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The **Business Visa Program (BVP)** vets and registers established, reputable and substantial firms to make it easier for certain employees, and spouses and minor children to seek nonimmigrant visitor (B), education (F, M, J) or work (H, L, O, P, Q) visas. We interview BVP registrants without appointment at 7-9 am on the first and third Wednesday of each month, excluding Indonesian and U.S. holidays.

### **Information**

- Firms lawfully operating within Indonesia are eligible to join the BVP regardless of the firm's ultimate nationality. Eligible firms may include for profit corporations, universities, NGOs and international organizations.
- BVP applicants may seek B visas for business and/or tourism. B visas are generally issued for multiple entry for 5 years. No specific U.S. event or invitation is needed for BVP travel. We encourage firms to plan ahead and seek visas in advance for employees who may have a future or indeterminate need to travel.
- BVP applicants include professional, permanent employees of registered firms. Casual, temporary or contract staff are ineligible. There is no minimum length of employment. Spouses and unmarried children under 21 are also included if they apply at the same time as the employee or if the employee already has a visa or the employee is a citizen of a visa waiver country. BVP-registered firms cannot submit visa applications for friends, domestic helpers or other relatives, who must apply in the normal manner by making an appointment online at <http://jakarta.usembassy.gov/>.
- To receive a visa, BVP applicants must be otherwise qualified under all applicable U.S. laws. BVP applicants are still subject to processing that may delay visa approval, as well as inspection by the Department of Homeland Security at U.S. ports of entry. To learn about U.S. visa classifications and entry requirements please see [http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa\\_1750.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html); <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/menuitem.eb1d4c2a3e5b9ac89243c6a7543f6d1a/?vgnextoid=48819c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD&vgnnextchannel=48819c7755cb9010VgnVCM10000045f3d6a1RCRD>; and [http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id\\_visa/](http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/id_visa/).
- Visas will generally be ready for pickup 2-7 workdays of visa approval. At the end of the visa interview all applicants will receive either a white pickup ticket, in the case of approved visas, or a written explanation of the ineligibility or further processing.
- BVP registration is valid for two years. Firms must re-register if any authorized signatories change within that 2 year registration period.

### Procedures

- Submit a one page letter to us on the firm's letterhead, to verify the authenticity of future visa applications, stating the:
  - Nature and purpose of typical employee business travel to the U.S.
  - List of frequent U.S. destinations with complete contact information.
  - Two firm officers who will sign authenticating letters for all BVP applications.
  - Identify the firm officer who will serve as our point of contact regarding BVP matters, including name, title, all telephone numbers and email address.
- We will review and notify the requesting firm within two weeks.
- Once we accept a firm into the BVP applicants may seek visas without appointment on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

### Visa Interview

All BVP applicants, regardless of age, gender or nationality, must come fully prepared and bring separately:

- Your BVP registration letter.
- Passport or travel document valid for 6 months beyond your U.S. stay.
- Fully completed, printed out and signed visa application (electronic DS-156 only), at <http://evisaforms.state.gov>.
- Fully completed, printed out supplemental visa application (DS-157) at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/79964.pdf> by males 16-45 years old.
- Recent front view 5 cmx5 cm passport photo on white background stapled to DS-156's lower right corner.
- Nonrefundable NIV application fee of USD 131 per applicant, paid in exact USD cash or exact equivalent in IDR.
- Students or exchange visitors (F, M, J): DS-158 at <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/79965.pdf> and I-20, I-20M or DS-2019, and SEVIS fee receipt, paid at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com), and proof of funds to pay for study.
- Temporary workers or transfers (H, L, O, P, Q): notice of action (I-797).
- For any scientific or high-technology related travel: a letter explaining what you do outside of the U.S., a letter of your intentions in the U.S, your current resume and list of your publications.
- If you were previously in the U.S. any documents attesting to your status, lawful or otherwise.
- Criminal/court records pertaining to any arrest or conviction, even if later pardoned.
- Knowledge of your trip to, and intentions in, the U.S.

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