



**Transcript for the 27 May 2010 Webchat
The DS-160 Nonimmigrant Visa Form**

U.S. Embassy London: (5/14/2010 10:44) We will host a webchat on May 27th, from 10-11am, to answer your questions regarding the new nonimmigrant visa form DS-160. We encourage you to post your questions early; however answers will not be posted until the date and time of the chat. See you then!

U.S. Embassy London: (5/27/2010 10:00) Hello everyone and welcome to today's webchat!

U.S. Embassy London: (10:00) Today we will be answering your questions about the nonimmigrant visa form DS 160.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:00) We will begin with some questions that you have sent in ahead of time.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:01) Q. I submitted DS-160 form a while ago but have just realized that I have not specified my educational institutions since elementary school. I wanted to re-submit the DS-160 but the link does not work today. I am worried about it because my interview is on Wednesday. Please advise what I should do. Thank you

U.S. Embassy London: (10:01) A. If asked the question, applicants are required to list the educational institutions attended since the age of 11. If this information was omitted from the form, you will be required to update it before attending the interview. If you saved your application, you can access it by logging onto the DS-160 site at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv> and selecting Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you did not save your application, you will be required to complete a new version of the Form DS-160. If you are unable to access the form prior to your visa interview, you will be required to cancel the appointment and reschedule.

Stephen Durber: (10:02) Hello i am applying on line for a DS-160 visa .One of the questions asks for PASSPORT BOOK NUMBER. I am a UK Passport number . Can you advise what this number is please.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:02) UK passport holders do not have a passport book number. You should mark this field Not Applicable.



graomo: (10:03) Information provided on the DS-160 form is going to be transmitted to the embassy where an applicant has chosen to apply for any kind of US visa, does this pre determine the outcome of an application because i know each applicant has to provide more supporting documents when attending the interview

U.S. Embassy London: (10:03) Submitting your DS 160 is only the first stage of applying for a US visa. Applicants must then book a visa appointment at the appropriate Embassy or Consulate and may bring any supporting documentation they would like on the day of their interview.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:04) Q. Is a SEVIS ID number required to complete the DS-160 form? What does SEVIS ID mean and where can I get this information. I am 70.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:04) A. If you are applying for an F or J visa you will be required to pay a SEVIS fee. On payment of that fee, you will be given a SEVIS ID number. You will require this SEVIS ID number when completing the DS-160.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:05) Q. I am trying to renew an expired I visa as a member of the foreign media wanting to cover an event in the USA. I have filled in the online form DS-160 using the correct drop down menus but as I come to the end of the form it states that my answers indicate that I am applying to work for a US company – which is not the case, but there are no other options. I have gone back through the form 3 times to check that I have answered everything correctly but it still reverts to that statement.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:05) A. Applicants who indicate that they are applying for work visa are prompted to answer questions concerning a U.S. employer. As there is no U.S. employer in your case, we recommend that you enter the name of the foreign media organization employing your services and address in the U.S., if you have one, and the state in which you will be working.

si wang: (10:08) hello, thx for the webchat opportunity, i have hold a chinese passport, and i m 23 years old, is there any possible that i apply vise throught email instead of attending the interview in london? cos we are have exams recently, but i do stay in manchester. another question, since we have online DS-160 application form now, are we still need to call in advance for appointment of interview if i am required to attend the interview ?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:08) You must attend an interview in order to obtain a US visa. The DS 160 is only an online applicaiton form. After completing this form, you must call to book a visa interview appointment. You must have an interview with a US consular officer in order to obtain a US visa.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:08) Q. I too am unable to list any more than 2 previous employers. I am also unable to list any educational details, when I was told that I would need to list all educational establishments attended after the age of 11 (post primary). I am applying for a J1 visa and I was told this is a requirement when I made my Embassy appointment. Also, when it asks me if I will be studying in the USA, do I answer "yes"? I will be training in non-profit management with a theatre company, but not enrolled at an educational establishment.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:08) A. If the form will not allow you to list all of your previous employers, list what you can and provide the missing information to the consular officer on the day of your interview. The DS-160 replaces the forms DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158. The question concerning elementary school was on the DS-157 which was completed by males aged 16 – 45 and persons aged 14 and over, regardless of gender, who were from Cuba, Syria, Sudan and Iran. As you will be training and not studying you should answer "No" to the question.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:11) Q. Hi, I am currently filling in the DS-160 for a J-1 type visa to work at a summer camp, i have filled in most of the form but i get asked for evidence that I am studying (which I am not in USA) I think its because i selected the J type visa but im not sure, I think I have filled it in correctly is there another option that I should be choosing?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:11) A. Applicants are required to list their primary occupation. If they select "Student" they will be required to furnish details concerning their school in the United Kingdom.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:12) Q. I could see my visa application after completing it online; however, I cannot access it. Is there any way to do this or would I need to write it again?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:12) A. If you saved your application, you can access it by logging onto the DS-160 site at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv> and selecting Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you did not save your application, you will be required to complete a new version of the Form DS-160.

