

**US visa fees, validity periods revised**

ISLAMABAD: Embassy of the United States of America in Pakistan on Tuesday announced certain revisions in the fees and validity period of different visa categories.

According to a public notice issued by the embassy, since January 21, an additional fee is being charged for H (Temporary Work Visa), I (Journalist and Media Visa), L (Intercompany Transfer Visa), and R (Religious Worker Visa) visas.

The additional fee would be charged for the said categories only if the visa application is approved and must be paid at the Embassy of Islamabad or Consulate General in Karachi prior to visa issuance. The embassy is charging \$32 for I Visas and \$38 for H, L and R Visa categories.

Moreover the embassy has also announced to decrease the validity periods of the visas including three months for I visas, 12 months each for H, L and R visas. The statement said during a recent worldwide review, the Department of State noted discrepancies between the US visa regime and the visa regimes of many countries, including Pakistan.

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