

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?

Yes. Nonimmigrant visa applicants are now required to upload their own passport photo while completing the DS-160 online. Applicants are still required to submit a U.S. passport-style photo with their NIV application at their interview appointment.

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