Stephen Durber: (10:16) we are visiting USA on 13th July 2010 for 2 weeks in order to look for long term rent . We would like to visit in October 2010 . Can i submit my on line application before i go in JULY and make a embassy appointment as soon as we arrive back in July



U.S. Embassy London: (10:16) You may submit your application and have your visa interview at any time. We encourage applicants to apply as early as possible before their trips in order to avoid disappointment, and not to make any firm plans (such as booking tickets or hotels) until you have your visa in hand.

graomo: (10:16) hi there, please i have booked the visa interview before completing the DS-160 form, is this a mistake? was i suppose to fill the form first before booking an interview, my interview is next week

U.S. Embassy London: (10:16) You may fill out your DS 160 after booking your appointment, however the DS 160 will need to be completed prior to your interview date.

anne: (10:17) Re: relationship to person, I am the parent, she is my daughter. Do I write parent or child as my answer?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:17) On your daughter's application, you would write parent as the person traveling with. On your application, you would write child.

graomo: (10:19) please when i filled th ds-160 form, i didn't find any section stating i should list all educational institutions you have attended since the age of 11. i have already sumitted the form and printed the confirmation, is this right or do i have to fill out the form again, please advise asap as my interview is next week

U.S. Embassy London: (10:19) If this section (regarding educational institutions) did not appear in your application, provided you completed the other questions appropriately, then you are not required to complete this section.

saydor: (10:20) how long can 1 keep a printed application form ds-160 before applying, as i printed 1 in march and yet to call to book my appointment. does it expire after certain time?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:20) The form does not expire, however, if your information has changed since you completed the form, you must go in and either update (if you have saved the form) or fill out a new DS 160



U.S. Embassy London: (10:20) Q. I submitted the DS-160 couple of hours ago but unfortunately didn't get the print out. So I submitted the whole thing again. Now I have another confirmation number. But it's just come to my mind that maybe it's not OK to submit multiple applications. Am I in trouble? The bad news is that I just found out that I made a mistake in answering one question and I need to modify that. Can I submit a new form with the correct answer?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:20) A. While we do not encourage applicants to submit numerous DS-160 forms online, it will not affect your application. However, you should ensure that you bring with you to the interview the correct DS-160 confirmation sheet for the application. If you have made an error but have saved the form, you can go back to the form, correct the error and resubmit it. In order to do this you should log onto the DS-160 site at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv> and select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you did not save your application, you will be required to complete a new DS-160 application, you will be required to complete a new DS-160.

