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**US VISA RENEWAL INTERVIEW WAIVER EXTENDED TO
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES**

**KINGSTOWN, SAINT VINCENT AND
THE GRENADINES, February 5, 2021 –**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade wishes to inform the general public that the Consular Section of the Embassy of the United States of America located in Bridgetown, Barbados has extended its interview visa waivers for qualified citizens of St. Vincent and the Grenadines as of February 4, 2021.



The press release issued by the US Embassy in Bridgetown states that:

1. Passport holders from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, with the exception of beneficiaries of the citizen by investment programs, may qualify for a visa renewal interview waiver if their previous visa expired within the past two years and persons are applying for the same visa category as their previous visa;
2. The previous U.S. visa must be in the applicant's possession, and the applicant must have submitted a 10-fingerprint scan in conjunction with the previous visa application;
3. Persons applying for the US Visa must be physically present in St. Vincent and the Grenadines or within the consular district of the U.S. Embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados to avail themselves of this option. The consular district comprises of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, St. Martin (French), and St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
4. Students who wish to renew their visas, and who satisfy the aforementioned requirements may qualify for interview waiver if they are applying to continue attendance at the same institution, or will continue the same major course of study at a different institution;

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5. Applicants seeking to renew work-related visas who are returning to work for the same employer/company as annotated on the previous visa may also qualify;
6. Applicants under the age of 14 and over 79 will continue to qualify for interview waiver in most visa classifications; and
7. Applicants who acquired St. Vincent and the Grenadines citizenship via an economic citizenship program and all third country nationals will still be required to schedule visa interviews for visa renewals. **Eligibility for interview waiver does not automatically entitle applicants to a waiver of the interview requirement.** Meeting the general qualifications for visa renewal interview waiver does not guarantee that an applicant will not be requested to present him or herself in person for an interview at the Embassy.

For general information, please see the Nonimmigrant Visa section of the Embassy's website <https://bb.usembassy.gov/visas/nonimmigrant-visas/>, or to begin the process to determine if you qualify for interview waiver, please see <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-bb/niv>.

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