H-1B DS-160 Sample for a Worker Renewing in India

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See how a fictional software engineer living in Texas answered the DS-160 to renew his H-1B in India, including his petition number, his employer, his U.S. degree and his earlier visa. Know what the form asks before you start your own.

This is a fictional example for educational purposes, not an official or pre-approved application. Your DS-160 answers must reflect your own circumstances. Do not copy the sample answers unless they are independently true for you.

Before you start: information you'll want ready

The form will ask for

- Your passport
- Your H-1B approval notice (I-797), for the receipt number
- Your earlier H-1B visa, with its number and date of issue
- Your U.S. Social Security number
- Your wife's full name, date and place of birth
- Your universities and past jobs, with dates, and a supervisor's name for each job

Helpful to have nearby

- Your degree certificates or transcripts, for the dates you attended
- The details of any I-140 your employer filed, such as its category
- Your U.S. driver's licence
- A recent photo that meets the U.S. visa photo rules

Questions applicants commonly get stuck on

How this fictional applicant answered, why, and what to check for your own form. Answer for your own situation, which may differ.

3.1 *Purpose of Visit*

Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TEMPORARY WORKER (H)
Specify Visa	SPECIALTY OCCUPATION (H1B)
Petition Number or Application Receipt Number	LIN2490037215

Why Choosing Specialty Occupation (H1B) opens a box for the petition's receipt number, so Arjun enters LIN2490037215 from his I-797 approval notice.

For your application Choose the visa you are applying for today, then copy the receipt number from your latest I-797. The same number comes up again on the temporary work page.

19.2 Name of Person/Company who Filed Petition: LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS INC

19.3 *Where Do You Intend to Work?*

Name of Employer	LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS INC
U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	11501 DOMAIN DR
U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	SUITE 400
City	AUSTIN
State	TEXAS
ZIP Code (if known)	78758
Phone Number	5125550110
Enter monthly income (in USD)	11542

Why Lonestar Cloud Systems Inc filed his petition and is also where he works, so the petitioner and the employer are the same, with his Austin office and his monthly pay in dollars.

For your application Give the petitioner's name as your I-797 shows it, and the address where you will actually work. If the petitioner and your place of work differ, give each as it is.

11.1 Primary Occupation: COMPUTER SCIENCE

Present Employer or School Information	
Present Employer or School Name	LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS
Present Employer or School Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	11501 DOMAIN DR
Street Address (Line 2)	SUITE 400
City	AUSTIN
State/Province	TX
Postal Zone / ZIP Code	78758
Country / Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Phone Number	5125550110
Start Date	December 21, 2023
Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	11542
Briefly describe your duties	DESIGN AND BUILD DISTRIBUTED BACKEND SERVICES ON A CLOUD PLATFORM; OWN THE DATA PIPELINES AND APIS THAT POWER CUSTOMER-FACING ANALYTICS DASHBOARDS; MENTOR JUNIOR ENGINEERS AND LEAD CODE REVIEWS FOR THE PLATFORM TEAM

Why Arjun works in Austin for Lonestar Cloud Systems, so that is his present job. He lives in the U.S., so his monthly income is in U.S. dollars.

For your application Give the job you hold today. If you already work in the U.S., your local currency is the U.S. dollar.

5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	Yes
	Previous U.S. Visa	
	Date Last Visa Was Issued	November 19, 2023
	Visa Number	K1948205
	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	No
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No

Why His last visa was also an H-1B, so he answers Yes to the same type. He now lives in Texas, so India is not his place of residence and the same-country answer is No.

For your application Find your last visa's number and issue date on the visa in your passport. Answer the same-country question Yes only if you apply where that visa was issued and you live there.

5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	Yes
	Explain the circumstances of the petition	I-140 IMMIGRANT PETITION WAS FILED IN THE EB-3 PREFERENCE CATEGORY BY MY EMPLOYER

Why His employer has filed an I-140 for him in the EB-3 category, so he answers Yes and names the form and the category in one line.

For your application The question covers any immigrant petition ever filed for you, approved or not. Your employer can tell you the I-140's category if you do not have the notice.

2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	601554412
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	601554412

Why He has a Social Security number from working in the U.S., and it is also the number he files his taxes with, so he enters it in both boxes.
For your application Your SSN is on your Social Security card. An ITIN is a separate taxpayer number for people without an SSN, so check which one you were given.

12.2 Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above? — Yes

Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.