John Does: Q. What do I do first – complete the form or schedule an interview.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:21) A. If you know the category of visa for which you are applying you may schedule the appointment and complete the DS-160 at any time before the interview. The DS-160 must be completed before the interview as you will be required to present the confirmation page on the day.

anne: (10:24) if we make an error on the ds-160, can it be changed on the day of the appointment at the embassy?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:24) You cannot amend your DS 160 at the Embassy. If you have your form saved, you can update it at any time; if you do not, you must fill it out again. You must present a complete DS 160 at the time of your interview.

graomo: (10:27) hi there, i am a foreigner living and working in the UK at the moment, i have two passports, the old one will run out in 2011 and contains all the visas i've obtained since 2006 including my current uk visa, i also have a new electronic passport which i obtained when i visited my home country recently which has started running, when i booked my b2 US visa appointment and on the ds-160 form, i supplied the number of my new passport, i will be bringing my 2 passports along to my interview in London, i hope this will be alright to do

U.S. Embassy London: (10:27) You will need to bring the passport that you used when you filled out your DS 160 to your visa interview. It may also be helpful to bring your other passport at that time.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:27) Q. Am I required to print it in color?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:27) A. No, the confirmation sheet may be printed in black and white, but we do recommend that it is printed in portrait format. What is important is that the bar code is printed clearly.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:28) Q. As my husband and I are not computer literate and will find uploading our photo for the DS160 form problematic, are we able to print off the DS160 (or get it from another source) and submit our application by post?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:29) A. No, I regret not. The DS-160 must be completed on-line and submitted electronically once complete. This will generate a confirmation page with a bar code which must be presented at the visa interview. In order to complete the DS-160, you will be required to upload a photograph. If the upload is unsuccessful, you may bring the photograph to the interview. The photograph, however, must meet Department of State specifications – further information is available from http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3888.html. If you continue to experience problems, a third party may help you complete the DS-160, but you will be required to electronically sign and submit the application.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:31) Q. I completed the DS-160 and have an appointment for next week. However I am unable to access my application online as I would like to print it. Please help as I would like to avoid completing it again, I checked my email as well and it wasn't emailed to me either.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:31) A. You will only be able to access the DS-160 if you saved your application when completing it. If you did save the form, you should log onto the DS-160 website at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you did not save your application, you will be required to complete a new version of the Form DS-160.

anne: (10:32) If I submit a photo on-line do I need to bring a hard copy to the appointment?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:32) If your photo upload is successful, you are not required to bring a hard copy to your interview.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:34) Q. My husband needs to fill out the DS-160 however he is working away just now and I wanted to check to see if it would be possible for us to phone to schedule his interview to get him an appointment as soon as possible and then for him to complete the DS-160 form and submit this before attending his interview?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:34) A. There is no specific order in which you are required to do this. If you know the category of visa for which your husband is applying you may schedule the interview and he complete the DS-160 at a later date. The DS-160 must be completed prior to the day of the interview, however, as your husband will be required to bring with him the DS-160 confirmation sheet.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:34) Q. I've spent 4 hours trying to complete my application but keep getting the time outs. Saving my file doesn't work as I can then never subsequently upload it. What do you suggest since my interview is on Monday morning?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:35) A. We are aware that even though the connectivity problems initially experienced by applicants have been resolved, some applicants continue to experience problems. This may be due to their internet connection or browser used. It is recommended that applicants use only Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox browsers. In addition, the browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled. The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher. The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher. We also recommend that applicants complete the form well in advance of the scheduled interview date to allow for unexpected problems. Applicants who are unable to complete the DS-160 by the date of the visa interview will be required to reschedule their interview as we cannot accept the application without the confirmation page of the DS-160.

graomo: (10:36) hi please what is a passport book number and is this required from anyone filling the ds-160 form

