

9 FAM 42.72 Procedural Notes

(TL:VISA-168; 08-08-1997)

9 FAM 42.72 PN1 Statement Signed by Alien of Marriageable Age Issued Visa as Child

(TL:VISA-168; 08-08-1997)

The post shall require an alien of marriageable age, issued a special immigrant, immediate relative, or preference immigrant visa or charged to the foreign state of an accompanying parent by reason of status as a "child" or as an "unmarried son or daughter," to sign Form OF-237, Statement of Marriageable Age Applicant. [See 9 FAM 42.72 Exhibit I .]. The post shall attach Form OF-237 to the immigrant visa. [See *exception at 9 FAM 42.72 N2 .*]

9 FAM 42.72 PN2 Attaching Statement to Visa Issued Under Numerical Limitation

(TL:VISA-57; 4-15-92)

When a visa is issued under the provisions of INA 203(a) or (b) the post shall attach the following statement to Form OF-155A, Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration:

"If, for any reason, you are unable to use your visa, you are requested to return it to this office. Failure to return your unused visa may result in an unnecessary delay in the issuance of a visa to some other qualified applicant. Your cooperation in this regard will enable this office to issue a visa to another applicant promptly. Should you, within the near future, desire to reapply for an immigrant visa, every possible consideration will be given to granting you the benefit of your original priority date on the waiting list."

9 FAM 42.72 PN3 Statement for Extended Visa Validity Under Section 154 of Immigration Act of 1990

(TL:VISA-168; 08-08-1997)

When an alien opts for extended visa validity under section 154 of the Immigration Act of 1990, the post shall attach to Form OF-155A, Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration, the following statement:

"During the next *six* months you may request the consular officer to extend the validity period of your immigrant visa to January 1, 2002. If such extension is granted, the consular officer shall issue a replacement visa and new issuance fee shall be collected.

If you opt for an extended validity visa and depart for the United States more than *six* months later, you must notify the consular officer well in advance of your intended departure so that an appointment can be scheduled to redetermine your admissibility to the United States.”