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NEW U.S. VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

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As part of a worldwide change, beginning May 14th, 2010, U.S. Embassy Lomé will no longer accept printed copies of visa application forms. Any person who submits a non-immigrant visa application on or after this date must complete the new DS-160 interactive online application form, available at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>. Completed forms will be transmitted electronically to the Consular Section of U.S. Embassy Lomé.

Check Your Answers Carefully

Once an on-line application has been submitted, there are no quick and easy ways to correct or add information at the visa interview. Applicants must take special care to identify the correct visa category when completing the online application form. Visa type is determined by the purpose of travel (e.g. tourism). When booking interview appointments through the [Call Center \(http://togo.usembassy.gov/distlist.html\)](http://togo.usembassy.gov/distlist.html), applicants should explain their purpose of travel and verify the appropriate visa category. Selecting the wrong visa category on the DS-160 online application can delay the visa process.

Do-It Yourself Photo System

Applicants must upload a photo in order to submit the DS-160 online application. For specific photo requirements, see http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3877.html.

Applicants are expected to make every effort to upload a photo that meets the designated requirements. However, if the photo upload is not accepted as suitable by the DS-160 system, applicants will be given the option to continue without a photo. In this instance only -- after applicants have attempted unsuccessfully to load a suitable photo and have subsequently submitted their application electronically -- they may bring a photo meeting the above requirements to the interview.

Bring the Confirmation Page to the Visa Interview

After completing the DS-160 online application, be sure to print the confirmation page generated by the online system and **bring that page to the visa interview**. You are welcome to print the entire application form for your own records, but you *must* bring the confirmation page to your visa interview.

Problems, Questions?

Visit http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4401.html for answers to the most frequently asked questions about the online DS-160 application form or visit the Embassy Lomé website at <http://togo.usembassy.gov/non-immigrant-visas.html>.