H-4 DS-160 Sample for the Spouse of an H-1B Worker (India)

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See how a fictional wife of an Indian H-1B worker answered the DS-160, including her husband's details as principal applicant, his petition number, her maiden name and having no Social Security number. 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 husband's name and his H-1B approval notice (I-797), for the receipt number
- Your maiden name and any other names you have used
- Your earlier U.S. visa, with its number and date of issue
- The phone and email of whoever pays for the trip
- Your last job and your college, with dates and addresses

Helpful to have nearby

- Your I-94 travel history, for the date you entered the U.S.
- Your social media usernames from the last five years
- 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	SPOUSE OF AN H (H4)
Principal Applicant Information	
Surnames of Principal Applicant	REDDY
Given Names of Principal Applicant	ARJUN
Petition Number or Application Receipt Number	LIN2490037215

Why Priya's H-4 depends on her husband's H-1B, so the form asks for him as the principal applicant. She gives Arjun's name and the receipt number LIN2490037215 from his I-797.

For your application Ask the principal applicant for their I-797 before you start. Their name and receipt number should match what they enter on their own DS-160.

See the DS-160 for Arjun: H-1B DS-160 (India)

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	OTHER PERSON
Provide the following information:	
Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	ARJUN
Telephone Number	5125550148

Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
Payer relationship to You	SPOUSE
Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	Yes

Why She will go back to the flat in Austin she shares with Arjun, and he pays for the trip, so she names him as the payer, with Spouse as the relationship.
For your application Name whoever is actually paying. If they live at your address, the form lets you say so instead of typing it again.

1.4 Have you ever used other names (i.e., maiden, religious, professional, alias, etc.)? — Yes

Provide the following information:

Other Surnames Used (maiden, religious, professional, aliases, etc.)	*Other Given Names Used*
NAIDU	PRIYA

Why Naidu was her surname before she married, so she lists it as another name.
For your application Include a maiden name and any other name you have used, even one that is not in your current passport.

2.5 U.S. Social Security Number — *Does Not Apply*

2.6 U.S. Taxpayer ID Number — *Does Not Apply*

Why Priya has never worked in the U.S. and has no Social Security number or taxpayer ID, so she ticks Does Not Apply for both.
For your application If you have ever been given an SSN or an ITIN, even years ago, the form asks for it. Old tax papers show the number.

11.1 Primary Occupation — HOMEMAKER

Why She does not work in the U.S., so she chooses Homemaker, which needs no employer details. Her last job in India goes on the previous work page.
For your application Choose the occupation that is true on the day you fill in the form. If you have a U.S. work permit and a job, that job is your present occupation.

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	K1948206
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 Her last visa was also an H-4, so she answers Yes to the same type. She lives in Texas, so the same-country answer is No.
For your application Copy the visa number and issue date from your own visa, not your spouse's. Answer the same-country question Yes only if you apply where that visa was issued and you live there.

8.1 *Contact Person or Organization in the United States*

Contact Person

Surnames	RAO
Given Names	KIRAN
Organization Name	*Do Not Know*

8.2	Relationship To You	FRIEND

Why She lives in the U.S. with Arjun, who travels with her, so she names a friend in Austin, Kiran Rao, as her contact.

For your application Your contact can be a friend, relative, employer or organisation in the U.S. Choose someone who can be reached while you are abroad.

Common questions about this example

Where do I find my husband's petition number?
On the I-797 approval notice for his H-1B petition, where it is labelled Receipt Number. It is the same number he enters on his own DS-160: LIN2490037215 in this example.

Can my husband and I use one DS-160?
No. Each applicant needs their own DS-160, children included. Priya lists Arjun and their daughter Anika as travel companions and Arjun on the spouse page, and each of them has a form of their own.
Official source travel.state.gov

What occupation do I give on an H-4?
The one that is true today. Priya does not work, so she chooses Homemaker. If you have a U.S. work permit and a job, give that job instead.

