

US Embassy changes visa fee payment procedure

THE UNITED States (US) Embassy in Kingston has concluded its contract with Paymaster and will now only accept receipts for visa application fees paid at the National Commercial Bank (NCB).

The US Embassy will also no longer accept cash or credit card payment for application fees at the embassy. The change applies to all non-immigrant and fiancé visa applicants, and Cayman Island residents. To assist Cayman Islands residents who may have already made other arrangements for paying their non-immigrant visa application fees, the US Embassy is allowing a grace period until December 1. However, starting December 1, all Cayman Islands residents applying for non-immigrant visas must present 'fee paid' receipts from NCB for non-immigrant visa application fees. Without 'fee paid' receipts, applicants will not be permitted entry to the embassy and will need to reschedule their interview appointments. Please note that non-immigrant visa application fees are not transferable to other applicants. The 'fee paid' receipt must be in the applicant's name. The change in payment procedure will allow the US Embassy to increase security for applicants and ensure that only the approved payment collector, NCB, collects non-immigrant visa application fees. For more information applicants can visit the embassy's website at <http://kingston.usembassy.gov>