

1. Renewal of Business/Tourism visas (B1/B2)

2. Renewal of other visa categories

1) Business/Tourism visas Renewal

This option may require 1 or no appointments depending on the issuance date of the visa you are renewing

This option can be used by Paraguayan, Brazilian, or Argentine citizens or residents who possess a valid 10-year B1/B2 visa or one that has expired within the past 24 months.

The previous visa must have been issued in Paraguay. Depending on the issuance date of such visa, the applicant may not be required to schedule an interview, but can submit the required documents via DHL (free of charge) or the messenger service of their choice (at own expense). Otherwise, the applicant will be required to schedule an appointment at the U.S. Embassy in Asuncion.

Essential Requirements:

Applicants who:

Are **Paraguayan, Brazilian, or Argentine citizens** and possess a B1/B2 visa (Tourism and Business) **issued in Paraguay for 10 years** and which is valid or has expired within the **past 24 months and**

Have never been arrested or convicted of a crime, deported from the United States, denied entry to the United States, or have had any other problems or difficulties with U.S. Customs and Border Patrol when attempting to enter the United States.

Procedure:

All applicants shall complete the following steps:

Step 1: Complete the DS-160 online application form and print the confirmation sheet (barcode) per each applicant. Please, complete the application at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>

Step 2: Go to the Applicant Service Center website and register online by creating an account (e-mail and password), choose the visa category you will apply for, select DHL's branch where to pick up your visa and passport, pay the application fee (MRV fee). During this process you will answer questions which will determine whether you qualify for the Renewal Interview Waiver Program. In order to fulfill this step, you will need:

Current passport

Previous passport including the visa to be renewed

DS-160 form's barcode per each applicant.

If you have any questions about this program please contact the Call Center.

Step 3: Submit your documents.

NOTE: The Consular Officer not only does reserve the right to request an in-person interview for any applicant for any reason, but may also request further documentation. An applicant should not make final travel plans until the visa has been approved and delivered.

Where do I submit the documentation?

There are two different procedures: applicants who are required to schedule an appointment at the Embassy and applicants who qualify to send in their documents via DHL, depending on when their previous visa was issued (the system will guide you):

Applicants who must schedule an appointment will bring their documentation and leave it at their interview at the Consular Section where the visa is going to be processed.

Applicants who qualify to send in their documents via DHL will take their documentation to the appropriate DHL facilities and leave it there, at no additional cost, or the courier service of their choice, at own cost.

Where do I pick up the passport? – NOT at the Consulate

After the visa is processed, the consulate will send the passport(s) via DHL to the branch selected by the applicant at the beginning of the registration process. **The delivery is FREE OF CHARGE (branch selected when registering).** Within 10 working days after submitting the documentation, you may access your account and find the tracking number to pick up your passport(s). You will find the message “**ready for pick up**” in the Applicant Summary.

2) Renewal for OTHER visa categories: (C1/D, F (except for Optional Practical Training), M, I, J (except for J1 Summer Work and Travel), H, L (NO blanket) O, P, Q, R) require an appointment to be scheduled regardless of when the visa was issued.