



## Press Release

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## U.S. Embassy Launches New User-Friendly Visa Appointment System

LIMA, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 – The U.S. Embassy Consular Section will launch a new visa appointment service system for applicants for non-immigrant visas to the United States beginning Friday, September 23, 2011. The new system is easier, more convenient and less costly for applicants. It offers the option of making visa appointments directly online or by telephone and eliminates the \$12.00 or Peruvian Soles equivalent service fee that was previously charged. Another change is that the \$140.00 application fee must be paid at any Scotiabank branch. The new appointment service website <http://peru.usvisa-info.com> and telephone number 705-7288 will go live on September 23.

The new visa service system is designed to streamline the appointment process and to save applicants money. In addition to eliminating the \$12.00 fee to purchase a PIN number in order to access services, the new system permits applicants the convenience of going online from home or office to select a convenient date and time for their visa interview. Applicants who prefer to telephone for an appointment can still do so by calling the new visa service number which is now accessible via Skype. DHL delivery service to return your passport is now included in the service at no additional fee.

The visa adjudication process remains the same. Applicants still must complete and print their application form (DS-160) online and bring it with them to the Embassy the day of their appointment. Applicants must pay the nonrefundable \$140.00 application fee prior to their appointment at any Scotiabank branch. All visa appointments made under the previous service system will continue to be honored. Details about the new procedure can be found on the U.S. Embassy website <http://lima.usembassy.gov>, at the new Visa Service Information website <http://peru.usvisa-info.com>, or by calling the new service telephone number 705-7288.

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