

Warden Message – U.S. Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

Updated Fees Worldwide for American Citizen Services

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The U.S. Embassy in Quito wishes to inform American citizens that starting Tuesday, July 13, 2010, American Citizen Services (ACS) sections will have new fees for certain services, including fees associated with passport and immigrant visa services. The updated fees will help ensure the Department of State has sufficient resources to meet the increasing cost of delivering consular services.

Effective July 13, fees associated with the following services will be changed as follows:

A. PASSPORT AND CITIZENSHIP SERVICES:

- The application processing fee for adult passport applications will change from \$55 to \$70.
- The passport book security surcharge will change from \$20 to \$40.
- The application fee for passport cards will increase from \$20 to \$30 for adults and from \$10 to \$15 for minors.
- A new fee of \$82 for additional passport pages will be imposed.
- The fee for a Consular Report of Birth Abroad will change from \$65 to \$100.
- A new fee of \$450 is being established for documentation of formal renunciation of U.S. citizenship, which applies only to those persons who choose to take the Oath of Renunciation pursuant to Sec. 349(a)(5) INA.

B. OVERSEAS CITIZENS SERVICES:

- The fee for making arrangements for a deceased non-U.S. citizen is changing from consular time (Item 75 on the Schedule of Fees), plus expenses to \$200, plus expenses.

C. IMMIGRANT AND SPECIAL VISA SERVICES:

- The immigrant visa (IV) application fee - which must be collected from all IV applicants who are not fee-exempt – will now be tiered. The new fees will be:

- \$330 for immediate relative and family preference cases (processed on the basis of an I-130, I-600 or I-800 petition);
 - \$720 for employment- based cases (processed on the basis of an I-140 petition); and
 - \$305 for other cases (special IVs, Diversity Visas (DVs), self-petitioned cases, and all other IVs).
- The IV security surcharge - which must be collected from all IV applicants who are not fee-exempt - will increase from \$45 to \$74.
 - The DV fee (which is charged in addition to the application processing fee and security surcharge) will change from \$375 to \$440.
 - The fee for domestic (NVC) review of affidavits of support is changing from \$70 to \$88.
 - The fee for determining returning resident status is decreasing from \$400 to \$380.

D. DOCUMENTARY SERVICES:

- Notarial and authentication services, which now range from \$20 to \$30, will all be \$50.

E. JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES:

- The fee for processing of letters rogatory will increase from \$735 to \$2,275.
- Fees for taking depositions and executing commissions to take testimony will change as follows:
 - scheduling/arranging appointments for depositions, from \$475 to \$1,283;
 - attending or taking depositions or executing commissions to take testimony, from the consular time charge of \$265/hour to \$309/hour plus expenses;

- swearing in witnesses for telephone depositions and supervising telephone depositions, from the consular time charge of \$265/hour to \$231/hour;
- providing seal and certification of depositions, from \$70 to \$415.

F. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

- Consular time charges (Item 75 on the Schedule of Fees) will decrease from \$265 to \$231.

Americans living or traveling in Ecuador are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through the State Department's travel registration website <https://travelregistration.state.gov>, and to obtain updated information on travel and security within Ecuador.

U.S. citizens should consult the [Country Specific Information](#) for Ecuador and the latest Travel Alerts and Warnings and Worldwide Caution at the Department's web site at <http://travel.state.gov>. Updated information on travel and security in Ecuador may also be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or by calling 1-202-501-4444 outside the United States.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito is located at Avigiras E12-170 y Eloy Alfaro. The hours and telephone number for American Citizen Service enquiries is (011) 593-2-398-5000. Within the same city use the last seven digits. Add the city code for intercity telephone calls. Public call-in hours are Monday through Thursday 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and Friday 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

The U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil is located at the corner of Avenida 9 de Octubre and Garcia Moreno (near the Hotel Oro Verde); telephone (011-593-4) 232-3570 during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or 232-1152 for after-hours emergencies; fax (011-593-4) 232-0904. See the Consulate General web site at <http://guayaquil.usconsulate.gov/>.