



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 12960]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for A, G, or NATO

Visa

ACTION: Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES:

You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2026-0266” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- **E-mail:** PRA_BurdenComments@state.gov
- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to: Senior Regulatory Coordinator, Visa Services, Department of State, 600 19th St. NW, Washington, DC 20006

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- **Title of Information Collection:** Application for A, G, or NATO Visa

- OMB Control Number: 1405-0100
- Type of Request: Renewal of Currently Approved Collection, with Revision
- Originating Office: CA/VO
- Form Number: DS-1648
- Respondents: Eligible Foreign Government Officials and Representatives to and Employees of International Organizations
- Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,000
- Estimated Number of Responses: 17,000
- Average Time Per Response: 30 minutes
- Total Estimated Burden Time: 8,500 Hours
- Frequency: Once Per Application for an A, G, or NATO Visa
- Obligation to Respond: Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Department of State uses Form DS-1648 to elicit information from applicants who are applying for an A, G, or NATO visa in the United States, excluding applicants for an A-3, G-5 or NATO-7 visa. Sections 101(a)(15)(A) and (G) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), and Department regulations at 22 CFR 41.25, 41.26, and 41.27, describe the criteria for these nonimmigrant visa classifications.

Methodology

The DS-1648 is submitted electronically at <https://ceac.state.gov/agnato>. Upon completion of the form, the applicant is instructed to print a confirmation page containing a barcoded record locator. The applicant will include this confirmation page when transmitting the passport to the Department for visa issuance.

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