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VISA Renewal

Egyptian students already studying in the United States who need to renew their F (student) or J (Exchange Visitor) visas may now start the application process before returning to Egypt for interviews.

They may submit their visa forms with the CIB fee receipt, photos, copies of their I-20 (student) or DS 2019 (Exchange Visitor) forms and copies of the biographic pages of their passports in advance of their travel to Egypt.
(The matching originals will be required at the interview.)

The materials should be forwarded to a family member or personal contact in Egypt who can submit the case via TNT courier service and be the point of contact for the applicant. There should be a clear indication in a covering letter that the applicant is already a student in the U.S. and is seeking pre-processing of an F or J visa prior to interview. There will be no government-to-government intervention in these cases - they must be submitted directly on behalf of applicants to the Visa Section.

Initial processing can then begin. When that processing is completed, the student or his local agent will be notified when the case is ready for interview and final processing. Such processing is taking on average six to eight weeks but no exact timeframe can be given and the time varies case by case.

Please note that submitting paperwork in advance of the interview is not a guarantee of visa issuance. The purpose is solely to cut down on the length of time most ongoing students will have to wait for visa processing outside the United States.

Just as some applicants who begin with an interview are unable to qualify, not all those who submit paperwork ahead of the interview will be found eligible. Also note that the final interview can occasionally result in the need for additional processing time.

Points to remember:

- All questions on the visa application form (Form DS-156), the supplemental form (Form DS-157) and the DS-158, contact information



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- form, required for all students/Exchange Visitors, must be answered completely and clearly.
- Any lack of clarity or completeness will mean processing cannot begin and the case will have to be returned.
 - These forms can all be downloaded from the visa page of the Department of State's website at www.state.gov
 - The passport copy presented must be the same passport which is to be presented for visa issuance at the time of the interview. Presentation of a different passport, even with the same biographic data, may result in a delay after interview.
 - Students must ensure that all the information on their I-20 or DS 2019 forms is correct and matches their passport details.
 - Students/Exchange Visitors should also ensure that their sponsor institutions have entered their information in the SEVIS student registration system. No visas can be issued unless the students are registered in SEVIS and the Visa Section can electronically confirm their registration.
 - Individual questions can be addressed to the U.S. Embassy via the internet at consularcairo@state.gov

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL U.S. VISA REQUESTS, EVEN RENEWALS,
CAN TAKE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME TO PROCESS

START EARLY!!!!