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VISA INFORMATION AND PROCESSING

International students must have the appropriate visa to travel to the United States to participate in flight training. Students already living in the U.S. with permanent residency status do not need a visa. A pilot taking recurrent flight training as a condition of his/her employment with the employer financing the flight training may travel on a B-1 Business Visa. If the pilot is not taking recurrent training through an employer, but is coming as an individual and paying for the expenses on his own, the pilot must have an M-1 Visa. Any dispatcher student or pilot attending training for an initial type rating must have an M-1 visa. As an approved M-1 Training Center, we can assist you with obtaining an M-1 Visa.

HPA will create a Form I-20 for you to assist in obtaining your M-1 Visa. Please contact the U.S. Embassy in your area to set up an appointment and let us know when you are going. We will create the I-20 based on your training dates and your appointment with the Embassy. Second, you will be required to pay the administrative fees in advance. Please go to the Higher Power Aviation website, www.higherpoweraviation.com, select International fees, and choose the appropriate fee. After the fees are paid, HPA will create the I-20, pay the required I-901 fee, and then send both documents to you by International Fed-Ex. You must have the I-901 receipt for this payment when you present the I-20 to the Consulate. The Embassy will tell you when to expect to receive your passport back with the visa inside.

If you are already in the U.S. on a visa other than an M-1 issued for HPA, you can submit an I-539 Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status. For information on changing your visa status, [click here](#).

With the M-1 visa, you are allowed to travel 30 days in advance of your training date. Keep in mind, however, that the M-1 visa issued for Higher Power Aviation is authorized for Higher Power Aviation training only. You must start your training at HPA within 30 days of entry into the U.S. or you will be in violation of your M-1 status. You are required to advise the school of your travel plans while in the U.S. on the M-1 visa issued by HPA.

For more information on the different types of nonimmigrant visas, please visit the U.S. Department of State website by [clicking here](#).

Please be assured that we are here to assist you with this process. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call us at (817) 445-7000 or send us an e-mail at info@higherpoweraviation.com.