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**Fraudulent U.S. Visa Businesses on the Rise**

**Port Louis, May 28, 2014:** Several companies in Seychelles and online claim to offer U.S. visa “expediting” services, often promising to assist with the issuance of U.S. visas for a hefty fee. The United States Embassy in Port Louis wishes to advise all visa applicants that these claims are false. U.S. visas fees can only be paid to the consular cashier at the U.S. Embassy in Port Louis at the time of the visa interview, and are only accepted in cash (U.S. dollars or Seychelles rupees). No other fees are required, and any other payment visa applicants makes to any entity outside of this official process has no bearing on their visa applications or interviews. All information on the U.S. visa process can be found on the Embassy website at [Mauritius.usembassy.gov](http://Mauritius.usembassy.gov). For any questions or clarification, please contact the U.S. consular team by e-mail at [PTLConsular@state.gov](mailto:PTLConsular@state.gov).

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