



# Artists from Abroad

Complete guide to immigration  
and tax requirements

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## Preparation for the DS-160

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS ALL OF THE QUESTIONS ON THE [DS-160 FORM](#). ALL DATES MUST BE IN MM/DD/YYYY FORMAT. IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF THE EXACT DATE, PLEASE PROVIDE CLOSEST GUESS.

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND ASK FOR CLARIFICATIONS ON ANY QUESTIONS PRIOR TO COMPLETING THE [DS-160 ONLINE](#).

### **Part 1: Personal Information**

- Full Name as on Passport
- Full Name in native alphabet
- All other names: alias, religious, maiden
- Telecode Name
- Gender: Male or Female
- Marital Status: Married, Single, Widowed, Divorced, Legally Separated
- Date of Birth
- Place of Birth: City, State/Province, Country

### **Part 2: Personal Information**

- Nationality: Citizen of what Country
- Have you ever held another nationality? Yes/NO
  - If yes: Do you hold a passport for that country? Please provide passport number
- National Identification Number
  - If none, check 'DOES NOT APPLY'
- U.S. Social Security Number
  - If none, check 'DOES NOT APPLY'
- U.S. Taxpayer ID Number
  - If none, check 'DOES NOT APPLY'

### **Part 3: Address and Phone Information**

- Home Address: Including Country
  - Address for the last six months (and can differ from passport address)

- If staying in USA, also write address in home country
- Mailing Address: Same as home address?
  - If no: enter mailing address
- Home Telephone Number
- Work Phone Number
- Work Fax Number
- Mobile/Cell Phone Number
- Email Address

#### **Part 4: Passport Information**

- Passport/Travel Document type: Regular/Official/Diplomatic/Other
- Passport Number: Current only. Must be same as used to travel to US
- Passport Book Number: aka Inventory Control Number.
- Country that Issued Passport
- Where was the Passport Issued?
  - City: Current official name of city.
  - State: Enter only if shown on passport
  - Country
- Issuance Date
- Expiration Date: Must be valid 6 months after intended date of departure from US
- Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen:
  - If yes: Passport Number and Country that Issued Passport

#### **Part 5: Travel Information**

- Are you the principal applicant? Yes/No

*(NB: All visitors for business or pleasure (B1, B2) are principal applicants. If coming to US in category that permits you to work, study, marry, you are principal applicant. You are not the principal applicant if you are accompanying a spouse or parent who is coming to the US to work or study.)*

- If you answer no provide full name of principal applicant and select principal applicant's category (i.e. O-1, H-1B, etc.)

- Purpose of Trip to U.S.
  - BUSINESS/CONFERENCE VISITOR (B1)
  - TOURIST/PERSONAL TRAVEL VISITOR (B2)
  - BUSINESS/PERSONAL TRAVEL (B1,B2)
  - BORDER CROSSING CARD/LASER VISA (BCC)
  - STUDENT/EXCHANGE VISA (F,J,M,Q)
  - DIPLOMAT (A-1)
  - FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL (A2)

- PERSONAL EMP. OF A OR G (A3, G5)
- TRANSIT DIRECTLY THROUGH US (C)
- CREWMEMBER IN TRANSIT TO JOIN VESSEL CREWMEMBER (D)
- TREATY TRADER/INVESTOR (E1,E2)
- AUSTRALIAN- SPEC. OCCUPATION (E3)
- INTERNATIONAL ORG. EMPLOYEE (G)
- TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE (H1,H2)
- TRAINEE (H3)
- REPRESENTATIVE OF A FOREIGN MEDIA (I)
- FIANCE OR SPOUSE OF U.S. CITIZEN (K)
- INTRACOMPANY TRANSFER (L)
- RELIGIOUS WORKER (R)
- SPOUSE/CHILD OF LEGAL PERM RESIDENT (V)
- PERSON OF EXTRAORDINARY ABILITY (O)
- ATHLETE OR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP (P1)
- EXCHANGE/CULTURALLY UNIQUE ARTIST (P3)
- NAFTA PROFESSIONAL (TN)
- SPOUSE/CHILD OF A NAFTA PROFESSIONAL (TD)
- NATO
- OTHER
- Application Receipt/Petition Number *(For K, H1, H2, H3, L, V, O, P1, P3 Only)*
- Principal Applicant's SEVIS ID *(For F, J, M, Q Only)*
- Principal Applicant's Company Name *(For E1, E2 Only)*
- Have you made specific travel plans? Yes/NO
  - If no: Provide estimate.
  - If yes:
    - Date of Arrival in U.S.
    - Arrival Flight (if known)
    - Arrival City
    - Date of Departure from US
    - Departure Flight (if known)
    - Departure City
    - Provide locations of intended visit.
- Address where you will stay in the US:
- Person/Entity paying for your trip

- SELF
- U.S. PETITIONER
- OTHER PERSON
- OTHER COMPANY/ORGANIZATION

- Name of Company
- Address and Phone Number
- Name of Contact at Company
- Relationship to you:
  - EMPLOYER
  - OTHER

-Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing address?  
Yes/No

**Part 6: Travel Companions Information**

- Are there other persons traveling with you? Yes/No
  - Yes if traveling with family, tour, performing group. No need to list those with same employer.
  - Full names of people traveling
  - Relationship with person

-Are you traveling as part of a group or organization? Yes/No

- If yes: enter group name.
- If no: Full name and relationship of those traveling with you

**Part 7: Previous U.S. Travel Information**

- Have you ever been in the US?
  - If yes: Provide date of arrival and length of stay for each visit for last five US visits. If unsure provide estimates.

