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This message is intended for the American community in Syria. If you have any questions, please contact the Consular Section at the above address. If you wish to be added to our e-mail distribution, we invite you to complete the registration process through our new registration website. To access the site please enter the following link address <http://travel.state.gov> or directly, at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>.

WARDENS: Transmission of the following announcement by telephone is mandatory.

New Consular Fees in Effect on July 13, 2010

On June 28, 2010, the Department of State published its Schedule of Fees for Consular Services in the Federal Register. The schedule includes fees for passports, immigrant visas and other consular services. The changes will take effect on July 13, 15 days after publication in the Federal Register. The revised fees will cover actual operating expenses for the 301 overseas consular posts, 23 domestic passport agencies and other centers that provide these consular services to U.S. and foreign citizens.

The 27 adjusted fees are based on a Cost of Service Study completed by the Bureau of Consular Affairs in June 2009. The study, which was the most detailed and exhaustive ever conducted by the Department of State, established the true cost of providing these consular services, which by law must be recovered through collection of fees.

We note that our appointment system is fully booked for passport appointments through July 13, 2010, however for **adult passport renewals by mail**, if you are able to submit your application and passport via DHL Courier and have them delivered **no later than July 12th, 2010** you will be able to have your passport renewed at the old rate. Please contact DHL Express for further delivery information, or go to <http://damascus.usembassy.gov/passports.html>

Under the new fee schedule, **passport** and other **Consular fees** are set as follows:

NEW CONSULAR FEES EFFECTIVE JULY 13, 2010		
	CURRENT FEE	NEW FEE
<u>Non-Immigrant Visa Fees*</u>		
Nonimmigrant visa application	\$ 131.00	\$ 140.00
1. H, L, O, P and R categories	\$ 131.00	\$ 150.00
2. E Visas	\$ 131.00	\$ 390.00
3. K Visa	\$ 131.00	\$ 350.00
4. BCC Adult	\$ 131.00	\$ 140.00
<u>Immigrant Visa Fees</u>		
IV Application Processing Fee		
1. Family-based immigrant visa	\$ 355.00	\$ 330.00
2. Employment-based immigrant visa	\$ 355.00	\$ 720.00
3. Other immigrant visas (SIVs, DVs, etc.)	\$ 355.00	\$ 305.00
IV Security Surcharge	\$ 45.00	\$ 74.00
Diversity Visa Lottery surcharge	\$ 375.00	\$ 440.00
Domestic review of Affidavit of Support	\$ 70.00	\$ 88.00
Determining Returning Resident Status	\$ 400.00	\$ 380.00
<u>Passport Fees</u>		
Passport Book - adult	\$ 100.00**	\$ 135.00**
Passport Book - minor	\$ 85.00**	\$ 105.00**
Passport Book Renewal - Adult	\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00
Additional passport visa pages	-	\$ 82.00
Passport Card - Adult	\$ 45.00**	\$ 55.00**

Passport Card - Child	\$ 35.00**	\$ 40.00**
Consular Report of Birth Abroad	\$ 65.00	\$ 100.00
Renunciation of U.S. Citizenship	-	\$ 450.00
File Search and Verification of U.S. Citizenship	\$ 60.00	\$ 150.00
<u>Overseas Citizens Services</u>		
Disposition/Shipment of Remains of a non-U.S. Citizen	\$265.00 + expenses	\$200.00 + expenses
<u>Documentary Services</u>		
Notarials, Certifications of True Copies, Authentications, provision of Department of State records	\$ 30.00 (first), 20.00 (add'l)	\$ 50.00
<u>Judicial Services</u>		
Processing Letters Rogatory & FSIA	\$ 735.00	\$ 2,275.00
Taking Depositions or Executing Commissions:		
1. Scheduling/Arranging Depositions	\$ 475.00	\$ 1,283.00
2. Attending or Taking Depositions	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 309.00/hr + expenses
3. Swearing in Witnesses	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 231.00/hr + expenses
4. Supervising Telephone Depositions	\$ 265.00/hr + expenses	\$ 231.00/hr + expenses
5. Providing Seal and Certification	\$ 70.00	\$ 415.00
<u>Administrative Services</u>		
Consular Time Charges (per hour)	\$ 265.00	\$ 231.00

***New NIV fees were instituted June 4, 2010.**

****This includes a \$25 Execution fee not retained by Department of State.**