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U.S. Embassy and Consulates in Saudi Arabia to Switch to New Online Visa Appointment System

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Beginning August 16, 2013, the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh and U.S. Consulates General in Dhahran and Jeddah will switch to a new online system for obtaining visa information, scheduling visa applications and collecting application fees. August 6, 2013 will be the last day to schedule appointments through the current system, called Visapoint. All applicants wishing to schedule and pay for visa appointments on or before August 6 using Visapoint must ensure that both scheduling and payment are completed on or before August 6, 2013, the date that system will go offline. All applicants seeking interviews after August 6 must use a new system once activated. Furthermore, applicants should not pay before August 6 for a visa appointment after August 6.

Consular sections at the U.S. Embassy and Consulates General in Saudi Arabia will begin using the new online system for visa information and appointment scheduling after the observance of the Eid Al-Fitr holiday. Scheduling appointments for August 18, 2013 and later must be done through the new system. The new system is not yet active; details, including the launch of a visa scheduling and appointment collection website, will be announced in the coming weeks. Please monitor our websites and other media for details.

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