- Did you ever hold a US Drivers License? Yes/no
  - If yes, provide number or check “do not know”

-Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?

- If yes
  - Date Last Visa was issued
  - Visa number- red color number toward the lower right side of visa stamp
  - Are you applying for the same type of visa?
  - Are you applying in the same country where the visa above was issued and is this country your principal country of residence?
  - Have you been ten-printed? Fingerprints
  - Has your Visa ever been lost or stolen?

If yes, provide year.

- Has your Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?
- Have you ever been refused a US visa, been refused admission to the US or withdrawn your application at point of entry?
- Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?
- Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition (petition for permanent residency) on your behalf with the US Citizenship and Immigrations Services?

**Part 8: US Point of Contact Information**

- Contact Person
- Organization Name
- Relationship to you
  - RELATIVE
  - SPOUSE
  - FRIEND
  - BUSINESS ASSOCIATE
  - EMPLOYER
  - SCHOOL OFFICIAL
  - OTHER
- Address and Phone number of Point of Contact
- Email Address

**Part 9: Family Information: Relatives (Please provide Father and Mother's names and dates of birth, even if they are deceased or are not living in the US)**

- Father's full name and date of birth (DD/MM/YY)
  - If in US choose:
    - US CITIZEN
    - US LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT
    - NONIMMIGRANT
    - OTHER/ I DON'T KNOW
- Mother's full name and date of birth (DD/MM/YY)
  - If in US provide legal status
- Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the US?
  - If yes, give full name and relationship
    - SPOUSE
    - FIANCE
    - CHILD
    - SIBLING
- Do you have any other relatives in the US? YES/NO

**Part 10: Family Information: Spouse**

- Spouse's Full names
- Spouse's Date of Birth
- Spouse's Nationality
- Spouse's City of Birth
- Spouse's Country of Birth
- Spouse's Address
  - SAME AS HOME ADDRESS
  - SAME AS MAILING ADDRESS
  - SAME AS U.S. CONTACT ADDRESS
  - DO NOT KNOW
  - OTHER (SPECIFY ADDRESS)
- Date and place of marriage
- If divorced, date and place of divorce

**Part 11: Present Work/Education/Training Information**

- Primary Occupation
  - AGRICULTURE
  - ARTIST/PERFORMER
  - BUSINESS
  - COMMUNICATIONS
  - COMPUTER SCIENCE
  - CULINARY/FOOD SERVICES
  - EDUCATION
  - GOVERNMENT
  - HOMEMAKER
  - LEGAL PROFESSION
  - MEDICAL/HEALTH
  - MILITARY
  - NATURAL SCIENCE
  - NOT EMPLOYED
  - PHYSICAL SCIENCES
  - RELIGIOUS VOCATION
  - RESEARCH
  - RETIRED
  - SOCIAL SCIENCE
  - STUDENT
  - OTHER
- You may have to explain more depending on your answer.
- Present Employer or School Name
- Present Employer or School Address
- Monthly Salary in Local Currency: If annual Salary, divide by 12. Estimate if necessary.
  - If annual salary, divide by 12
  - If not fixed salary, estimate average earnings per month
  - If business owner, enter average net income after expenses
  - If pension, enter amount

- Information on any other income
- Briefly describe your duties

**Part 12: Previous Work/Education/Training Information**

- Were you previously employed?
  - Employer name
  - Employer address
  - telephone number
  - job title
  - supervisor's full name
  - Dates of employment
  - Briefly describe your duties
- Have you attended any educational institutions other than elementary schools?
  - If yes:
    - Name of Institution
    - Institution's Complete Address
    - Course of Study
    - Dates of Attendance

**Part 13: Additional Work/Education/Training Information**

- Do you belong to a clan or tribe?
  - If yes, provide name
- Have you traveled to any countries within the last five years?
  - If yes, provide a list of countries visited.
- Please list all languages you speak.
- Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization?
  - If yes, provide name
- Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?
  - If yes, explain in detail.
- Have you ever served in the military?
  - If yes provide the following:
    - Name of Country
    - Branch of Service
    - Rank/Position
    - Military Specialty
    - Date of Service from... to...

-Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?

-If yes, explain in detail.

#### **Part 14: Security and Background**

#### **IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY QUESTION, PLEASE PROVIDE DETAILS**

##### **-Medical and Health Information**

-Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services)

-Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?

-Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?

##### **-Criminal Information**

-Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?

-this includes arrests, detentions, including those at the border or by CBP

-Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?

-Are you coming to the US to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?

-Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?

-Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the US or outside the US?

-Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the US or outside the US?

-Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the US or outside the US and have you within the last 5 years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?

##### **-Security Information**

-Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the US?

-Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the US or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?

-Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?

-Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?

-Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?

-Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?

-Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?

-Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or use of child soldiers?

-Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?

-Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or free will?

-Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?

**-Immigration Law Violation Information**

-Have you ever been the subject of removal or a deportation hearing?

-Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the US, or any other US immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?

-Have you ever failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility in the last five years?

-Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed an admission period given by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a US visa?

**-Miscellaneous Information**

-Have you ever withheld custody of a US citizen child outside the US from a person granted legal custody by a US court?

-Have you voted in the US in violation of any law or regulation?

-Have you ever renounced US citizenship for the purpose of avoiding taxation?

- Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?

**Part 15: Temporary Worker Visa Information**

-Do you have an application receipt/petition number?

-Name of person/company who filed petition (*This is the company or person that is listed as Petitioner*)

-Where do you intend to work?

-Name of employer

-complete address

-Monthly Salary in USD

-Application receipt/petition number