



Embassy of the United States Caracas, Venezuela

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Welcome

Welcome to the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Caracas. The Consular Section has two main missions:

- to provide a wide range of emergency and routine services to U.S. citizens visiting or residing in Venezuela, such as offering help in the event of serious illness or arrest, issuing U.S. passports, registering the births of U.S. citizens in Venezuela, and providing assistance to recipients of Social Security and other Federal benefits; and
- to provide immigrant and nonimmigrant visa services to Venezuelans and citizens of other countries who are in Venezuela.

In 2013, the Consular Section processed approximately 255,000 applications for nonimmigrant visas and 2,300 applications for immigrant visas, making it possible for Venezuelans from various backgrounds and walks of life to travel to the United States. With its variety of tourist destinations, diverse cultures, dynamic business environment, and spectacular landscapes, the United States has much to offer visitors.

We hope that you will find our website useful. Please use the links on the left to find further information on our services.

Notification

March 23, 2014

We regret that as a result of the expulsion of several consular officials and Venezuelan government delays in issuing visas for incoming officers, the U.S. Embassy in Caracas does not have sufficient consular staff at present to continue to schedule appointments for first-time tourist (B-1/B-2) visa applicants. Until further notice, we are able to offer such appointments only in emergency situations.

If you already have an appointment, please appear at the appointed date and time, because it is unlikely under current staffing conditions that we will be able to re-schedule your interview in a timely manner.

Applicants may apply for first-time tourist (B-1/B-2) visas at other U.S. embassies or consulates abroad, but still must prove ties outside the United States when applying, regardless of the place of application. Once our consular staffing is allowed to return to normal levels, we anticipate being able to schedule appointments for first-time B-1/B-2 visa applicants.

Please note that there are still timely appointments available for renewals of B-1/B-2 visas (so long as the visa has not been expired for more than a year) and for all

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other classes of visas at the U.S. Embassy in Caracas.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience and hope to return to our customary level of service in the future.



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