

**Web Chat on Tourist and Business Visas
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Web Chat Moderator: Welcome to the U.S. Embassy Kathmandu's web chat on Tourist and Business visas. Today's web chat will begin at 4pm. You may start posting your questions now. All questions will be answered during the live session from 4pm-5pm.

Consular Officer 1: Good Afternoon everyone! We're hosting a webchat today to answer questions about the B1/B2 business and tourist visitor visa to the United States. We will not be answering questions about immigrant visas, diversity visas, or other types of nonimmigrant visas. We will also not be answering questions about specific cases. Please post your questions now, and a Consular Officer will answer! Thanks for joining us!

Guest: What are the basic requirements to be eligible for the Tourist Visa? could you let all of us know about it.... Thank you

* Consular Officer 2: In order to qualify for a tourist visa to the United States, applicants must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Gentleman: DO I GET A BUSINESS VISA IF I INVEST IN THE US. IF SO HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO INVEST.

* Consular Officer 4: There is a special visa category for investors in the United States. That is an E Visa and you can find more information here:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1273.html

However, Nepal is not a "Treaty Trader" country at this time.

Ravi: Why is it so difficult for Nepali people to get the tourist visa?

* Consular Officer 4: Thank you for your question Ravi. Many applicants receive visas, but the determination is done on a case by case basis. Under the provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, every visitor visa applicant must overcome the presumption of intending immigrant. They do this by demonstrating to the Officer at the time of their interview that they have sufficient ties to Nepal that they will return. Ties are demonstrated through many factors such as ties to career, family, community, etc. Some people can demonstrate this, while others cannot.

Anup Pradhan: Is there a quota for B1/B2 visas?

* Consular Officer 2: There is no quota on the number of B1/B2 visas issued.

Anup Pradhan: Despite having sufficient documents, many visas are typically rejected for insufficiency of documents. What can be the reasons?

* Consular Officer 2: Documents are not a requirement, we interview applicants and decide during the course of the interview if the applicant is qualified for the visas. Documents can help support a case and can help convince a consular officer- but they are not required. We do not adjudicate the visas on documents only.

Anup Pradhan: What exactly is meant by “proof of return”? Is ownership of a house or other property evidence enough to show ties and reasons for returning to the home country?

* Consular Officer 7: A tourist visa is meant for short term travel to the United States, so visa applicants must show they have strong ties to their country for proof they have a compelling reason to return. Those ties can include property ownership, but the applicant must be able to show he or she will return.

Raju Gaire: Since there are not well managed lab, lecturer, study materials. I just completed my Bachelor Degree in Information Management (BIM) which is affiliated to Tribhuvan university and want to study Master Degree in Information Technology to enhance the IT industry of Nepal. But there is no any IT related Master Degree provided by TU which has international recognition. So What are the strategies and planning for student visa to those who want study Master programs (especially related to Information Technology) in USA?

* Consular Officer 4: Mr. Gaire, thank you for your question. Unfortunately this chat is for B1/B2 Tourist Visas only. To learn more about Student Visas (F1 visa) please go to this website:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1270.html

You may also want to visit the United States Education Foundation in Gyaneshwor. They can answer all of your questions and Consular Officer occasionally do information presentations there.

Ayush: Hello, I am a Nepali student citizen studying in Warsaw, Poland. I am on second year of my Bachelors study. I had been rejected twice F1 Visa by US Embassy Warsaw Poland under section 214 (b) last year. They also told me that they cannot issue me a visa from US Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. Now, I would like to visit USA between my summer holidays starting from July to September. I am residence here in Poland. So my question is 1. If I can apply for tourist visa from Poland or if I need to get back to Nepal and apply from there? 2. What are the requirements for tourist visas? 3. Does being F1 rejected twice means I will never get US visa?

