B1/B2 DS-160 Sample After a Visa Refusal (Philippines)

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See how a fictional accountant from the Philippines, reapplying after a 214(b) refusal, answered the DS-160, including how the refusal is disclosed and explained, her trip plans and her sister in the U.S. 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
- The visa type, place and date of your earlier refusal
- Your travel dates, the cities you will visit and where you will stay
- Your sister's U.S. address, phone and immigration status
- Your employer's details, your start date, duties and monthly income

Helpful to have nearby

- The letter or notice you were given when you were refused
- 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.

5.3	Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, or been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the port of entry?	Yes
	Explain why you were refused a visa or admission to the United States, or why you withdrew your application for admission at the port of entry	REFUSED A B1-B2 VISITOR VISA UNDER SECTION 214(B) AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MANILA ON 14 MARCH 2024. I HAVE NOT APPLIED AGAIN SINCE THEN.

Why Maria Angelica was refused a B1/B2 visa under section 214(b) about two years ago, so she answers Yes and explains briefly: the visa type, the reason, where and when.

For your application The question asks about any refusal, with no time limit. If it has happened, answer Yes and give the facts plainly. The box rejects some characters, such as the slash, so she writes B1-B2.

5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	No

Why She was refused, so no visa was ever issued to her, and this answer is No.

For your application A refusal is not a visa. Answer Yes only if a U.S. visa was actually issued to you.

3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	Yes
	Provide a complete itinerary for your travel to the U.S.	
	Arrival Date	June 18, 2027
	Arrival Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
	Arrival City in the USA	LOS ANGELES
	Departure Date	July 2, 2027
	Departure Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
	Departure City from the USA	LOS ANGELES

Locations you plan to visit in the USA:

Location
SAN DIEGO
LOS ANGELES

Why She knows her dates, so she answers Yes and gives the arrival and departure cities and the places she will visit. Flight numbers are not required.
For your application If you have booked your trip, answer Yes with the details. If not, answer No and give the dates you expect.

8.1	*Contact Person or Organization in the United States*	
	Contact Person	
	Surnames	REYES
	Given Names	ISABEL
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	RELATIVE

Why Her sister in San Diego is her U.S. point of contact, and is listed as a relative.
For your application Your contact can be a person or an organisation in the U.S. who knows you. Give their real address and phone.

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*
REYES	ISABEL	SIBLING	U.S. LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT (LPR)

Why Her sister is a U.S. permanent resident, so she answers Yes and gives that status.
For your application Give each relative's status as it is today: U.S. citizen, permanent resident, nonimmigrant, or other if you do not know.

10.1	Primary Occupation	BUSINESS
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	MERIDIAN ASSURANCE AND ADVISORY CO
	Present Employer or School Address	
	Street Address (Line 1)	18TH FLOOR, 6750 AYALA AVENUE
	Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	MAKATI
	State/Province	METRO MANILA
	Postal Zone / ZIP Code	1226
	Country / Region	PHILIPPINES
	Phone Number	63285550177
	Start Date	June 3, 2019
	Monthly Income in Local Currency (if employed)	68000
	Briefly describe your duties	SENIOR ACCOUNTANT; PREPARE MONTHLY AND YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR AUDIT CLIENTS; REVIEW THE WORK OF TWO JUNIOR ACCOUNTANTS; PREPARE CORPORATE TAX RETURNS

Why She is a senior accountant in Makati, paying for the trip herself, and describes her duties in a few lines.
For your application Describe your actual job and income in plain words. Use the same employer and job title you would give at your interview.

Common questions about this example

Do I have to mention a refusal from years ago?
Yes. The question asks whether you have ever been refused a U.S. visa, with no time limit. Answer Yes and give when and where, as in this example.

When can I apply again after a 214(b) refusal?
There is no fixed waiting period, but each new application needs a new DS-160 and a new fee. The State Department advises reapplying when you can show circumstances that have changed since the refusal. *Official source travel.state.gov*

What should I write in the explanation?
Keep it short and factual: the visa type, the reason given (such as 214(b)), the place and the date. The box does not accept some characters, including the slash, so write B1-B2 rather than B1/B2.

The completed DS-160, question by question

1 Personal Information - Part 1

1.1	Surname	DELA CRUZ
1.2	Given Names	MARIA ANGELICA
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	FEMALE
1.7	Marital Status	SINGLE
1.8	Date of Birth	May 3, 1997
1.9	City of Birth	CEBU CITY
1.10	State/Province of Birth	CEBU
1.11	Country/Region of Birth	PHILIPPINES

2 Personal Information - Part 2

2.1	Country/Region of Origin (Nationality)	PHILIPPINES
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	5821430976140382
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.	TEMP. BUSINESS OR PLEASURE VISITOR (B)
	Specify Visa	TEMP. VISITOR FOR BUSINESS/PLEASURE (B1/B2)
3.2	Have you made specific travel plans?	Yes

Provide a complete itinerary for your travel to the U.S.	
Arrival Date	June 18, 2027
Arrival Flight (if known)	*Not answered*
Arrival City in the USA	LOS ANGELES
Departure Date	July 2, 2027
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Departure City from the USA	LOS ANGELES

Locations you plan to visit in the USA:

Location
SAN DIEGO
LOS ANGELES

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

Address Line 1	4215 GENESEE AVE
Address Line 2	APT 7
City	SAN DIEGO
State	CALIFORNIA
Zip Code	92117
Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip	SELF

