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Visa Interview Waiver Program Launched!

The U.S. Embassy in Algiers is pleased to announce the Interview Waiver Program for qualified visa applicants. Those who qualify no longer need to make appointments or conduct interviews at the U.S. Embassy when applying for visas.

Three ways to qualify:

- 1) Applicants who have previously been issued visas by the U.S. Embassy in Algiers and whose visas are either still current or have expired within the last 12 months. Applicants must have traveled to the U.S. on this visa and must be applying for the same type of visa
- 2) Applicants under 14 years of age whose parent(s) have valid U.S. visa(s) or qualify for the interview waiver program and who will be traveling with their parent(s)
- 3) Applicants over 79 years of age with prior travel to the U.S.

How it works:

Applicants must visit <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/dz> to fill out an online application (DS-160) and follow the steps for scheduling a new appointment. Applicants answer a series of questions to verify their eligibility for the Interview Waiver Program and will receive a confirmation page if qualified. The online instructions will then list the documents and fees that must be submitted any Monday or Wednesday (except Algerian or American holidays) from 7:00-10:00 AM at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers. Once visas are ready, applicants will be contacted to pick up their passports at the pick-up location selected during the registration process. The average processing time for visas is one week.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Can someone else drop off my application and pay the fees? Yes, a family member or business associate may drop off your application, documents, and payment. They must bring a government-issued photo ID (passport or biometric national ID) to enter the Embassy.

Should I bring any other supporting documents (for example bank statements, business registrations, or work documents)? Only the documents listed in the online instructions are required. If the Embassy needs further documentation you will be contacted.

I went to the United States on a tourist visa last year, and now I want to apply for a student visa. Can I use the interview waiver program? No, you must apply for the same class of visa that you previously received.

Does this mean I'm guaranteed a visa? No, the majority of travelers may be able to renew their visas without any problems, but some applicants may be called in for an interview.

For more information visit (http://algiers.usembassy.gov/interview_waiver_program.html) or write to algiersadditionalinfo@state.gov