* Consular Officer 5: Applicants for visitor visas should generally apply at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate with jurisdiction over their place of permanent residence. Although visa applicants may apply at any U.S. consular office abroad, it may be more difficult to qualify for the visa outside the country of permanent residence. In order to qualify for a tourist visa to the United States, applicants must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; and that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States. You may apply again after being refused under 214(b), however you will have to show further evidence of your ties or how your circumstances have changed since the time of your previous applications. For more information, see

http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/denials/denials_1361.html.

rabindra: can i ask how can i go u.s as a tourist visa

* Consular Officer 6: Hi Rabindra - to go to the U.S. on a tourist visa, you need to apply for a tourist visa at the U.S. Embassy. Instructions on how to apply are here: <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas/applying-for-an->

[niv-in-nepal.html](#). To qualify for a tourist visa, you need to demonstrate that you have a legitimate purpose of travel, such as a specific tourist itinerary; that you plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that you have the necessary funds to cover your expenses; that you have compelling social and economic ties to Nepal and that you have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: How do i get visit Visa for 1 month ?

* Consular Officer 3: Hi Ganesh-ji. Under most circumstances, US tourist/business visas are good for 5 years. If you qualify for a visa, you can use it during that 5 year period and enter the US multiple times. The decision about how long you can stay in the US is made at the port of entry (the airport, usually). Most of the time, they allow you to stay up to 6 months but that is up to the immigration officer at the airport.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: I have friend there US marine. Do you need sponser leter?

* Consular Officer 3: Ganesh, you don't need a sponsor letter but you can include one if you want. We only have a short amount of time to interview you and review your documents so make sure that you only give us your most important documents.

Prakash Adhikari: Dear respected sir I am going to attend seminar at September 2012 when should I apply for Visa? What type visa should I apply for? What types of documents do I need to bring with me? If I have any question whom and when do I contact?

* Consular Officer 3: Hi Prakash-ji. You can apply for a visa any time between now and September. Sometimes we have to put cases on hold to complete administrative processing so it is probably better to apply earlier. The type of visa you will need depends upon exactly what you will be doing in the US. You can get more details at <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>

You need to bring the following documents:

- Each visitor visa applicant must submit an online nonimmigrant visa electronic application, Form DS-160; a valid passport with a minimum of at least six months' validity beyond your travel date; one 2x2in (5cmx5cm) photograph in the required format; any other documentation which demonstrates evidence of your purpose of travel; documentation which demonstrates your ties to Nepal.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: Do you need salary verification letter from my office?

* Consular Officer 7: Hi Ganesh, Not necessarily. No documents are required to be submitted at the time of the interview, beyond your passport, DS-160 and receipt of payment and photograph. You may bring a salary verification letter from your office, but the interviewing Consular Officer may not ask to see it.

16. Bhola Man Katuwal: I am spouse of a permanent resident of the United States and My wife applied for I-130 Petition in November,2011.I heard that Tourist Visa or Business Visa will not work out for those who are in the process of I-130 petition. Is this true? Is the petitioner of I-130 can still apply for B-1 or B-2 VISA?

* Consular Officer 2: In order to qualify for a tourist visa to the United States, applicants must demonstrate that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States. Someone with an immigrant petition MAY qualify for an NIV but it

is difficult to demonstrate intent to return because they are in the processing of immigrating.

Chhiring sherpa: OK its me chhiring my quistion is tourist visa is depend on our age or not bcz i am 25years os i want to visit there and i alredy visited japan also.if there is possible to get visa and what kinds of document will be need for visa?

* Consular Officer 5: Chhiring-ji, as you'll see in my colleague's recent answer to a similar question, you need an online nonimmigrant visa electronic application, Form DS-160; a valid passport with a minimum of at least six months' validity beyond your travel date; one 2x2in (5cmx5cm) photograph in the required format. You may bring any other documentation that demonstrates evidence of your purpose of travel, and demonstrates your ties to Nepal, but please remember Consular Officers may not request to see any of your documents. For more information, visit: <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>

MAYA LOOMS 2: Hello, do we submit all the photocopy of document, or all original document is needed, And after interview embassy will retun all the original document. And how many days will need after the payment in Nabil bank.

