



Embassy of the United States of America  
Consular Section  
2657 Avenue de la Gendarmerie  
Kigali, Rwanda

### **Diplomatic / official visa application information**

Individuals wishing to travel to the United States in a diplomatic or official capacity should apply for their visas well in advance of intended travel dates. We require a minimum of 2 business days for processing.

Foreign officials coming to the United States to represent their government, whether on permanent assignment or temporary duty, are accorded “A” or “G” visa status, as are their dependents. Foreign officials coming to perform non-governmental functions of a commercial or competitive nature would fall into the “B”, “E”, or “L” visa categories.

There is no fee for “A” or “G” diplomatic or official visas. Applicants for these categories should not pay the visa fee at BCR.

Applications and documents may be brought to the embassy anytime during business hours, Monday through Thursday 09:00 – 17:00 (we are closed between 12:00 and 1:00 for lunch) and Fridays 09:00 – 12:30.

Required documents:

- 1.) *Note Verbale* from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and *Ordre de Mission* if available.
- 2.) Confirmation page from online application form, available at: <https://ceac.state.gov/GENNIV/>
- 3.) A passport valid for at least 6 months after your intended departure from the United States.
- 4.) One copy of a recent full-face, color photograph (5cm x 5 cm) with a white background

Individuals traveling to the United States in a non-official capacity utilizing diplomatic passports should apply for B-1/B-2 visas by following the steps above. There is no fee. Applicants should request an appointment with the Consular Section for inkless fingerprint collection.

Any questions may be directed to the Consular Section at [consularkigali@state.gov](mailto:consularkigali@state.gov) or tel. (250) 596-400. For more information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website: <http://rwanda.usembassy.gov>