

DS - Forms

DS - Department Of State.

Forms **DS-156**, **DS-157** and **DS-158**.

Remember always take Xerox copies of DS-forms you will be submitting for visa application for future references. **Don't forget this.** This is very important. Also remember DS-156 & DS-158 Forms should be printed **Back-to-back on a single A4 size paper sheet.** (Two sides on a single sheet, but not on two separate sheets)

For F1-Visa there are **3 Forms** (for Male Applicants) and **2 Forms** (for female Applicants) to fill and submit at the time of interview.

Male Applicants should submit: **DS-156**, **DS-157** and **DS-158**.

Female Applicants should submit: **DS-156** and **DS-158**.

DS - 156 Form:

Non-Immigrant Visa Application (DS-156) is available in **two** types of forms.

1. Electronic Visa Application Form
2. Non-Electronic Visa Application Form (in PDF Format)

Any type of form is fine for Visa interview.

1. Electronic Visa Application Form:

You need to fill this form very carefully as this will directly get saved in central database computer and generates a barcode to facilitate speedy action in your visa application procedure.

Electronic Visa Application Forms can be filled out on-line and assist in the processing of your application available directly on net and after completing it you need to press the submit button on web page which will then convert your data into a PDF file of 3 pages. (Remember this E form results in three pages output. Along with usual 2 pages, and an extra page, which contains bar code number).

You need to take **all three pages printout** to submit at consulate. (First **two pages on back to back on a single A4 size white sheet** and **third page on separate sheet.**)

What you need to fill Electronic Visa Application Form:

- Your Internet browser must support **128-bit encryption**.
- If you are using Internet Explorer (Windows), the minimum version that will work with this site is version 5.0, with service pack 2.
- If you are using Netscape, the minimum version that will work with this site is version 6.2.
- You must also have **Adobe Acrobat Reader version 5.0 or higher** installed on your PC in order to download and print the completed application form.

- You should use either an **ink-jet** or **laser printer** to print the completed application form.

Note: Depending on the speed of your Internet connection, it may take several minutes to download the initial and completed copies of the form. Please be patient.

- Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces on the form. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters. Letters like ñ, é, ü, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémonin as Munoz and Semonin.
- **Review the information you entered for accuracy.**
- Press the "**Continue**" button at the end of the form. Failure to click on the "Continue" button will result in an incorrectly formatted application form.
- Print the form after it is returned to you and displayed in Adobe Acrobat.
- The barcode that prints on the last page contains the information you entered and will help us process your application more quickly.
- Bring all printed pages with you when you come in for your interview.
Please do not fold the printed application form.

2. Non-Electronic Visa Application Form:

Non-Electronic Visa Application forms will be in PDF format, which you can directly download and enter your data online and take printout of it. But data won't get saved (unless you are using PDF writer or Adobe Writer)

So while entering data, make sure you have ink-jet or laser printer connected to your computer. Set default size of the printing option to A4 size and remember DS-156 and DS-158 forms should be printed only on Back-to-back (Two sides on a single page.)

DS - 157 & 158 Forms:

These forms will be in PDF format, which you can directly download and enter data online take printout of it. Same rules will be applied to these forms as applicable to DS-156 PDF form. Given below are the links for these DS forms. (Use Copy & Paste methods to go to directly for respective forms.)

1. DS-156 Form (Evisaform)

<https://evisaforms.state.gov/ds156.asp?lang=1>

1. DS-156 Form (PDF / Non-Electronic Visa Form)

http://evisaforms.state.gov/DS156_English.pdf

2. DS-157 Form

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/7769.pdf>

3. DS-158 Form

<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/12154.pdf>