* Consular Officer 7: Consular officers do not require visa applicants to submit documents of any kind. You may bring your documents to the interview, but the interviewing officer may not ask to see them. Your original documents will be returned to you at the time of the interview. If your visa is granted, you will receive it in your passport, usually within two business days.

Ayush 3: I had been rejected F1 visa twice last year. Can I apply for tourist visa this year in my summer holidays?

* Consular Officer 1: Hi Ayush---If the Consular Officer has denied your visa, you may reapply again if there is new evidence to overcome the basis for refusal. If no new evidence exists, Consular Officers are not obliged to re-examine your case.

Sushila shrestha: gud afternoon , consular, Is it for sure that once the person is rejected in tourist visa can never get a change to get again though, I have applied twice ?

* Consular Officer 7: Hello Sushila, If you have been refused a visa, you may reapply. However, if there is no substantive change in your circumstances since your previous interview, Consular Officers are not obliged to re-examine your case, and you will most likely receive the same decision.

Rabindra: yes , is that true if i have to u.s i hav a relation person in u.s

* Consular Officer 6: you don't need to have a relative in the U.S. to qualify for a tourist visa but you do need to have a reasonable and specific plan of travel and the ability to pay for it. The consular officer must also be convinced that you will return home after your trip.

Bishal: even when we present sufficient documents like bank balance, property and business we own, we are not issued tourist visa when we are still capable of visiting U.S. So, do the embassy issues us visa when we keep certain amount as a security deposit for our return to Nepal?

* Consular Officer 2: No, we do not issue or refuse visas based on a bank account balance. We have to believe the applicant has a legitimate purpose of travel;

they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Guest: Does the US Embassy makes any major changes for B1/B2 visas after the Presidents announcement of Making New York--- attraction for tourist. It seems to boom the US economy, tourist business is important factor, in a connection with recent Obama's speech. What do you have to say about this?

* Consular Officer 2: Our visas laws have not changed. We do want to facilitate tourist travel to the United States. That is one of the main purposes of the B1/B2.

Rabindra: is that true if i want to go u.s i hav relation person in u.s ?

* Consular Officer 6: it's still true if you have a relative in the U.S. You need to show that you can afford the travel and that you have strong reasons to come back to Nepal after your trip. If you have relatives to stay with, it will make your expenses less. However, we also take into consideration if there are family members who have gone to the U.S. and not come back to Nepal.

Pramilla Gurung: what about if one just wants to attend a trade fair and see if the US market is feasible to them?

* Consular Officer 4: Thank you for your question Pramilla. People can travel to Trade Fairs on B1/B2 visitor visas. However, they are also must overcome the presumption of immigrant intent required by US law. To receive a B1/B2 to attend a Trade Fair, the applicant must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States

Rabindra: my dad is retired person , he is old ,he want go u.s how he can go u.s ?

* Consular Officer 2: It depends on why he wants to travel to the US and what his ties to Nepal are. If he has a compelling purpose of travel, can afford the trip, and we are convinced he will return to Nepal, he would qualify.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: Could you tell me what types of documents do you need sir/ mam ?

* Consular Officer 7: Ganesh, As previously noted, you need an online nonimmigrant visa electronic application, Form DS-160; a valid passport with a minimum of at least six months' validity beyond your travel date; one 2x2in (5cmx5cm) photograph in the required format. You may bring any other documentation that demonstrates evidence of your purpose of travel; and demonstrates your ties to Nepal, but please remember Consular Officers may not request to see any of your documents. For more information, visit:
<http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>

Chhiring sherpa: the visa is depend on age

* Consular Officer 6: No qualifying for this type of visas does not depend on age. Applicants of any age can qualify, but the purpose of travel must make

sense and be believable. For example, a student probably cannot take off a lot of time during the middle of the school year, while an older retired person can travel any time.

