



U.S. Consulate General Mumbai

DS-160 Web-Based Application

The newly-developed DS-160 web-based Non-Immigrant Visa (NIV) application is required starting 19 Jan 2010 for all appointments scheduled on or after 1 Feb 2010.

Simple steps to follow:

1. Prepare an appropriate photo.
2. Complete the online visa application form (DS-160).
3. Pay the application fee at a designated HDFC Bank branch.
4. Schedule an appointment by visiting the website www.vfs-usa.co.in using the CEAC barcode and the HDFC 9000 series receipt number.
5. Visit the nearest VFS location approximately three days prior to the appointment days to submit these documents: CEAC confirmation page, HDFC receipt, Photo, Passport bio page copy, and any documents relevant to the visa category.
6. On the interview date, appear personally at the Consulate General with passport, VFS appointment letter, and other supporting documents per visa category.
7. If approved, receive the visa by courier.

Note: If the online application has not been completed fully and accurately, the applicant will be requested to return with a new completed application. To view Frequently Asked Questions about DS-160, please visit the Consulate's website.

Tips

- Save to your desktop while you are completing the form.
- Only use "do not know" or "does not apply", if true. Use explanation fields as appropriate.
- Be honest; ask applicant more questions if needed. Incomplete/inaccurate information may lead to visa ineligibilities.
- Ensure photo meets quality standards.
- Confirmation page should have a clearly printed bar code.
- After form submission, email the confirmation page to yourself in case the hard copy is lost.



Useful Websites to Learn More

All links are located on the Consulate's website at: <http://mumbai.usconsulate.gov>

DS-160 form: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Photo specifications: http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3877.html

Scanner specifications: http://travel.state.gov/visa/guide/guide_3883.html

Frequently Asked Questions about DS-160:

http://travel.state.gov/visa/frvi/forms/forms_4401.html

U.S. State Department's travel website: www.travel.state.gov

VFS: www.vfs-usa.co.in