

U.S. Department of State Privacy Impact Assessment Summary

TITLE: Immigrant Visa Overseas (IVO) System
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- I. Describe the information to be collected (e.g., nature and source). Be sure to include any information in an identifiable form, e.g., name, address, social security number or other identifying number or code, telephone number, email address, etc).**

Data collected by the IVO system is obtained directly from the form of the visa applicant who is the subject of the record; from relatives, such as parents; sponsors; and attorneys/agents representing applicants. Information collected includes an applicant's name; date of birth; place of birth; telephone numbers; address; gender; language used; relationships; occupation; employment information; employer information; aliases; biometric data; alien registration number; marital status; nationality; final U.S. address; passport number and other passport issuance information; national identification; arrival date; duration of stay information; U.S. contact person; U.S. contact person information; applicant photo; and applicant fingerprints

- II. Why is the information being collected (e.g., to determine eligibility)?**

The information is collected to determine the eligibility of foreign nationals who have applied or are applying for a visa to emigrate to the United States. The application may also contain information on individuals who are U.S. citizens if a relative or sponsor of the foreign national applying for the visa is a U.S. citizen.

- III. How will the information be used (e.g., to verify existing data)?**

The information will be used to supply information for name checks, finger print matching, and other searches to verify the identity of the applicant and to help determine if the applicant is suitable for travel or immigration to the United States. In combination with in-person interviews, the consular officer will use the information as to make a decision whether to grant a visa.

- IV. Will you share the information with others (e.g., another agency for a programmatic purpose)? If yes, list the entities.**

No direct access to this applications data is shared with, or available to, agencies outside of the Department of State.

V. Describe what opportunities individuals have been given to decline to provide information or to consent to particular use of the information (e.g., whether individual may withhold permission for a particular use).

Information is given voluntarily by the applicants and with their consent, by family members and other designated agents (including attorneys) for the purpose of applying for a visa.

VI. How will the information be secured (e.g., administrative and technological controls)?

- Windows and application level identification and authentication mechanisms
- Windows and Oracle level access control lists
- Application level authentication and levels of privilege.
- End-user training
- Security training, including annual refresher courses
- Operating system, database, and application level security scanning

VII. How will the data be retrieved (e.g., will it be retrieved by a personal identifier such as name, social security number, address, telephone number or some other identifier that is unique to an individual)?

Data can be retrieved by key word searches such as applicant name, alien registration number, visa case number, and by barcode scanning.