Kumar Maharjan: how can nepali get working visa ?

* Consular Officer 2: Nepal is no longer an eligible country for the H2B unskilled laborer visa. The non-immigrant visa class for working in the United States is an H1B - that is a petition-based visa. There is also a petition-based R-1 visa for religious workers. But both those visa classes need to be petitioned by the employer from the United States for that person.

Kumar Maharjan: What is the requirement of Business Visa?

* Consular Officer 3: Hi Kumar-ji. To get a business visa, you need to demonstrate that you have a legitimate purpose of travel; that you plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that you have the necessary funds to cover your expenses; that you have compelling social and economic ties to their country; and that you have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Rabindra: what kind of document does he need to get visa

* Consular Officer 2: Documents are not a requirement, we interview applicants and decide during the course of the interview if the applicant is qualified for the visas. Documents can help support a case and can help convince a consular officer- but they are not required. We do not adjudicate the visas on documents only.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: I work long time with US person i really like to see US newyork and DC ?

* Consular Officer 4: Visiting a friend in the U.S. is a perfectly legitimate reason for travel. However, all of the requirements to obtain a B1/B2 are still applicable. The applicant must overcome the assumption of immigrant intent by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Consular Officer that, after visiting the American friend, the visitor will return to Nepal. They do this by convincing the officer that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Bishal: I am 30 years of age. I have my own residence nearby US embassy. I have my own business. Despite my age and my social ties, how can I convince the consulars that I will return to Nepal? For sure, it is hard to convince due to my age, i guess?

* Consular Officer 6: It's true that people of working age sometimes have a harder time convincing the consular officer that they will come back to Nepal and not stay and work illegally. Applicants can show that they will come back by having economic and social ties to Nepal, such as their businesses, their homes, vehicles and family and social ties here that they can credibly discuss and that they would not want to give up.

Guest: People say, most of the visa either it is student or visit, the decision is based on the mood of the individual consular. Some time the same documents are found to be rejected while some are congrulated with the visa. Is it true?

* Consular Officer 2: Decisions are not based on the mood of the consular officer. We also do not do a document review. We conduct interviews. The interview is the determining factor in qualifying for a visa. Under the provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, every visitor visa applicant must overcome the presumption of intending immigrant.

Chhiring sherpa: Dear sir i am student of MBS 2nd level i want to visit U.S what can i do for that and if i will get sponser there is posible to get visa?

* Consular Officer 2: Sponsors are not required for B1/B2 visas. They can help explain your purpose of travel or your ability to pay for the trip, but they are not a requirement and don't necessarily affect the outcome of the case. In order to qualify for a tourist visa to the United States, applicants must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Kumar Maharjan: What is the requirement of Business Visa?

* Consular Officer 4: We cannot provide all of the information related to a Business Visa (B-1) in this short chat window. There is a LOT of information. Basically you must be traveling with the intent to attend business meetings, explore business opportunities, etc. You CANNOT actually earn money while on a B-1 visa. You can learn more at the following two helpful official US State Department travel websites:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1265.html

<http://travel.state.gov/pdf/BusinessVisa.pdf>

Anil Nepal: Dear Sir or Madam, I entered US in a B2 and leter I got oppertunity to have a F1 in US, now after completion of my study, within the time, I left US and back to Nepal. Does it affect my future travel to US?

* Consular Officer 2: It all depends on your purpose of travel, your ability to pay for your trip, and the credibility of you returning to Nepal. You would probably want to explain to the interviewing officer why you ended up doing something in the United States that was contrary from your original purpose of travel (e.g. studying instead of tourism).

MAYA LOOMS: I wonder to know if there is no importance of document then how could you know about our status and background here in Nepal.

* Consular Officer 3: Hi Maya, we base our decisions on our interview with you. We have all received training on how to recognize people who aren't telling the truth. We also have a lot of experience doing this and we know what questions to ask. We get good at knowing when we're talking with someone who is telling us the truth about their background and ties to Nepal.

