



U. S. MISSION

Vacancy Announcement

Riyadh – Jeddah - Dhahran

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - DHAHRAN

11/02/2015

OPEN TO	ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES
POSITION	VISA ASSISTANT, FSN-07 POSITION #100174
OPENING DATE	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 04, 2015
CLOSING DATE	WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015 @ 1700 HOURS (local Saudi time)
WORK HOURS	FULL-TIME: 40 HOURS/WEEK
SALARY	* ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR): POSITION GRADE: FSN-07, SR 78,285 (ANNUAL BASIC SALARY EXCLUDING ELIGIBLE ALLOWANCES). *NOT ORDINARILY RESIDENT (NOR): POSITION GRADE: FP-07, US\$ 40,665 PER YEAR --SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE HIRING MECHANISM --FINAL GRADE/STEP FOR NOR's WILL BE DETERMINED BY WASHINGTON. --U. S. FEDERAL AND STATE TAXES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE SALARY

NOTE:

- ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED TRANSFERABLE WORK/ RESIDENCE PERMIT IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.**

The U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia is seeking an individual for employment in country for the position of Visa assistant for the Consular Section.

BASIC FUNCTION OF THE POSITION

The job holder must screen incoming documentation and information from a variety of sources to organize and track visa requests according to relatively complicated set of laws and procedures so that the Consular Officer can make decisions and ensure that the legal requirements of the application have been met.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. **EDUCATION:** Completion of Secondary School is required.
2. **EXPERIENCE:** 2-4 years of progressively responsible Administrative/Government services/Para-Professional work experience preferably involving the application of complex regulations.
3. **LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS:** Level IV (Fluent) speaking/reading/writing of both Arabic and English are required. (This will be tested).
4. **SKILLS & ABILITIES:** Standard clerical, keyboard/data entry, and IT software experience. Basic numerical and mechanical skills. Exercise of tact and judgment in dealing with the public. Ability to apply good judgment in applying complex statutes and regulations.
5. **JOB KNOWLEDGE:** Basic Knowledge of State Department procedures and standard knowledge of the consular services environment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing the duties and responsibilities for this position may be obtained by sending an email to the Human Resources Office (email address: HRORiyadh@state.gov).

SELECTION PROCESS

When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (3) FS on LWOP

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.
2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold a (insert Secret or Top Secret) security clearance.
5. Candidates who are EFMs, USEFMs, AEFMs, or MOHs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (DS-174), which is available on our website or by contacting Human Resources.
2. A clear copy of valid Saudi / GCC identity card or iqama card / work permit.
3. Any additional documentation (e.g. educational certificates or copies of degrees earned, copy of essays, awards) that supports or addresses the requirements listed above.
4. Candidates who claim *U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application.

***IMPORTANT:** Applicants claiming U.S. Veteran's preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g. Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran's Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran's preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran's preference may be found in HR/OE's Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

WHERE TO APPLY:

Please use the following subject line and format in your email. Failure to use the subject line and format below may result in your application not reaching the required application folder for further consideration.

EMAIL SUBJECT: DHAHRAN-VA15-184-VISA ASSISTANT

**SUBMIT THE APPLICATION AND ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS AS A SINGLE FILE IN PDF
FORMAT TO EMAIL ADDRESS HRORIYADH@STATE.GOV.**

(Note: Multiple files will not be considered)

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPURTUNITY: The U.S. Mission in Saudi Arabia provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

DEFINITIONS*

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined as an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or s-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); **or**

- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of the employee, spouse, or s-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or s-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or s-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e. a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute of Taiwan; **and**
- Is under the Chief of Mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets all of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or s-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a s sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under Chief of Mission authority; **or**
- Resides at an involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 323.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen; **and**
- Spouse or s-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**

- Is under Chief of Mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- A MOH is someone who accompanies or joins a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and
- A MOH must be officially declared to the COM by the sponsoring employee as part of his/her household; and
- A MOH is under Chief of Mission authority;
- A MOH may or may not be a U.S. Citizen;
- A MOH may include parent, unmarried partner, other relative, or adult child;
- A MOH is **not** an EFM;
- A MOH is not listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is a local resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.