**

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. **EDUCATION:** Two years of general college study is required.
2. **EXPERIENCE:** The incumbent must possess three years of progressively responsible experience in work involving the application of relatively complex regulatory material, along with extensive public contact or closely related administrative work.
3. **LANGUAGE:** Level III (good working knowledge) Speaking/Reading/Writing of English and Level IV (fluency) Reading/Writing/Speaking of Arabic are required (language proficiency will be tested).
4. **KNOWLEDGE:** The incumbent must have knowledge of U.S. immigration law and visa regulations, visa processing guidelines and general office management practices. The incumbent must understand the roles of DOS, NVC and DHS/USCIS as they relate to Immigrant Visa processing. The incumbent must possess a general knowledge of Iraqi culture and law as it pertains to marriage, personal property, civil rights and immigration in order to evaluate the bona fides of various public documents submitted. A good working knowledge of MS Office Suite is required.
5. **SKILLS & ABILITIES:** The incumbent must have experience in consular computer applications, word processing, spreadsheet and database management, as well as the ability to deal patiently and tactfully with the public, and to work efficiently under pressure. The incumbent must be able to apply good judgment and relatively complex regulations to specific casework. The incumbent must have excellent organizational, management and interpersonal skills, and the ability to multitask efficiently with a high degree of accuracy. Skills & Abilities and knowledge may be tested.

### **SELECTION PROCESS:**

When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

### **HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:**

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (3) FS on LWOP

### **ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:**

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.

3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. Current Locally Employed Staff (LES) are not eligible to apply for advertised positions within the first year of their employment.
5. Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) and Refugee Visa recipients are ineligible for employment with the U.S. Mission in Iraq because it is incompatible with immigration guidelines as stated in U.S. Mission Policy Number 011-038 dated November 16, 2011.

**TO APPLY:**

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources. (See “For Further Information” above); and
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)
3. Copy of your passport (if available) and Jinsiya;

**IMPORTANT:** Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran’s preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran’s Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran’s preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran’s preference may be found in HR/OE’s Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

**SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:**

Interested applicants must apply for this position by filling out the DS 174-Universal Application for Employment form and emailing it to [BaghdadJobs@state.gov](mailto:BaghdadJobs@state.gov)

To view the DS 174-Universal Application for Employment form (UAE) and application instructions, please click on below:

<http://iraq.usembassy.gov/jobsvacancies.html>

**E-mails received without the appropriate subject line and incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Your e-mail must state the vacancy title and vacancy announcement number in the subject line, example: Last Name, VA 15-66-D, Visa and Admin Assistant, Baghdad**

**EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The U.S. Mission 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.

## Appendix A - DEFINITIONS

**Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in [3 FAM 1610](#)); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner 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; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority.

**U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee’s post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

**Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 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 or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**

- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

**Member of Household (MOH):** A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under COM authority;
- A MOH may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is **not** listed on the travel orders or approved Form F-126 of a sponsoring employee.

**Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR)** – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

**Ordinarily Resident (OR)** – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

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