Consular Officer 1: We're getting a number of questions about the recent announcement from President Obama about changes to the visitor visa program.

* Consular Officer 1: Recently, President Obama announced new changes to the visitor visa program. However, these changes are not in relation to the basic requirements. The most significant change is that some applicants will no longer

need an interview, but they still must meet the eligibility requirements. If you already have a visa to the United States, and would like to renew the visa, you may not need an interview. Please contact us if you are about to renew your visa, and we will be able to determine whether or not an interview is required. You must still complete the DS-160 application and pay the appropriate fees.

Rabindra: when i should i apply for tourist visa

* Consular Officer 4: here is no "correct time" to apply for a tourist visa. You can apply whenever you like.

Sushila shrestha: Once a visa is stamped on passport, can he/she travel any time till the period of 5 yrs, or he/she should fly in the same year of visa received?

* Consular Officer 2: If someone is issued a full-validity, 5-year visa, they may travel at any time in those five years. Some people get issued visas and never travel on them, that is also fine. There is no requirement to travel in the year the visa is issued.

Kumar Maharjan: Is there any nepali publications related to the USA which US embassy publishing if yes where can we get that materials?

* Consular Officer 2: hi, this chat is about visas, not publications. However, we do have a library on Embassy premises that anyone is allowed to come in and use.

Anil Nepal: When people return from US, do they need to inform to the Embassy or the record is transformed by itself. If yes can one informat later?

* Consular Officer 1: Hi Anil, this is a very good question. No, when you return from the United States, you do not need to inform the Embassy. The Department of Homeland Security (immigration) registers your entries and exits from the United States automatically when you complete your arrival and departure cards.

Deepak Basnet: Dear Mr. Consular. If a person from Nepal would like to start a business in the US what is the minimum fund that he or she should have (according to the website it is 1000000 US Dollars plesae correct me if I am wrong). Can you please take some time and pain in letting me know what are the other requirements?

* Consular Officer 6: Deepak - you are referring to an EB5 investor visa, which is different from a B1 temporary visitor for business visa. We are not discussing investor visas today, but yes, they require an investment of \$1,000,000 in a more developed area or \$500,000 in a less developed area. Please see this webpage for the link for these requirements:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/immigrants/types/types_1323.html#fifth

Chhiring sherpa: Dear sir/madam my some reletives are there in U.S they also sponsor for me about the travel and every think but case is Visa so what can i do for that?

* Consular Officer 4: Having relatives or other "sponsors" in the U.S. is not enough to overcome the presumption of immigrant intent. Visiting family is a legitimate reason for travel, but you still must demonstrate your ties to Nepal, as has been discussed previously in this webchat. Especially considering that having relatives in the US can now demonstrate that your ties to the US may have become stronger than your ties to Nepal.

Guest: With Mr. Presidents' emphasis on making tourist attraction, does the US Embassy in Nepal waive some certain bounds, that has been made earlier. To be specific, less financial requirements, evidence of returning back.....

* Consular Officer 1: Great question. The requirements of the visitor's visa have not changed. You must still submit all the required documentation, and you must still demonstrate that you are eligible for the visa. However, in certain circumstances, the U.S. Embassy may waive the interview process, making it easier for travelers to obtain their visa in a timely manner. Those applicants who already have a tourist visa, and wish to renew it, may contact the Embassy to see if they are eligible for a waiver of their interview. But the visa requirements remain the same.

Krishna: My friend is permanent resident of US since two years and his wife and son is in Nepal. He do not file I 130 for his family. Can his wife apply for the tourist visa for to meet her husband?. Is there any sponsored required for the tourist visa ? How much bank balance is required for this visa?

* Consular Officer 2: We do not require a bank balance or a sponsor for a tourist visa. Under the provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, every visitor visa applicant must overcome the presumption of intending immigrant. It is typically difficult, when an applicant's spouse is residing and working in the U.S., to convince the consular officer that the applicant would not stay with them.

