

Burmese Applicants'

Frequently Asked Questions about the DS-160

1. The name on my passport is not exactly the same as the name I normally use.

The name you enter on the DS-160 should be exactly the same as it appears in your passport. If the name in your passport is incorrect, please have it amended prior to applying for a U.S. visa.

2. Burmese people do not generally have surnames. How should I enter my name on the DS-160 application form?

Example: Hla Hla Kyi

- The Given Name should be listed as "Hla Hla"
- The Surname should be listed as "Kyi"

Example: Min Soe

- The Given Name should be listed as "Min"
- The Surname should be listed as "Soe"

3. What about honorifics like "U" and "Daw"?

Example: U Myint Oo

- The Given Name should be listed as "U Myint"
- The Surname should be listed as "Oo"

Example: Daw Hla Hla Kyi

- The Given Name should be listed as "Daw Hla Hla"
- The Surname should be listed as "Kyi."

4. I only have one name. How should I enter that name?

Example: Zarni

- The Given Name should be listed as "FNU," which stands for First Name Unknown.
- The Surname should be listed as "Zarni"

5. What about professional titles that include a period?

There can be no special characters used in the name, including periods.

Example: Dr. Win Min Aung

- The Given Name should be listed as "Dr Win Min" (note the period is removed after "Dr")
- The Surname should be listed as "Aung"

6. The DS-160 asks applicants to write their "Full Name in Native Alphabet." Do I have to type my name in Burmese?

No. Burmese fonts are difficult to find. Simply leave that blank and check the box to the right of it that says "Does Not Apply."

7. I heard that in other countries, NIV applicants are required to upload photos along with their submission of the DS-160. Is that required in Burma?

No. Given Burma's poor Internet infrastructure, we understand that the photo upload requirement would have been time-consuming and frustrating for our applicants. We have disabled that requirement. Instead, applicants may simply submit their 2 x 2 inch color photo -- with a light (white) background -- when they submit the completed DS-160 confirmation sheet, additional forms, and valid passport to the Consular section one week prior to the scheduled interview date.

8. Why don't I have to print out the entire DS-160 and hand it in at the Embassy?

You only need to print out the DS-160's confirmation page that appears on your screen upon successful completion and submission of the form. The information is then sent to us electronically, so there is no need for you to hand us the entire paper version of the form.

9. Should I include spaces and dashes when entering my passport number?

No. Your passport number should not include any spaces or dashes, even if such spaces and dashes appear in your passport.

Example: Your passport number is listed in your passport as follows: A - 123456

- Enter the passport number without any spaces or dashes: A123456

10. What happens if I need to step away in the middle of data entry?

The DS-160 will "time out" after the application has been idle. The "time out" is designed to protect your privacy. If the application times out, all the data that has been entered will be lost. In order to guard against possible "time out" issues you should save the application at regular intervals while you are completing the application. To save the application, click the "Save" button at the bottom center of the application. Clicking save will temporarily save your application. In order to permanently save your application, select the "Save Application to File" button. Then, click the "Save" button on the File Download window. Identify a place on your computer to save the application file, browse to that location, and click the "Save" button on the Save As

window. The system will download your application to the specified location. Once the download is complete you can click “Close” to return to the application. You can then use the “Upload a Previous Application” option on the “Getting Started” page to upload the data that you have already entered.

11. Should I save my application before I submit it?

YES! You should, if you can, save your application locally (to either your hard drive or a CD) before you submit your application. Saving your application locally is beneficial in two ways. First, if your application is rejected by the Consulate or Embassy for being incomplete, i.e., your application contains nonresponsive answers or you failed to answer a critical question, you will be able access your saved application data, correct the nonresponsive or incomplete answers and submit the corrected application without having to complete an entirely new application. Second, if you are a frequent visa applicant, you can update your saved application the next time you wish to apply for a visa and submit the updated application. This will save you time by not having to reenter information that has not changed since the last time you applied.

12. How do I save my application?

To save the application, click the “Save” button at the bottom center of the application. Clicking save will temporarily save your application. In order to permanently save your application, select the “Save Application to File” button. Then, click the “Save” button on the File Download window. Identify a place on your computer to save the application file, browse to that location, and click the “Save” button on the Save As window. The system will download your application to the specified location. Once the download is complete, you can click “Close” to return to the application. You can then use the “Upload a Previous Application” option on the “Getting Started” page to upload the data that you have already entered.

13. Can a third party complete the form on the applicant’s behalf?

Yes, but under U.S. visa law an applicant must sign and submit his or her own visa application form unless otherwise exempt by regulation, by clicking the “Sign Application” button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application. By clicking “Sign and Submit Application” the applicant is electronically signing the application. Your electronic signature certifies that you have read and understood the questions in the application and that your answers are true and correct to the best of your knowledge and belief. The submission of an application containing any false or misleading statements may result in the permanent refusal of a visa or the denial of entry into the United States. All declarations made in this application are unsworn declarations made under penalty of perjury.