



# Embassy of the United States Dominican Republic

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### **US Embassy Consular Section Closed for Three Days Due to Move to New Compound**

May 16, 2014

**Santo Domingo** - The United States Embassy's Consular Section in Santo Domingo will be closed from Wednesday, June 11 to Friday June 13. It will continue to be closed during the weekend of June 14 and 15. Limited services will be offered, upon reopening on Monday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

The new Embassy will be located in the sector of Arroyo Hondo. The address will be Av. República de Colombia #68, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

After the move, the Consular Section will continue to operate with the regular schedule Monday through Thursdays from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Fridays from 7:00 to 11:00am

The following services will be offered during the transition:

- **American Citizen Services** will function in a limited capacity; however, emergencies will be prioritized. When contacting the United States Embassy, please provide the full name of the applicant, the United States passport number, date of birth, telephone numbers, the nature of the emergency, required services or inquiry. In the event of an emergency, please contact the Embassy main number 809-221-2171.
- **Immigrant Visa** applicants with appointments between June 11th and the 16th will have new interviewing dates sooner than their currently scheduled ones. If you have not been notified by May 30th about the change, please contact [santodomingovisas@state.gov](mailto:santodomingovisas@state.gov), in order to confirm your new interview date.
- **Non-Immigrant Visa Unit** will function under reduced capacity. During the move, NIV applicants can contact the consular section via email e-mail to [santodomingovisas@state.gov](mailto:santodomingovisas@state.gov) or the Call Center, 809-200-3232 for an emergency.
- Regular appointments for visas are available until the planned moving dates, so that applicants can schedule their appointments on time. This way, any inconvenience that could come up can be minimized in case the travel arrangements have been already planned. After the move, the Unit will return to its standard services.
- **The USCIS** office will be closed during the move, restarting their operations on June 17th, 2014. It is recommended to contact them, prior coming to the new building, by writing to; [domrepublic.uscis.@dhs.gov](mailto:domrepublic.uscis.@dhs.gov).
- Responses to e-mail inquiries also may take several days due to the move.

### **What will not change?**

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- Consular Section security procedures will remain the same
- The Embassy's main phone number, 809-221-2171, will not change
- Mobile phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the Consular Section, and we have no capacity to store them. Please leave them at home
- Large bags require extra screening by security personnel and slow down the security process for you and everyone behind you. Please leave large bags at home and only bring the essentials to your appointment
- The complete list of items that are not permitted inside the Consular Section is: cell phones, chargers, nail clippers, batteries, firearms, knives, scissors, other sharp objects, cameras, tape/video recorders, laptop computers, lighters/matches, pepper spray (Mace), aerosol spray, radios, pliers, flammable liquids, and sealed envelopes
- The Embassy website address will remain the same: [santodomingo.usembassy.gov](http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov).



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