

*My 5 year old daughter's visa was destroyed when her passport got burnt. I would like to know the process that I should follow so as to get a replacement visa for her.*

*Thomas – San Fernando*

If a passport – and the visa inside – is damaged, stolen or destroyed in any way, you would need to re-apply and must re-qualify for a new visa. Even if your visa was just issued and was still valid for another 9 years, once the old visa is lost or cancelled for any reason, you need to go through the entire process again. So please try to keep your passport in a very safe place!

For applicants under the age of 18 years, we have some special guidelines. Children under the age of 2 years do NOT need to attend the visa interview. However, if your children have passed their second birthday, they would need to attend the visa interview with you.

In addition to all the normal documents required to apply for a nonimmigrant visa – application forms, passport, photo, fees – applications for children under 18 should also bring the following:

1. Birth certificate of the child
2. Passport of the Mother
3. Passport of the Father
4. Both parents should be physically present at the interview – if one parent is not able to attend the interview, a permission letter from the parent who is not present is needed.

For further direction about the procedure for minors, please refer to our website.

[http://trinidad.usembassy.gov/documents\\_required\\_for\\_children.html](http://trinidad.usembassy.gov/documents_required_for_children.html)

You are welcome to bring other documents as they may be requested by the adjudicating consular officer. For more information on applying for U.S. nonimmigrant visa, please visit our website at <http://trinidad.usembassy.gov>.

We hope this information has been helpful.