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**Application Fees for Non-Immigrant Visas to Increase on January 1, 2008**

Effective January 1, 2008, the application fee for a U.S. non-immigrant visa will increase from \$100 to \$131. This increase allows the Department to recover the costs of security and other enhancements to the non-immigrant visa application process. This increase applies both to non-immigrant visas issued on machine-readable foils in passports and to border crossing cards issued to certain applicants in Mexico.

Applicants who paid the prior \$100 application fee before January 1 will be processed only if they are scheduled and appear for a visa interview before January 31. Applicants who paid the prior \$100 application fee and appear for visa interviews after January 31, 2008 must pay the difference -- \$31 -- before they will be interviewed.

The Department is required by law to recover the cost of processing non-immigrant visas through the collection of the Machine-Readable Visa application fee. Because of new security-related costs, new information technology systems, and inflation, the \$100 Machine-Readable Visa fee is lower than the actual cost of processing non-immigrant visas. This is the first increase in the application fee since 2002.

For further information on how these changes will affect visa applications, please send email to [ConsularConakr@state.gov](mailto:ConsularConakr@state.gov), or visit our website at <http://conakry.usembassy.gov> or [http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp\\_1305.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/temp_1305.html). All media inquiries should be addressed to [ConakryPD@state.gov](mailto:ConakryPD@state.gov).