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Some Improvement, But Frustrating Visa Delays Continue

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In continuation of our report from last week ([June 15, 2015](#)) the **State Department** describes some progress on the worldwide visa issuance delays that have and are ruining long-planned vacations, athletic events and family reunions for travelers trying to come to the United States.

The **Bureau of Consulate Affairs** says it has rebuilt the database responsible for the shutdown and is currently testing it. While the State Department reports that 39 U.S. consulates and embassies are now issuing visas – we have included the list of operating consulates and embassies below – because biometrics data processing is still not operational, the individual embassies and consulates still cannot issue visas.

For example, while London appears on the list of operating consulates and embassies, London's website reports that because full biometric data processing is not restored, it is unable to print most nonimmigrant visas approved on or after June 9. Many individuals who applied for a visa at the Embassy in London between June 9 and 19 and whose application was approved are still waiting for the Embassy to return their passports containing their new visa stamp.

Individuals who are planning to apply for visas or individuals with pending visa applications should check the website of the nearest U.S. embassy for up-to-date messages about visa processing and interview availability. The State Department says many embassies and consulates are rescheduling interviews starting this week and that it plans to have all consulates and embassies up and running by the end of this week.

The State Department says it issued more than 45,000 visas yesterday, 15,000 of which were issued by the Embassy in Beijing. There is a large backlog of applications, the State Department says, but Consular Officers will work over the weekend to clear it.

Embassies and consulates able to issue visas as of June 24, 2015 (according to the State Department website):

1. Paris
2. Monterrey
3. Ciudad Juarez
4. Guangzhou
5. Beijing
6. Shanghai
7. Tijuana
8. Nuevo Laredo
9. Mexico City



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10. Guadalajara
11. Mumbai
12. New Delhi
13. Sao Paolo
14. Chennai
15. Manila
16. Bogota
17. Buenos Aires
18. Rio de Janeiro
19. Tel Aviv
20. Merida
21. Hermosillo
22. Karachi
23. Seoul
24. Lima
25. Santo Domingo
26. Kingston
27. Shenyang
28. Chengdu
29. DPT
30. Lagos
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35. San Salvador
36. Quito
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