

Important Announcement

U.S. Business Visa Program A New Benefit, Exclusive to AmCham Members

AmCham Tunisia is pleased to inform its corporate members of the launch of a new pilot program in partnership with the US Consular Section of the US Embassy in Tunis, called the US Business Visa Program.

AmCham Tunisia members will have the possibility to obtain expedited visa appointments (for new visas) and expedited renewals through the Business Visa Program. Members of AmCham Tunisia and their employees traveling to the U.S. for business will be able to request an expedited appointment for U.S. visas directly through AmCham offices and have their passports returned on an expedited basis.

We are confident that this new partnership with the Consular Section of the U.S Embassy will enhance our ability to assist our members in developing their businesses.

Here is how it works:

Step 1: The members must fill out the online application and submit it to the Consular section.

Please follow these simple steps to make your appointment:

- First, complete your DS-160 application online, https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/;
- Second, create a profile on http://www.ustraveldocs.com/eg/ and print out the fee payment invoice;
- Third, pay the US Visa fee at any branch of AttijariBank and wait 24 hours for your receipt to be uploaded into our database;



Step 2: Send an e-mail to Mr. Tijani SMDI at AmCham Tunisia (executivedirector@amchamtunisia.org.tn) to schedule an expedited appointment.

Step 3: AmCham will notify you about the appointment time.

Kindly note that AmCham will charge 150 TND per application as administrative fees to cover the costs of this service payable upon request.

Also, Only AmCham Members in good standing are eligible for the Expedited Visa Appointment service. There shall be no exceptions.

Applicants need to email a scanned copy of the following documents to the chamber on executivedirector@amchamtunisia.org.tn: RNE, CNSS, and financial statements.

If you do not qualify for the new program but still need the expedited service due to urgent, unplanned business travel, please request an expedited appointment through the public website, http://www.ustraveldocs.com/eg/eg-niv-expeditedappointment.asp.

The application process through this website is precisely the same as the process described above except for the submission of documents to the Embassy.

The website contains information on the public appointment expedited request process and documentary requirements. Please follow the posted instructions to apply.



Frequently Asked Questions about the new Business Visa Program

Who qualifies for the new Business Visa Program?

- Any member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Tunisia who is traveling to the U.S. qualifies for an expedited appointment.
- Employees of Tunisian member companies, of AmCham qualify for an expedited appointment provided they are traveling for business purposes. Please note that only the employee qualifies for an expedited appointment. Family members of the employee must use the public appointment system (www.ustraveldocs.com/eg/).

My company is not a member of the American Chamber of Commerce, but we used to qualify for the Business Visa Program, do I still qualify for the new Business Visa Program?

The new Business Visa Program will be coordinated through the American Chamber of Commerce. If you no longer qualify for the new program and you need expedited service due to urgent, unplanned business travel, please request an expedited appointment through:

 $\underline{https://www.ustraveldocs.com/tn/tn-niv-appointmentschedule.asp}$

The application process through this website is precisely the same as the process described above except for the submission of documents to the Embassy.

- First, complete your DS-160 application online, https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/;
- Second, create a profile on www.ustraveldocs.com/eg/ and print out the MRV fee payment invoice;



- Third, pay the MRV fee at any branch of Attijaribank and wait 24 hours for your receipt to be uploaded.
- Finally, follow the instructions on the website to schedule an expedited appointment.

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