

U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai

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Appointments and Interviews

U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai resumes H and L visa processing

The U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai is pleased to announce the resumption of interviews in Mumbai for H and L visas. The H and L visa categories are petition-based and enable a beneficiary to work legally in the United States. In 2010, Indians applicants received 65 percent of all H1B visas issued worldwide.

The Consulate will open the appointment schedule on August 26, 2011; the first interview appointments available are on September 6, 2011. All interviews will be conducted at the Lincoln House Consulate building, located at 78, Bhulabhai Desai Road, until further notice.

Please visit VFS, our visa scheduling partner, at <http://www.vfs-usa.co.in/AppInForms/ScheduleMenu.aspx> to make your visa appointment on-line.

Scheduling Appointments

Make your appointment through the [VFS website](#). Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes before the time noted on your appointment letter.

To reschedule or cancel an appointment, please follow the instructions on the [VFS website](#).

Find wait times for visa processing and appointments [here](#).

Apply Early! Although the vast majority of visas are delivered in a week or less, some applications require administrative processing. Please do not make travel arrangements until you have received your visa.

Emergency Appointment

If you have an emergency, please contact us at the appropriate email address below:

Chennai: chennainiv@state.gov

Hyderabad: HydCEA@state.gov

Kolkata: infouskolkata@vfshelpline.com

Mumbai: infousmumbai@vfshelpline.com

New Delhi: through [VFS online appointment system](#)

Family Interviews

Parents and children should schedule appointments together, even if they plan to travel separately. Each family member needs a DS-160 application barcode and HDFC receipt, and each family member needs an appointment.

If children are applying, either parent may accompany the child to the interview.

If your children are not applying for visas, please do not bring them to the Consulate unless absolutely necessary. There is limited space in the waiting room, which may be uncomfortable for your children, and any added noise makes it difficult for other applicants to hear properly during their interviews.

Groups

P-visa and O-visa applicants/groups should apply together. Each group member is interviewed individually, and each member must completely fill out the DS-160. To schedule an appointment at Consulate General Mumbai, a representative of the group should visit our office, any business day, at 9:00 a.m. with the I-797 (Approval Notice of Action).

Questions?

Email: infousmumbai@vfshelpline.com

[Frequently Asked Questions about Appointments Interviews](#)

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NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

Visitors to the United States require nonimmigrant visas. Before applying, know which type of visa suits your purpose of travel. If you plan to permanently relocate to the United States, please visit Immigrant Visas.

How to Apply:

1. You need a photograph that meets the specifications. Scan and save the photo. You will upload it into the DS-160. Basic digital photo requirements:
 - A .jpg file between 600x600 and 1200x1200 pixels
 - Less than 240kbs
 - Not digitally altered
2. Complete Form DS-160 online here. Save often to avoid data loss. Answer all of the questions as thoroughly as possible before submitting. Incomplete forms may not be accepted.

DS-160 FAQs
3. Print the barcode at the end of the application on a **laser printer**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important Notice for H&L visa applicants

Effective March 7, 2011, new H&L category visa appointments are no longer available at the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai. H&L visa appointments may be scheduled in New Delhi, Chennai, or Hyderabad through VFS. More information is found [here](#).

WHAT NOT TO BRING



Security Restrictions

FAMILY TRAVELING



Partial Reduction in Visa Operations at U.S. Consulate, Mumbai
March 3, 2011

The U.S is committed to facilitating the visa interview process throughout India. We are constructing a new Consulate for Mumbai. The new multi-million dollar Mumbai Consulate facility is scheduled to open later this year.

Unfortunately, the current Mumbai Consulate building's aging infrastructure has forced us to close several of the interview windows in Mumbai, limiting the number of applicants that can be accommodated at a given time.

If you have already scheduled an H or L visa interview appointment at the Mumbai Consulate, you may keep that interview time. No new H or L visa appointments will be made at the Mumbai Consulate. New H and L interviews may be scheduled at the other U.S. Consulates in India or the Embassy in New Delhi.

Appointments will be scheduled via VFS at <https://www.vfs-usa.co.in/USIndia/Index.html>. Appointment times can be found on the VFS website.