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NEW VISA FEES TAKING EFFECT AT U.S. CONSULATES

The Department of State continues to implement fee increases for visa applications made at U.S. consular posts around the world. Beginning in June, the Department raised the fees of nonimmigrant visas and this month will raise the fees for immigrant visas, or green card applications, as well as U.S. passports. The Department attributes the new, tiered fee structure to the higher costs associated with processing certain categories of visas that are more complicated and require more in-depth consideration than other categories of visas.

IMMIGRANT (“GREEN CARD”) VISA FEES

As of July 13, the fees for the following applications will be increased:

Immigrant Visa Fees	Current Fee	New Fee
Employment-based immigrant visa processing fee	\$355	\$720
Diversity visa lottery surcharge	\$375	\$440

Please note that the above fees only apply to applications made abroad at U.S. consular posts. Fees for filing immigrant visa petitions and adjustment of status applications with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) will remain unchanged.

Also, effective July 13, the fees for applying for U.S. passports in the U.S. and abroad will be raised. The new fees are:

	Current Fee	New Fee
Passport Book (age 16 and over)	\$100	\$135
Passport Book (minor child)	\$85	\$105
Passport Card (age 16 and over)	\$45	\$55
Passport Card (minor child)	\$35	\$40

NONIMMIGRANT VISA FEES

The following nonimmigrant fees took effect at U.S. consular posts on June 4:

Nonimmigrant Visa Fees	Current Fee	New Fee
E Visas	\$131	\$390
H-1B Visas	\$131	\$150
K Visas	\$131	\$350
L Visas	\$131	\$150
O Visas	\$131	\$150
P Visas	\$131	\$150
R Visas	\$131	\$150
B, F, J, and M Visas	\$110	\$140
<i>(i.e. USCIS I797 approval notice not required)</i>		