

## The Department of State Announces Increase Of Nonimmigrant Visa Application (MRV) Fees

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On May 20, 2010, the Department of State (DOS) announced that nonimmigrant visa application processing fees paid at U.S. Embassies and Consulates abroad, also called the Machine-Readable Visa (MRV) fee, will increase and will be tiered, with separate fees for different nonimmigrant visa categories. **The new fees will go into effect on June 4, 2010.**

The new MRV fee for non-petition-based nonimmigrant visa categories (B-1/B-2, F, M and J) will be \$140.00. The new MRV fee for petition-based nonimmigrant visa categories (H, L, O, P, Q and R) will be \$150.00. The new MRV fee for the E visa category will be \$390.00 and the new MRV fee for the K visa category will be \$350.00.

NOTE - Nonimmigrant visa applicants will be required to pay the MRV fee in effect on the day of their visa appointment, regardless of when they pay the fee.

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