

VISA RENEWAL PROGRAM

QUALIFICATION

You are qualified for the renewal program if you meet ALL criteria below:

1. You are not traveling to the U.S. or need to use your passport within the next three weeks.¹
2. You are a Vietnamese citizen.
3. You are physically present in Vietnam.
4. You are a holder of a U.S. temporary visitor, returning student/exchange visitor, temporary worker or intra-company transferee visa (B, F, M, J, H and L visa).
5. You are applying for a visa in the same classification as your prior nonimmigrant biometric visa.²
6. Your latest visa was a full validity visa.³
7. You are applying for a new visa not more than 11 months after the previous visa expired.
8. If you are a student, you have not left the United States for a break in studies of five months or more, unless your activities overseas are related to your course of study.⁴
9. You have never been refused a U.S. visa.
10. You did not answer "YES" to any question in Security and Background of the DS-160.

Applicants who do not meet these requirements should schedule an online appointment for a visa interview. For information on scheduling an online appointment, please visit <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>.

¹ Because this is the time needed to process mail-in applications. While we are often able to process renewal applications much faster, we cannot guarantee that will be the case every time.

² I.e., same visa class and same category (principal or derivative). Also, if you turned 14 after the last application, your last visa is not a biometric visa and you are not qualified for the renewal program. Even if your fingerprints were taken during the last application, there are cases that we have to call back for new fingerprints.

³ A full validity visa for a Vietnamese citizen is a visa valid for 12 months with multiple entries.

⁴ If the break in study exceeds five months, please include a letter explaining how that break is related to your studies.