Sushila shrestha: my brohter had tried his luck some years ago with DV lottery , so the interviewer rejected him saying that he has applied for DV, he doesn't get tourist visa, so does it mean the tourist visa applier should have never ever tried for DVlottery?

* Consular Officer 2: No, applying for the DV does not affect your qualifications for the B1/B2. You qualify for the B1/B2 on your own merit: the purpose of travel, funds for the trip, and the intent to return to Nepal.

Gagan thapa magar: Dear all, is it possible to get a visit visa without document (finical or academic). A friend of mine wants me to visit USA, and she is paying for all the travel expenses (including airfare). I am a tour operator in Nepal and Tibet. Thanks in advance.

* Consular Officer 7: Hello Gagan, The only documents required for a tourist visa are the DS-160 application that you file electronically, proof of payment for the visa, your passport with at least 6 months validity beyond your travel date and a 2 x 2 passport size photo. You may bring any documents you like -- including documents that prove your purpose of travel -- but the Consular Officer may not request to see them. Consular officers make their decisions based on the interview, not documents. For more information, visit:

<http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>

Ayush 3: what are the most important factor that the consular judges to prove some is not intended immigrant?

* Consular Officer 2: We take all of the following 5 factors into consideration to determine whether or not someone is an intending immigrant: that applicants have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Bishal: since the question about issuing or rejecting a visa is about returning to Nepal after the planned stay in the US, Can we deposit some amount of money/property as a gurantee of return? My parents got the australian visa after depositing some amount as a gurantee.

* Consular Officer 4: Unfortunately, depositing money in a bank or buying property is not enough by itself to overcome the assumption of immigrant intent. After all, money can be easily removed from a savings account and land can be sold once in the U.S. That is why applicants must show that they have many compelling reasons to return to their home country such as strong ties to family, career, and community. Not just money in the bank.

Guest: Well, suppose, a person does not have enough money but can pay for his trip to US. He is envolved in different social activities and has strong reason to back Nepal for his family members. Will he be able to get the visa? or tourism is only for the rich people who owns their business?

* Consular Officer 2: Owning a business is not a requirement to qualifying for the visa. However, being able to afford your trip is very important. Tourism is for people who can afford to tour around and spend money in the countries they visit - generating money for their economy is why countries encourage tourism.

Rabindra: is it true if he or she is rich or good education to get u.s visa ?

* Consular Officer 1: Hi Rabindra! No it is not necessarily true. However, one of the basic requirements of the visitor's visa is being able to demonstrate that you have sufficient finances to cover all the expenses of your trip to the United States.

Bishal: I am not sure if i will get a visa or not when i apply for a tourist visa? so, is a hotel booking and air ticket booking a compulsion?

* Consular Officer 2: Absolutely not. You do not need to show that you already have a hotel booked or a flight booked to qualify for the visa. However, you should have a legitimate purpose of travel which would imply you know where you are going and who you will meet. These are questions answered during the interview, no documents are required for those details.

Web Chat Moderator: This question came from a Facebook fan, Nepal R Nepal: Dear sir i went maney country excepet uk usa and austrila, how can i get easy touriest vi...ssa, i want to see usa as a tourist,me in nepal see usa at tv onely, how can i got touriest vissa, i have small paint bussines i go abord country throw paint companey ,excursion trip ,now i want to go mysealf to visit usa pls tell me what i have to do.

* Consular Officer 1: Thanks for the Facebook questions! You can find all the information about how to apply for a visa on our website. Please visit:

<http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas.html>

Kumar Maharjan: A Nepali who is a green card holder as well. He is in trail in District courte in Nepal and he is planning to sneakout in US before courte verdicts. How can US visa section in Kathmandu help me to stop him?

