

PRESS RELEASE

U.S. Embassy Introduces Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application

The U.S. Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica will implement an improved nonimmigrant visa application form using a web-based application **on Wednesday, March 24, 2010**. The new form will be available on our website (www.kingston.usembassy.gov) beginning March 4, 2010. We encourage applicants to begin using the new form as soon as it is available. Please note that as of March 24, 2010, the U.S. Embassy will **no longer** accept printed, DS-156 nonimmigrant visa applications.

The new DS-160 form replaces the current DS-156 non-immigrant visa application so that applicants will no longer submit a paper application. The new DS-160 is completed online and the information on the application will be electronically transmitted to the U.S. Embassy. In this way, the new form improves efficiency, accuracy, and security for all visa applicants.

Beginning March 24, 2010, non-immigrant visa applicants need only bring a printed DS-160 confirmation sheet, their passport, and a visa application fee paid receipt from any National Commercial Bank Jamaica (NCB) branch. The transition to the DS-160 online form will not change any other portion of the current nonimmigrant visa application process. Specifically, all applicants will still be interviewed to determine their qualifications for a visa.

We encourage all prospective nonimmigrant visa applicants to visit the Embassy's website for instructions on the complete visa application process.