

## **US Embassy Launches New Electronic Visa Application Form**

Ljubljana -- The U.S. Embassy introduced a new online nonimmigrant visa application form -- the DS-160 -- on February 15, 2010. This form will become mandatory for all non-immigrant visa applicants submitting an application at the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana beginning **April 1, 2010**. All applicants for nonimmigrant visas who schedule visa interviews on or after April 1 will be required to use the new form.

The DS-160 should be easier and quicker for most applicants than the previous application forms. The new application form is completely web-based -- once completed by the applicant, all data on the form is electronically transmitted to the Consular Section at the U.S. Embassy. Applicants need only print out a confirmation page to bring with them to the Embassy for their interviews.

The DS-160 offers applicants several advantages over the previous application form:

- Replaces three previous forms, (DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158) and eliminated the need to determine whether supplemental forms are required.
- Features “pop-up” translations of questions in several languages.
- The web application includes many helpful tips on how to complete particular questions.
- The DS-160 has a “family and group” feature, which can save time by allowing applicants to fill in identical data (e.g., address and phone numbers, trip information) one time to share among multiple applications.
- The online form can be saved and completed later, if an applicant cannot complete it in one sitting.
- Data entered into the new DS-160 can be saved and re-used in future applications.

The DS-160 form can be accessed online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/> . An extensive list of Frequently Asked Questions is available at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms\\_4401.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4401.html).

Other than the new online application form, the process to apply for a visa at the U.S. Embassy will remain the same:

1. Complete a DS-160 online application form, available at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>
2. Go to <https://evisaforms.state.gov/default.asp?postcode=LJU&appcode=3> to make an appointment. Appointments are normally available within a few days.
3. Come to the U.S. Embassy at the appointed date and time for an interview.
4. Approved visas are normally available the first business day after your interview.

Further information about the visa application process is available at [http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms\\_4401.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4401.html) .