* Consular Officer 6: Kumar - if you have information about a visa applicant, please send it to consktm@state.gov and we will take it into consideration when

making a visa determination. If the person is a green card holder, then they have already qualified for legal permanent residency in the U.S. and they are entitled to return to the U.S. unless they have lost this status.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: How long visit visa duration because i have two times leave per year if get visa i will go after 5/6 month it will work sir/mam?

* Consular Officer 3: Most tourist/business visas are good for 5 years. During that 5 year period, you can go and come back as many times as you want. The amount of time you get to stay in the US is determined by the immigration officer at the airport. Most of the time, they allow you to stay for up to 6 months. Once you get the visa, you can wait as long as you want to travel, as long as you travel before it expires.

Ayush 3: After completing 2.5 year of bachelors study here in Poland. I only have 1 semester left to get a Degree. Is this reason strong enough to prove that I will return back after visiting US for a short time?

* Consular Officer 2: That will depend on your interview. People continue or abandon studies both for many different reasons. During the course of your interview you will need to convince the consular officer that your ties to finishing your degree in Poland are compelling, ALONG with the other factors that also need to be considered: your purpose of travel, whether or not you can cover your expenses, that you only plan to go for a short time, and naturally, that you are not an intending immigrant.

Bhola Man Katuwal: B1/B2 VISA is non-immigrant VISA? what would be your suggestion to immigrant petitioner (i.e. I-130)? Is the petitioner rejected or he/she can try for their luck?

* Mr. Katuwal, since we will end soon, I will answer the question I think you asked. If a B1/B2 applicant has a pending immigrant visa petition in their name, it IS more challenging to receive the tourist/visitor visa. Because, by having an immigrant petition, you have already told us that you have "immigrant intent" by definition. Once we believe an applicant has immigrant intent, we must deny the visa. I hope this answers your question.

Raju: dear sir namaste, I do have valid B1 B2 visa, May i know how can i change my visa status to F1? Thank you

* Consular Officer 5: If you are planning to study in the U.S., you will need to apply for a new visa for that purpose. You can find out more about student visas on our website: <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas/non-immigrant-visas/f1/m1-visa.html>

MAYA LOOMS: How many minute do consular take interview? And I heard March to May is good time to travel USA for Nepalese, because of good weather like in Nepal. Is that correct?

* Consular Officer 6: The consular officer can take as much time as they need for the interview, but normally, we make the decision in a few minutes or less because we can fairly quickly know if the person is qualified or not. If it's a difficult case to determine, we can take more time. We also have a lot of applicants each day, so we can't take too long for each case.

As for the weather in the U.S., it's a big country and the weather varies a lot from place to place. It is usually nice and warm by March in the southern

states, but it's still chilly in the northern states, and it's always nice in Hawaii.

Maheshwor Pyakurel: dear consular what are the requirements to get tourist visa for us?

* Consular Officer 2: Each visitor visa applicant must submit an online nonimmigrant visa electronic application, Form DS-160; a valid passport with a minimum of at least six months' validity beyond your travel date; one 2x2in (5cmx5cm) photograph in the required format; any other documentation which demonstrates evidence of your purpose of travel; documentation which demonstrates your ties to Nepal.

To schedule an appointment for a visa interview, go to your nearest branch of Nabil Bank. After paying the application fee, Nabil Bank will inform you of your appointment date and time.

After this, during the course of the interview, you must demonstrate that you have a legitimate purpose of travel; that you plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that you have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that you have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that you have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Consular Officer 1: We only have a few minutes more left in this webchat. Last chance to submit your questions!

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: Could tell about student visa please ?

* Consular Officer 1: Hi Ganesh, this webchat is focusing on the visitors visa. For more information about student visas, please see our website. Also, we will be hosting a webchat specifically for students in the near future. Please watch for the announcement on our Facebook page!

