Question 1: Where do I apply for a visa? What are the changes in the application process?

Answer: Applicants can fill out the application form online, upload the application materials online on the visa application center website, and then enter the online review stage. During the waiting period, applicants can log in to the website to check the application's progress. After the online review is passed, the applicant needs to go to the visa center to submit the passport and other materials and pay the fee. After the visa is issued, the applicant needs to go to the visa center again to collect the passport and visa.

See "Steps to apply for a visa online" for details.

Question 2: Do I need to register for an account to apply for a visa online? How to register?

Answer: Applicants need to log in to the visa application center website and register using their email address.

See "Steps to apply for a visa online" for details.

Question 3: What are the changes in the Express processing method?

Answer: Applicants can still choose the processing method as

"Normal" or "Express" when filling out the application form online, but this choice does not affect the progress of the online review. The Express processing method is to speed up the processing process after the applicant submits the materials to the visa center. You need to pay the corresponding fee to apply for Express processing, and it cannot be revoked after the application is submitted. If the consular officer decides to extend the review time based on the individual case, the Express service fee will not be refunded.

Question 4: Can someone else still apply for a visa on your behalf?

Answer: Yes, someone else can apply, including travel agencies and other institutions.

Question 5: What preparations should applicants make in advance for the new visa application process?

Answer:

(1) Applicants must visit the visa center website to learn more about the new online application method.

(2) Prepare scanning or photo equipment in advance to upload visa application materials and ensure that the images are correct and clear.

Question 6: When should applicants submit their visa applications online?

Answer: It is recommended that applicants submit their visa applications online one month before departure.