U.S. Embassy London: (10:36) If you have a Passport Book Number, you are required to fill in this information. UK passport holders do not have a passport book number and should mark this part of the DS 160 Not Applicable.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:38) Q. My online application was submitted yesterday. I received confirmation, but today I realized (reading Your blog), that I need to have put my employment details for the last 5 years. On my form, I only put last 3 years. So, do I need to apply again or is there any other way I can correct application which was submitted and confirmed?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:38) A. If it is only the employment details that are incomplete, you need not submit a new form. You may notify the consular officer on the day of the interview of the additional information.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:39) Q. Can I complete DS-160 without uploading a digital photo and instead take a printed photo to the interview? If so how do I by-pass the photo up-loading section to complete the DS-160 and reach the confirmation page?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:39) A. Applicants are required to upload a photograph. Only if their attempt fails, may they continue without it. In cases where the upload is unsuccessful, the applicant is required to furnish the photograph on the day of the interview together with the confirmation page of the DS-160. We recommend that before you ensure that your photograph meets Department of State specifications. Further information is available from http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3888.html.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:40) Q. I have submitted the DS-160 for a holiday/visitor visa but have just realized that I have not included my education from the age of 11. Is there a chance of resubmitting my form or can I provide the information at the time of the interview?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:40) A. If this information was omitted from the form, you will be required to complete a new DS-160 prior to your interview.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:43) Q. How do I fill in the contact details section when I have not yet booked a hotel?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:43) A. If you do not know the name of the hotel you may enter "accommodation not booked" and just provide the airport and city that you will be visiting.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:43) Q. How do I complete the contact details section if I am in transit through the United States?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:43) A. If you are in transit through the United States you should enter the airport details in these fields.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:44) Q. I have completed the DS-160 on line. What happens next?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:44) A. Completing the DS-160 is just one stage of the visa application process. Applicants aged 14 – 79 are required to apply for a visa in person and should call the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (Calls cost 1.20.min) to arrange an appointment for a visa interview. Those under the age of 14 and aged 80 and over may be eligible to apply for a visa through the courier service. Further information is available from the Embassy website at http://london.usembassy.gov./cons_new/visa/niv/index.html

U.S. Embassy London: (10:44) Q. I have successfully uploaded the picture, but when I press continue button, it is always saying “your application has encountered an error and please try later”. It’s happened to me 5 times today and I can’t finish the application. Can anybody please let me know, if it is just happening with me and any possible solution.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:45) A. We are aware that applicants do experience problems when accessing the DS-160. It is recommended that they use the Internet Explorer, Netscape or Firefox browsers. In addition, the browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled. The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher. The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher.

RJ: (10:46) I have known people in the USA but not in contact and not 'friends' Do u have to put down address of contact in USA?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:46) If you do not have a specific contact name and address in the US, you may put down the name and location of the hotel or similar where you will be staying.



scissorsister: (10:47) I made a mistake on my ds-160 and had to start again. will i have two application number and will that affect my application when i come to the embassy?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:47) No, so long as you bring your confirmation sheet for the valid application

