

EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES CAIRO, EGYPT

VISA AND CONSULAR OPERATIONS

Resumption of Full Visa and Consular Operations at Embassy Cairo

April 3, 2011

The U.S. Embassy in Cairo will resume visa services to the public on April 10, 2011.

Non-Immigrant Visas (NIV)

Vodafone will contact non-immigrant visa applicants whose appointments were cancelled because of the suspension of visa operations to reschedule their appointments. Applicants may also reschedule a cancelled appointment by contacting Vodafone directly at 0900-70-600 from a landline or 2100 from a Vodafone cell phone.

All applicants who wish to schedule an appointment for the first time must follow the instructions on the Embassy's website at <http://egypt.usembassy.gov>. Students, exchange visitors, and those with cancelled appointments will be given priority in scheduling. All applicants should understand that it will take time to clear the visa interview appointment backlog. Travelers should not purchase tickets or make other irrevocable commitments until they have received their visas.

Application fees and the requirements to qualify for a visa remain unchanged. All applicants must demonstrate convincingly their intent to return to Egypt following a temporary visit to the United States.

Immigrant Visas (IV)

The Embassy will resume interviews for all categories of immigrant visas on April 10, 2011. The Embassy will contact immigrant visa applicants whose appointments were cancelled because of the suspension of visa operations to reschedule new appointments. We will give priority initially to the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens. Applicants with cancelled appointments may also request new appointment dates by e-mail at ConsularCairoIV@state.gov. U.S. citizens resident in Egypt who wish to file I-130 immigrant visa petitions for spouses, children or parents should contact Vodafone at 0900-70-600 to schedule appointments. U.S. citizens not resident in Egypt must file I-130 petitions with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services in the United States. Instructions and forms are available at www.uscis.gov.

After Visa Interview Process for All Applicants

All visa applicants may track the status of the administrative processing associated with their cases by checking the Embassy's website, and following the posted instructions:

<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/consular/niv8.html> (for NIV cases)

<http://egypt.usembassy.gov/consular/ivstatus.html> (for IV cases)

We will return all visas via DHL courier service. Delivery status may be tracked at <http://www.dhlegypt.com/en/html> .

No visa applicant should come to the Embassy without an appointment. The Embassy does not provide visa information on a walk-in basis. Applicants seeking information about a specific visa case should send an e-mail with case details to ConsularCairoNIV@state.gov for nonimmigrant visa cases and ConsularCairoIV@state.gov for immigrant visa cases. Information about all categories of U.S. visas is available on the Embassy website at <http://egypt.usembassy.gov> and the U.S. Department of State website at www.travel.state.gov .

American Citizen Services

The American Citizens Services (ACS) Section of the Consular Section has resumed its normal appointment system for all non-emergency services. No walk-in clients are admitted with the exception of emergencies. Those seeking U.S. passport services, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, notarial services and all other non-emergency American Citizens Services should make an appointment by following the link under American Citizens on the Embassy's website. Questions about American Citizens Services can be sent by e-mail to ConsularCairoACS@state.gov. Americans citizens may telephone the ACS Section at 2797-2301 during business hours Sunday-Thursday from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. For emergencies after business hours or on weekends, American citizens may contact the Embassy Duty Officer via the Embassy switchboard at 2797-3300.

The Embassy appreciates the public's understanding and cooperation as consular service hours are adapted as necessary to ensure the full safety of consular clients and Embassy staff.