Bibekrimal: dear sir what document i have to present to get tourist visa, i have gone excursion paint business trip only, i want to see USA as a tourist myself so what i have to do to get easy visa, still i could not try for visa because if you reject then what to do, i went many countries except USA UK Australia, i don't want to work in USA, i have in KTM paint business, i want to see USA by my eyes, here I saw USA only on TV, hope you tell me easy way to get visa,

* Consular Officer 2: There is no "easy" way to get a visa, nor a "hard" way. It is the same way for everyone, all over the world. Under the provisions of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act, every visitor visa applicant must overcome the presumption of intending immigrant. To do this, they must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

Dipendra Shrestha Baidya: what is requirement for tourist visa?

* Consular Officer 3: Hi Dipendra, in order to qualify for a tourist visa to the United States, applicants must demonstrate that they have a legitimate purpose of travel; that they plan to only remain in the U.S. for a short time; that they have the necessary funds to cover their expenses; that they have compelling

social and economic ties to their country; that they have a residence and other compelling ties outside the United States.

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Ayush 3: Thank you for your suggestions. I appreciate the program!

* Consular Officer 1: You are very welcome! Thank you for joining us today.

Kumar Maharjan: I want to do some export business in US what type to visa i need and how can i get ?

* Consular Officer 4: The answer depends on what you need to do in order to start your export business. If you would like to go to the U.S. to explore business opportunities, meet prospective client/buyers, and generally investigate your business prospects, you would want a B1 Business visa. Learn more here:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1262.html

Raju: As i have my valid B1/B2 visa? How is it possible and what are the procedures sir?

* Consular Officer 2: As Consular Officer 5 mentioned, regardless of whether or not you have a valid B1/B2, if you plan to go to the US for study you should apply for a student visa. Many people have both visas in their passport. You enter the United States for the purpose of travel. If you intend to study, you need to enter on an F1.

87. sushila shrestha: thank you so much for the answer, it may help all of us a lot. thanks

* Consular Officer 6: Sushila - We're glad to hear these answers are helpful. We're happy to do it.

Bishal: how do i demonstrate that i have a legitimate purpose of travel when I want to travel for pleasure?

* Consular Officer 7: Bishal, Pleasure travel is a legitimate purpose of travel! That's why we issue tourist visas. You must be able to prove to the Consular Officer that you can afford the travel expenses, that you are going for pleasure, that you plan to stay a short time, and that you have significant ties to your home country.

Raju: sure sir, all the best wishes, Thank you so much for your best effort, it will really be helpful to all...

* Consular Officer 4: You're welcome! Glad we could help.

Ganesh Kumar Basnet: Thank you for your suggestions. I appreciate this information

* Consular Officer 1: You are welcome!

MAYA LOOMS: I forget to ask, do we bring relationship certificate in the interview?

* Consular Officer 6: You can bring in whatever documents you want to bring to help convince the officer that you will come back after a short visit, but remember, no documents are required documents. It's much more important to be able to answer the consular officer's questions clearly and honestly so that he or she believes the answers that you are giving.

Bhola Man Katuwal: My question in short is, someone with very good business status in NEPAL can visit temporarily to US or not even if he/she has pending immigrant petition?

* Consular Officer 2: It is possible, but it can be more difficult to overcome the presumption of immigrant intent. If the immigrant petition is many years away and the person is not likely to abandon their very good business in Nepal, it is possible. However it does become more difficult once you already have demonstrated an interest in permanently moving to the United States by applying for an immigrant visa.

Web Chat Moderator: Thanks for all your questions - with only a few minutes left we won't take any new questions at this time, to give our Consular officers time to answer the remaining questions that have already been posted.

Kumar Maharjan: Student visa is stopped for nepalses is this true?

* Consular Officer 3: No. Not true.

Consular Officer 1: Ok, that's all the time we have today, but thank you for joining us! The entire transcript of this webchat will be posted on our website by the end of this week.

* Consular Officer 1: Have a great evening!

MAYA LOOMS: This conversation helps alot.I have been waiting for the information,.And i got it.Thank you very much,

* Consular Officer 6: I'm glad you got the information you were looking for Maya. We're happy to provide it.

Web Chat Ends.