4 Travel Companions

4.1	Are there other persons traveling with you?	No

5 Previous U.S. Travel History

5.1	Have you ever been in the U.S.?	No
5.2	Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?	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?	Yes
	Explain why you were refused a visa or admission to the United States, or why you withdrew your application for admission at the port of entry	REFUSED A B1-B2 VISITOR VISA UNDER SECTION 214(B) AT THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MANILA ON 14 MARCH 2024. I HAVE NOT APPLIED AGAIN SINCE THEN.
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)	UNIT 1204, THE BEAUFORT, 5TH AVENUE
Street Address (Line 2)	BONIFACIO GLOBAL CITY
City	TAGUIG
State/Province	METRO MANILA
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	1634
Country/Region	PHILIPPINES

6.2	Is your Mailing Address the same as your Home Address?	Yes
6.3	*Phone*	
	Primary Phone Number	639175550142
	Secondary Phone Number	*Does not apply*
	Work Phone Number	63285550177
6.4	Have you used any other phone numbers in the last five years?	No
6.5	Email Address	ANGELICA.DELACRUZ@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*
FACEBOOK	HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ANGELICA.DELACRUZ.97
INSTAGRAM	HTTPS://WWW.INSTAGRAM.COM/GELA.DELACRUZ/

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	P8842157B
7.3	Passport Book Number	*Does not apply*
7.4	Country/Authority that Issued Passport/Travel Document	PHILIPPINES
7.5	*Where was the Passport/Travel Document Issued?*	
	City	MANILA
	State/Province *If shown on passport	METRO MANILA
	Country/Region	PHILIPPINES
	Issuance Date	September 11, 2023
	Expiration Date	September 10, 2033
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	REYES
	Given Names	ISABEL
	Organization Name	*Do Not Know*
8.2	Relationship To You	RELATIVE
8.3	*Address and Phone Number of Point of Contact*	
	U.S. Street Address (Line 1)	4215 GENESEE AVE
	U.S. Street Address (Line 2)	APT 7
	City	SAN DIEGO

State	CALIFORNIA
ZIP Code (if known)	92117
Phone Number	6195550163
Email Address	ISABEL.REYES@EXAMPLE.COM

9 Family Information

9.1	*Father's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	DELA CRUZ
	Given Names	ROBERTO
	Date of Birth	February 16, 1966
	Is your father in the U.S.?	No
9.2	*Mother's Full Name and Date of Birth*	
	Surnames	DELA CRUZ
	Given Names	ELENA
	Date of Birth	August 29, 1969
	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*
REYES	ISABEL	SIBLING	U.S. LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT (LPR)

10 Current Occupation

10.1	Primary Occupation	BUSINESS
	Present Employer or School Information	
	Present Employer or School Name	MERIDIAN ASSURANCE AND ADVISORY CO
	Present Employer or School Address	
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	Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
	City	MAKATI
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11 Previous Occupation

11.1	Were you previously employed?	No
11.2	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	UNIVERSITY OF SAN CARLOS

Address	
Street Address (Line 1)	P DEL ROSARIO STREET
Street Address (Line 2)	*Not answered*
City	CEBU CITY
State/Province	CEBU
Postal Zone/ZIP Code	6000
Country	PHILIPPINES
Course of Study	BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTANCY
Date of Attendance From	June 11, 2014
Date of Attendance To	May 31, 2018

12 Additional Occupation Details

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

12.2 *Provide a List of Languages You Speak*

Language Name
ENGLISH
FILIPINO
CEBUANO

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

Provide a List of Countries/Regions Visited

Country/Region
SINGAPORE
JAPAN

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

12.5 Do you have any specialized skills or training, such as firearms, explosives, nuclear, biological, or chemical experience? — No

12.6 Have you ever served in the military? — No

12.7 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

13 Security Background - Part 1

13.1 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

13.2 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

13.3	Are you or have you ever been a drug abuser or addict?	No

14 Security Background - Part 2

14.1	Have you ever been arrested or convicted for any offense or crime, even though subject of a pardon, amnesty, or other similar action?	No
14.2	Have you ever violated, or engaged in a conspiracy to violate, any law relating to controlled substances?	No
14.3	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
14.4	Have you ever been involved in, or do you seek to engage in, money laundering?	No
14.5	Have you ever committed or conspired to commit a human trafficking offense in the United States or outside the United States?	No
14.6	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
14.7	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

15 Security Background - Part 3

15.1	Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?	No
15.2	Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?	No
15.3	Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist organizations?	No
15.4	Are you a member or representative of a terrorist organization?	No

15.5	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
15.6	Have you ever ordered, incited, committed, assisted, or otherwise participated in genocide?	No
15.7	Have you ever committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in torture?	No
15.8	Have you committed, ordered, incited, assisted, or otherwise participated in extrajudicial killings, political killings, or other acts of violence?	No
15.9	Have you ever engaged in the recruitment or the use of child soldiers?	No
15.10	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
15.11	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
15.12	Have you ever been directly involved in the coercive transplantation of human organs or bodily tissue?	No

16 Security Background - Part 4

16.1	Have you ever been the subject of a removal or deportation hearing?	No
16.2	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
16.3	Have you failed to attend a hearing on removability or inadmissibility within the last five years?	No
16.4	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
16.5	Have you ever been removed or deported from any country?	No

17 Security Background - Part 5

17.1	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
17.2	Have you voted in the United States in violation of any law or regulation?	No
17.3	Have you ever renounced United States citizenship for the purposes of avoiding taxation?	No
17.4	Are you a former exchange visitor (J) who has not yet fulfilled the two-year foreign residence requirement?	No
17.5	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

18 Preparer of Application

18.1	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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