(1)

Name of Institution	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	1151 S FOREST AVE
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	TEMPE
State/Province	AZ
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	85281
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Course of Study	COMPUTER SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	December 26, 2018
Date of Attendance To	September 14, 2020

(2)

Name of Institution	JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	KUKATPALLY
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500085
Country	INDIA
Course of Study	COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Date of Attendance From	December 7, 2010
Date of Attendance To	September 5, 2014

Why He studied computer science at Arizona State University in Tempe before his H-1B, so he lists it along with his earlier degree in Hyderabad.
For your application List schools in any country, the U.S. included. Your transcripts or degree certificates have the exact dates of attendance.

4.1 Are there other persons traveling with you? — Yes

Are you traveling as part of a group or organization? — No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
REDDY	PRIYA	SPOUSE
REDDY	ANIKA	CHILD

Why His wife, Priya, and their daughter, Anika, travel with him and apply for H-4 visas at the same time, so he lists both as companions. Each of them has their own DS-160.
For your application List everyone travelling with you. A spouse or child applying for an H-4 needs their own DS-160.
See the DS-160 for Priya: H-4 DS-160 (India)

Common questions about this example

Do I need a new DS-160 to renew my H-1B visa?
Yes. Every visa application needs its own DS-160, a renewal included. Your earlier H-1B goes in the previous U.S. travel section, as Arjun's does.
Official source travel.state.gov

Does my wife need her own DS-160 for her H-4?
Yes. Priya fills in her own DS-160 and gives Arjun as the principal applicant, with the same receipt number he uses. He lists her as a travel companion and on his spouse page.
Official source travel.state.gov

Do I mention an I-140 that is not approved yet?
Yes. The question asks whether anyone has ever filed an immigrant petition for you, so a pending I-140 counts as well as an approved one. The H-1B allows you to seek a green card at the same time.

Do I list the university I attended in the U.S.?
Yes. The education question covers schools in any country. Arjun lists Arizona State University as well as his university in Hyderabad.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	REDDY
1.2	Given Names	ARJUN
1.3	Full Name in Native Alphabet	*Does Not Apply/Technology Not Available*
1.4	Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)?	No
1.5	Do you have a telecode that represents your name?	No
1.6	Sex	MALE
1.7	Marital Status	MARRIED
1.8	Date of Birth	October 22, 1992
1.9	City of Birth	HYDERABAD
1.10	State/Province of Birth	TELANGANA
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	INDIA

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	INDIA
2.2	Do you hold or have you held any nationality other than the one indicated above on nationality?	No
2.3	Are you a permanent resident of a country/region other than your country/ region of origin (nationality) indicated above?	No
2.4	National Identification Number	*Does Not Apply*
2.5	U.S. Social Security Number	601554412
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	601554412

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TEMPORARY WORKER (H)

Specify Visa	SPECIALTY OCCUPATION (H1B)
Petition Number or Application Receipt Number	LIN2490037215

3.2 Have you made specific travel plans? Yes

Provide a complete itinerary for your travel to the U.S.

Arrival Date	February 11, 2027
Arrival Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
Arrival City in the USA	DALLAS
Departure Date	April 28, 2027
Departure Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
Departure City from the USA	DALLAS

Locations you plan to visit in the USA:

Location
AUSTIN

3.3 *Address where you will stay in the U.S.*

Address Line 1	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
Address Line 2	APT 312
City	AUSTIN
State	TEXAS
Zip Code	78704
Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

4 Travel Companions

4.1 Are there other persons traveling with you? Yes

Are you traveling as part of a group or organization? No

Provide the following information for each person traveling with you:

Surnames of the person traveling with you	*Given names of the person traveling with you*	*Relationship to you*
REDDY	PRIYA	SPOUSE
REDDY	ANIKA	CHILD

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1 Have you ever been in the U.S.? Yes

Details on your visit

Provide information on your last U.S. visit:

Date Arrived	*Length of stay in the U.S.*	*Time period*
December 17, 2023	3	YEAR(S)
December 24, 2020	2	YEAR(S)

Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License? Yes

Provide information on your U.S. Driver's Licenses:

Driver's License Number	*State of Driver's License*
REDDY8841207	TEXAS

5.2 Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa? Yes

Previous U.S. Visa

Date Last Visa Was Issued	November 19, 2023
Visa Number	K1948205

	Are you applying for the same type of visa?	Yes
	Are you applying in the same country or location where the visa above was issued, and is this country or location your place of principal of residence?	No
	Have you been ten-printed?	Yes
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been lost or stolen?	No
	Has your U.S. Visa ever been cancelled or revoked?	No
5.3	Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?	No
5.4	Have you ever been denied travel authorization by the Department of Homeland Security through the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)?	No
5.5	Has anyone ever filed an immigrant petition on your behalf with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services?	Yes
	Explain the circumstances of the petition	I-140 IMMIGRANT PETITION WAS FILED IN THE EB-3 PREFERENCE CATEGORY BY MY EMPLOYER

6 Address and Phone Details

6.1	*Home Address*	
	Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	Street Address (Line 2)	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State/Province	TEXAS
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	78704
	Country/Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	5125550148
	Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
	Work Phone Number	*Does not apply*
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	Yes

Additional Email Address
AREDDY.ATX@EXAMPLE.COM

6.7 *Social Media*

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
LINKEDIN	HTTPS://WWW.LINKEDIN.COM/IN/ARJUN-REDDY-ATX/

6.8	Do you wish to provide information about your presence on any other websites or applications you have used within the last five years to create or share content (photos, videos, status updates, etc.)?	No

7 Passport Information

7.1	Passport/Travel Document Type	REGULAR
7.2	Passport/Travel Document Number	Z4521897
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/ Travel Document	INDIA
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	HYDERABAD
	State/Province *If shown on passport	TELANGANA
	Country/Region	INDIA
	Issuance Date	June 16, 2020
	Expiration Date	June 16, 2030
7.6	Have you ever lost a passport or had one stolen?	No

8 US Contact Information

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	PRIYA
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	SPOUSE
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	2100 BARTON SPRINGS RD
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT 312
	City	AUSTIN
	State	TEXAS
	ZIP Code (if known)	78704
	Phone Number	5125550196
	Email Address	PRIYA.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	VENKATESH
	Date of Birth	July 8, 1963
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	REDDY
	Given Names	LAKSHMI
	Date of Birth	February 2, 1967
	Is your mother in the U.S.?	No
9.3	Do you have any immediate relatives, not including parents, in the United States?	Yes

Provide the following information:

Surnames	*Given Names*	*Relationship To You*	*Relative status*
REDDY	PRIYA	SPOUSE	NONIMMIGRANT
REDDY	ANIKA	CHILD	NONIMMIGRANT

10 Spouse Information

10.1	Spouse's Surname (Including Maiden Name)	REDDY
10.2	Spouse's Given Name	PRIYA
10.3	Spouse's Date of Birth	September 5, 1994
10.4	Spouse's Country/Region of Origin	INDIA
10.5	*Spouse's Place of Birth*	
	City	VIJAYAWADA
	Country	INDIA
10.6	Type of Address Where Spouse Lives	SAME AS HOME ADDRESS

11 Current Occupation

11.1	Primary Occupation	COMPUTER SCIENCE
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	11501 DOMAIN DR
	Street Address (Line 2)	SUITE 400
	City	AUSTIN
	State/Province	TX
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	78758
	Country / Region	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
	Phone Number	5125550110
	Start Date	December 21, 2023
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	11542
	Briefly describe your duties	DESIGN AND BUILD DISTRIBUTED BACKEND SERVICES ON A CLOUD PLATFORM; OWN THE DATA PIPELINES AND APIS THAT POWER CUSTOMER-FACING ANALYTICS DASHBOARDS; MENTOR JUNIOR ENGINEERS AND LEAD CODE REVIEWS FOR THE PLATFORM TEAM

12 Previous Occupation

12.1	Were you previously employed?	Yes
	Employer/Employment Information:	
	Employer Name	INFOSYS LIMITED
	Employer Address	
	Employer Street Address (Line 1)	SURVEY NO 210, MANIKONDA VILLAGE
	Employer Street Address (Line 2)	GACHIBOWLI
	City/Town	HYDERABAD
	State/Province	TELANGANA
	Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500032
	Country	INDIA
	Employer Telephone Number	914067324444
	Job Title	SYSTEMS ENGINEER
	Supervisor's Surname	IYER
	Supervisor's Given Names	RAMESH
	Employment Date From	November 11, 2014

Employment Date To	December 6, 2018
Briefly describe your duties	DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED JAVA WEB APPLICATIONS FOR A GLOBAL BANKING CLIENT; WROTE AUTOMATED TESTS AND PARTICIPATED IN AGILE SPRINTS; SUPPORTED PRODUCTION RELEASES AND RESOLVED INCIDENT TICKETS

12.2 Have you attended any educational institutions at a secondary level or above? — Yes

Provide the following information on the educational institution(s) you have attended.