U.S. Embassy London: (10:47) Q. Can I complete DS-160 without uploading a digital photo and instead take a printed photo to the interview? If so how do I by-pass the photo up-loading section to complete the DS-160 and reach the confirmation page?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:47) A. Applicants are required to attempt to upload a photograph to the DS-160. Only if this proves to be unsuccessful, may they may bring a photograph with them to the interview together with the confirmation page of the DS-160. Before attempting to upload a photograph, please review the photo specifications on our website http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3888.html.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:49) Q. I complete the DS-160 since April 2010. Up till now, no response from your Embassy. Please let me know whether my form was received or not.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:49) A. Completing the DS-160 is just one step in the visa application process. Although it is an online form and the data is transmitted to the Department of State, we do not contact the applicant; s/he is required to formally apply for a visa. Applicants aged 14 – 79 are required to appear in person through a pre-arranged interview with a consular officer; those under 14 and 80 and over may apply be courier. Please call 09042 450 100 (Calls cost 1/20 min) to arrange an interview or visit our website at http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/visa/niv/index.html for further information.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:49) Q. I completed the DS-160 and uploaded the photo successfully and got the confirmation Bar code but now I want to change my photo on DS-160. How do I go about that?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:49) A. If you saved the form you may return to it and upload a new photograph. You should log onto the DS-160 website at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you did not save your application, you will be required to complete a new version of the Form DS-160.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:50) Q. We are currently completing a B2 visa application. We have a problem filling in the travel details. We are not travelling until Dec 2010 and do not have an address for where we intend to stay at this moment in time, it will be somewhere in Florida. When we try to save this page it refers us back to the previous page to enter the address details. How should we complete this section?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:50) A. You may enter “accommodation not booked”.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:50) Q. I completed the DS -160 form, but it timed out after submitting it. Although I have managed to submit it, I wasn't able to print anything, not the application form or the confirmation. Does this get sent to you or should I start a new application?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:50) A. The data is transmitted to the post where the applicant will apply for a visa. However, it is not possible to retrieve this data unless the applicant furnishes the confirmation page of the DS-160. If you were unable to print this and you did not save the form so that you can return to it, you will be required to complete a new DS-160.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) Q. When I got to the final screen, it asked me for my SEVIS ID. I did not know what to put (I thought this ID just referred to students), and it would not let me leave it blank. I copied and pasted the example number it provides below the box. I then ticked the box saying I did not plan to study. Now it says I need to bring proof of my SEVIS ID to my US Embassy Interview. Is this going to be an issue? Is it going to prevent my visa being granted? The last thing I want is to go to the Embassy only for my application to be rejected.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) A. J and F visa applicants are required to pay a SEVIS fee. Once paid, they are provided with a SEVIS ID number. This number must be entered into DS-160 when prompted to do so. If you are not familiar with SEVIS you should contact your sponsor for further information and information on payment. Once you have obtained a SEVIS ID number you will be required to complete a new DS-160, if you did not save the form, or if you did, log back into the system at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) Q. I have just completed the DS-160 and the confirmation has been issued. Just realized that I forgot to write my previous employers. Should I apply again?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) A. Applicants are required to list their previous employers. If this information has been omitted from the form, you will be required to either update the original, if you have saved a copy, or if not, complete a new DS-160 prior to the visa interview.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) Q. I have just completed the DS-160 for an F-1 visa, but not yet booked a visa interview or paid a SEVIS fee. Now it looks like my plans have changed and I no longer require a visa. Is there any way of canceling the application or do I not need to.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:51) A. You are not required to cancel your application if the only step taken is to submit a DS-160 on line.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) Q. I have just completed the DS-160 on line and the question "Have you previously been employed?" I have answered no to this question because the note underneath the question asks to provide employment details for the past 5 years if applicable, I have not worked since approx 1993 so have I answered this question correctly. If I had not answered the question correctly how do I amend the application? I have an interview at the Embassy, do they need to be informed?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) A. If you have ever worked, regardless of how long ago, you should answer "Yes" to this and list your last known employer. If you have saved the form you will be able to log back into the system at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process. If you have not saved the form, you will be required to complete a new DS-160 one on line.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) Q. I have completed the DS 160 and signed and submitted it, but at the moment I did so, I didn't have a printer available so I couldn't print the receipt with the bar-code, instead of that I chose the option "send an email" in order to get the form printed later (just as is indicated in the directions) but immediately after I clicked on that option the site said "session timed out" I haven't received any email until now, should I wait more or should I submit a new form?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) A. If you saved the form you can log back into the system at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process and print the confirmation page. If you had not saved the form, you would have been required to complete a new DS-160 one on line.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) Q. I have successfully completed the DS-160 and got the confirmation barcode but now I want to make some changes to my travel plans and my photograph. Can I fill out a new DS-160 and use that instead?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:52) A. If you saved the form you can log back into the system at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>, select Start Application, followed by Begin/Resume Application Process and print the confirmation page. If you had not saved the form, you would have been required to complete a new DS-160 one on line.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:53) Q. I am going to American this summer to coach soccer for UK International Soccer Camps (UKISC). For this I need a J-1 visa and I applied for my DS -160. On the screen where I had to disclose the "Purpose of Trip to the USA" I choose "Student/Exchange Visitor (F, J, M, Q) There were no further drop-down options. IS this correct?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:53) A. Yes, as you are applying for an exchange visitor (J-1) visa you are required to select " Student/Exchange Visitor (F, J, M, Q)".

