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Department of State Transitions to DS-160 for K Visa Applications
Effective immediately, **all** K visa applicants are required to complete the DS-160 Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The DS-160 replaces forms DS-156, DS-156K, and DS-230.

For K visa cases already in process at a U.S. embassy or consulate, the DS-160 is not required when, prior to October 7, 2013, one of the following situations exist:

- The K visa applicant is already scheduled for an interview.
- The K visa applicant has already been interviewed and has been requested to submit additional documentation or is pending administrative processing.
- The K visa applicant has already submitted a valid, signed, unexpired DS-156, DS-156K and/or DS-230 or received instructions to do so.

Diversity Visa Program (DV-2015) Registration

Department of State transitions to online immigrant visa application
Starting September 1, 2013, all immigrant visa applicants will apply online using Form DS-260 (Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration). Applicants will also choose their agent online using Form DS-261 (Choice of Address and Agent). Applicants will access both forms on the web at ceac.state.gov.

These forms replace the paper DS-230 and DS-3032. The National Visa Center (NVC) may instruct some applicants who previously submitted Form DS-230 to submit Form DS-260. Only Diversity Visa and Cuban Family Reunification Parole applicants will continue to use the paper forms. If you have questions or feedback about Forms DS-260 and DS-261, contact the NVC at nvcinquiry@state.gov or **603-334-0700**.

USCIS Announces Process Changes for Waivers of Inadmissibility for Certain Relatives of U.S. Citizens

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