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General Information

The U.S. Consulate General Karachi proudly announces that we will expand visa services in our new office building. Beginning February 1, 2011, all residents of Sindh and Balochistan should apply in Karachi for the following nonimmigrant visa categories:

- Business travel (B1)
- Tourist visas for senior citizens over the age of 65 (B2)
- Renewals of tourist visas that have expired within the past year (B1/B2)
- Crew Members (C1/D)
- Student and Exchange Visitors (F,J,M)
- Journalists (I)
- Petition-based visas, including temporary worker and intracompany transferees, traders and investors, persons of extraordinary ability, artists or entertainers, and religious workers. (H,E,L,P,O,R)

To schedule an appointment, visa applicants must provide all required supporting documentation. For example, business travelers must be able to show they are traveling primarily for business, students must have a completed and signed I-20 form, and exchange visitors must have a completed DS-2019 form.

Individuals interested in traveling to the United States as tourists, who are not traveling for business purposes, not renewing a visa that has expired in the past year, or persons who are not over the age of 65, must still apply for their tourist visas in Islamabad until further notice.

Click here for information on visa categories and any additional application requirements.

Click here for the DS-160 web-based application form and instructions.

Visa Appointments and Processing

All visa appointments are made through American Express Travel or one of their satellite offices. Please see http://aeg.com.pk/US_Visa_Locations.aspx to find the location nearest to you.

Consulate General Karachi requires all visa applicants to come in person to their interview.

We encourage **all applicants** to apply at least three months prior to their intended date of travel. We also strongly recommend that travelers not purchase any airline tickets

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that cannot be changed before you have a valid U.S. visa and passport in hand.

Please note that some visa applications will require additional administrative processing. Applicants are advised at the time of their interview whether administrative process is required. While most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days of application, timing varies from case to case. Before making inquiries about the status of administrative processing, applicants should wait at least 90 days from the date of interview or submission of supplemental documents, whichever is later.

On the day of the scheduled interview applicants must arrive at the U.S. Consulate Plot No. 3-5, New TPX Area, Mai Kolachi Road, Karachi 15 minutes before their interview appointment.

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