U.S. Embassy London: (10:53) Q. I have completed the DS-160 and scheduled my visa appointment. Do I need to bring the print out of the form to the interview with the MRV fee receipt and appointment confirmation?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:53) A. Yes, you are required to bring the DS-160 confirmation sheet, MRV fee receipt, appointment letter and all other documents applicable to your application. On booking the appointment you will have received an email confirming the date and time. Imbedded in the email is a hyperlink. If you click on that link it will take you to the website where you will find detailed information concerning the forms and documents you are required to present on the day of your interview



U.S. Embassy London: (10:53) Q. I had already completed the DS 160 form successfully on 29/04/2010. How long does it take to get a response from you, regarding my online application? Do I need to pay my fees online because did not find any fees section during filling up my form online, or shall I bring it over to an interview session. Do I need to book an appointment for an Interview or shall I wait for your response to get back to me via post?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) A. We do not contact applicants. Completing the DS-160 is just one step in the visa application process. If you are aged 14 – 79 you are required to schedule an appointment to apply for the visa and may do this by calling the Operator Assisted Information Service on 09042 450 100 (Calls cost 1.20/min). You will be required to pay the MRV application fee at the time you call to book the appointment.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) Q. We have been unsuccessful in uploading photographs with the DS-160 as they have been deemed unsuitable. Is there any way where we can send the photographs to the Embassy beforehand so that we are not turned away after a long trip to London just because the photographs we bring are still unsuitable? Is there an official photographer at the embassy for photo taking if the photos we bring are still unsuitable?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) A. The Embassy cannot review photographs and there is no official photographer on site. We suggest that you check out the Department of State specifications for photographs at http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3888.html. If your attempt to upload a photograph fails you may continue completing the form without the photographs. On the day of the interview you will be required to bring the photographs with you to the interview. If the photographs presented do not meet Department of State specifications, you will be required to obtain new photographs before we will be able to continue with the interview.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) Q. The DS-160 asks for my National Identification Number, U.S. Social Security Number, or U.S. Taxpayer ID Number, none of which I have. What do I do?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) A. If they do not apply in your case, you should check the box 'Does Not Apply'.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:54) Q. I have just completed my DS160 form and have an appointment scheduled. I don't remember seeing the question about Elementary School. Does that crop up with all applications?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) A. The DS-160 replaces the forms DS-156, DS-157 and DS-158. The question concerning elementary school was on the DS-157 which was completed by males aged 16 – 45 and persons aged 14 and over, regardless of gender who were from Cuba, Syria, Sudan and Iran

U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) Q. I am not computer literate. Can someone else complete the form for me?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) A. Yes, but under U.S. visa law an applicant must sign and submit his or her own visa application form unless otherwise exempt by regulation, by clicking the "Sign Application" button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application. By clicking "Sign and Submit Application" the applicant is electronically signing the application. Your electronic signature certifies that you have read and understood the questions in the application and that your answers are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. The submission of an application containing any false or misleading statements may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or the denial of entry into the United States. All declarations made in this application are unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) Q. Who is exempt from signing the form?

U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) A. If an applicant is illiterate or unable to complete the application, the applicant must be assisted by a third party. The third party must be identified in the application. The third party can assist the applicant in completing the application, but must instruct the applicant on how to endorse the application on his/her behalf by clicking on the "submit application" link to complete the application. If the applicant is under the age of 16 or physically incapable of completing an application, the alien's parents or guardian may execute the application on his/her behalf. If the alien has no parent or legal guardian, then the application may be completed by any person having legal custody of, or a legitimate interest in, the alien.



U.S. Embassy London: (10:55) Q: Q: Hi. Me and my wife are planning to visit New York for a week in late September. Both me and my wife are Indian nationals currently working in London. I am working on a tier-1 visa and my wife has indefinite leave to remain (PR). In this context I would like to know if we can use form DS-160 to apply for a tourist visa in your London embassy. Thanks.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:56) A: You must use the DS-160 form to apply for your visas. Please visit <http://london.usembassy.gov> for all information about how to apply for a visa at U.S. Embassy London.

U.S. Embassy London: (10:57) Thanks to everyone for their participation today. That is all the time we have for questions today, but we will have another webchat on a different topic next month; check the Embassy webpage for topics. You will be able to find the transcript from this webchat available on the Embassy's webpage soon.

The webchat ended at 11:00 BST