I have no Social Security number. Is that a problem?
No. The form asks for an SSN only if you have one. Priya has never been given one, so she ticks Does Not Apply.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	REDDY
1.2	Given Names	PRIYA
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.)?	Yes

Provide the following information:

Other Surnames Used (maiden, religious, professional, aliases, etc.)	*Other Given Names Used*
NAIDU	PRIYA

1.5	Do you have a telecode that represents your name?	No
1.6	Sex	FEMALE
1.7	Marital Status	MARRIED
1.8	Date of Birth	September 5, 1994
1.9	City of Birth	VIJAYAWADA
1.10	State/Province of Birth	ANDHRA PRADESH
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	*Does Not Apply*
2.6	U.S. Taxpayer ID Number	*Does Not Apply*

3 Purpose of Visa

3.1	*Purpose of Visit*	
	Purpose of Trip to the U.S.	TEMPORARY WORKER (H)
	Specify Visa	SPOUSE OF AN H (H4)
	Principal Applicant Information	
	Surnames of Principal Applicant	REDDY
	Given Names of Principal Applicant	ARJUN
	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	OTHER PERSON
	Provide the following information:	
	Surnames of Person Paying for Trip	REDDY
	Given Names of Person Paying for Trip	ARJUN
	Telephone Number	5125550148
	Email Address	ARJUN.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
	Payer relationship to You	SPOUSE
	Is the address of the party paying for your trip the same as your Home or Mailing Address?	Yes

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	ARJUN	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)

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*
REDDY9930415	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	K1948206
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? No

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	5125550196
	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	PRIYA.REDDY@EXAMPLE.COM
6.6	Have you used any other email addresses in the last five years?	No
6.7	*Social Media*	

Social Media Provider/Platform	*Link to Social Media Profile*
INSTAGRAM	HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/PRIYA.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	Z5683014
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	July 18, 2021
	Expiration Date	July 17, 2031
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	RAO
	Given Names	KIRAN
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	FRIEND
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	4500 STECK AVE
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT 1104

City	AUSTIN
State	TEXAS
ZIP Code (if known)	78759
Phone Number	5125550173
Email Address	KIRAN.RAO@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1 *Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*

Surnames	NAIDU
Given Names	SRINIVASA
Date of Birth	May 21, 1965
Is your father in the U.S.?	No

9.2 *Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*

Surnames	NAIDU
Given Names	PADMA
Date of Birth	March 13, 1970
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	ARJUN	SPOUSE	NONIMMIGRANT
REDDY	ANIKA	CHILD	NONIMMIGRANT

10 Spouse Information

10.1	Spouse's Surname (Including Maiden Name)	REDDY
10.2	Spouse's Given Name	ARJUN
10.3	Spouse's Date of Birth	October 22, 1992
10.4	Spouse's Country/Region of Origin	INDIA
10.5	*Spouse's Place of Birth*	
	City	HYDERABAD
	Country	INDIA
10.6	Type of Address Where Spouse Lives	SAME AS HOME ADDRESS

11 Current Occupation

11.1	Primary Occupation	HOMEMAKER

12 Previous Occupation

12.1 Were you previously employed? — Yes

Employer/Employment Information:

Employer Name	TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LIMITED
Employer Address	
Employer Street Address (Line 1)	SYNERGY PARK, PLOT NO 2
Employer Street Address (Line 2)	GACHIBOWLI
City/Town	HYDERABAD
State/Province	TELANGANA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	500032
Country	INDIA
Employer Telephone Number	914066673000
Job Title	IT ANALYST
Supervisor's Surname	KRISHNAN
Supervisor's Given Names	MEERA
Employment Date From	November 17, 2016

Employment Date To	December 4, 2023
Briefly describe your duties	TESTED AND SUPPORTED CORE BANKING APPLICATIONS FOR AN INSURANCE CLIENT; WROTE TEST PLANS AND AUTOMATED REGRESSION SUITES; COORDINATED RELEASES WITH THE OFFSHORE AND CLIENT TEAMS

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.

Name of Institution	VELAGAPUDI RAMAKRISHNA SIDDHARTHA ENGINEERING COLLEGE
Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	KANURU
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	VIJAYAWADA
State/Province	ANDHRA PRADESH
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	520007
Country	INDIA
Course of Study	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Date of Attendance From	December 6, 2012
Date of Attendance To	September 4, 2016

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 Preparer of Application

19.1	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.

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