(1)

Name of Institution	ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	1151 S FOREST AVE
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	TEMPE
State/Province	AZ
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	85281
Country	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Course of Study	COMPUTER SCIENCE
Date of Attendance From	December 26, 2018
Date of Attendance To	September 14, 2020

(2)

Name of Institution	JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	KUKATPALLY
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500085
Country	INDIA
Course of Study	COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Date of Attendance From	December 7, 2010
Date of Attendance To	September 5, 2014

13 Additional Occupation Details

13.1 Do you belong to a clan or tribe? — No

13.2 *Provide a List of Languages You Speak*

Language Name
ENGLISH
TELUGU
HINDI

13.3 Have you traveled to any countries/ regions within the last five years? — Yes

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
INDIA
CANADA
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

13.4 Have you belonged to, contributed to, or worked for any professional, social, or charitable organization? — No

13.5	Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience?	No
13.6	Have you ever served in the military?	No
13.7	Have you ever served in, been a member of, or been involved with a paramilitary unit, vigilante unit, rebel group, guerrilla group, or insurgent organization?	No

14 Security Background - Part 1

14.1	Do you have a communicable disease of public health significance? (Communicable diseases of public significance include chancroid, gonorrhea, granuloma inguinale, infectious leprosy, lymphogranuloma venereum, infectious stage syphilis, active tuberculosis, and other diseases as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.)	No
14.2	Do you have a mental or physical disorder that poses or is likely to pose a threat to the safety or welfare of yourself or others?	No
14.3	Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?	No

15 Security Background - Part 2

15.1	Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?	No
15.2	Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?	No
15.3	Are you coming to the United States to engage in prostitution or unlawful commercialized vice or have you been engaged in prostitution or procuring prostitutes within the past 10 years?	No
15.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
15.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
15.6	Have you ever knowingly aided, abetted, assisted or colluded with an individual who has committed, or conspired to commit a severe human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No

15.7	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States and have you within the last five years, knowingly benefited from the trafficking activities?	No

16 Security Background - Part 3

16.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
16.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
16.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
16.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No
16.5	Are you the spouse, son, or daughter of an individual who has engaged in terrorist activity, including providing financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations, in the last five years?	No
16.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
16.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No
16.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
16.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
16.10	Have you, while serving as a government official, been responsible for or directly carried out, at any time, particularly severe violations of religious freedom?	No
16.11	Have you ever been directly involved in the establishment or enforcement of population controls forcing a woman to undergo an abortion against her free choice or a man or a woman to undergo sterilization against his or her free will?	No

16.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

17 Security Background - Part 4

17.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No
17.2	Have you ever sought to obtain or assist others to obtain a visa, entry into the United States, or any other United States immigration benefit by fraud or willful misrepresentation or other unlawful means?	No
17.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
17.4	Have you ever been unlawfully present, overstayed the amount of time granted by an immigration official or otherwise violated the terms of a U.S. visa?	No
17.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

18 Security Background - Part 5

18.1	Have you ever withheld custody of a U.S. citizen child outside the United States from a person granted legal custody by a U.S. court?	No
18.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
18.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
18.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No
18.5	Have you attended a public elementary school on student (F) status or a public secondary school after November 30, 1996 without reimbursing the school?	No

19 Temporary Visa Information

19.1	Application Receipt/Petition Number	LIN2490037215
19.2	Name of Person/Company who Filed Petition	LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS INC
19.3	*Where Do You Intend to Work?*	
	Name of Employer	LONESTAR CLOUD SYSTEMS INC
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	11501 DOMAIN DR
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	SUITE 400
	City	AUSTIN
	State	TEXAS
	ZIP Code (if known)	78758
	Phone Number	5125550110

Enter monthly income (in USD)	11542

20 Preparer of Application

20.1	Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?	No

Ready to fill in your own?

Answer the questions in plain language and save as you go. DS160.io then fills in your DS-160 on the official site for you. Filing is free for individuals.

Start my DS-160 for free
www.ds160.io/individuals

Preparing DS-160s for clients? See DS160.io for immigration firms
www.ds160.io/immigration-firms