

CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA

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APPLICATION FORM FOR VISA

Applications are accepted at the counter from 9:00am to 1:00pm (Mon.-Fri.) ONLY

Note : 1) Please carefully read <u>the instructions</u> given overleaf to avoid delays. <u>Incomplete or incorrectly filled out applications are liable to be rejected.</u> 2) Personal Checks are not accepted. 3) REGISTRATION WITH FRROS IS MANDATORY WITHIN 15DAYS OF ARRIVAL IN INDIA IF VALIDITY OF VISA EXCEEDS 180 DAYS IRRESPECTIVE OF PERIOD OF STAY EXCEPT IN CASE OF TOURIST / BUSINESS VISA VALID FOR TEN YEARS. 4) THIS FORM CAN BE FREELY COPIED		PASTE 2" x 2"
(FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)		PHOTO HERE
1. Visa fee received : \$	3. Visa No. :	FRONTAL VIEW
2. Screened by :	4. Length/Type of Visa :	(COLOR OR B&W)
	5. Date of Issue :	

Part A (To be filled by all Visa applicants)

1. Mr./Mrs./Ms. Last Name :		First :	Middle :
2. Previous Names (If any) :		3. Father's/Husband's Name :	
4. Marital Status: Married/Unmarried		5. If married give maiden name:	
6. Father's / Husband's Nationality:			
7. Place of Birth (City) :		(State/Province) :	Country :
8. Date of Birth :		9. Present Nationality :	
(Present Or Previous)		10. Any Other Nationality : (Day/Month/Year)	
11. Present Address in USA (Street) :			
City :		State:	Zip : Phone No. ()
12. Permanent Address in USA (Street) :			
City :		State:	Zip : Phone No. ()
13. Passport No. :		Date of Issue/Validity :	
		Issued By :	
14. Profession (Details of present Employment) :			
15. Have you ever been refused a Visa to India in the past : Yes / No			
If yes, details :			
16. Have you ever visited India Yes / No			
If yes, provide address of stay:			
17. Arrival/Departure Dates of any previous visits to India :			
18. No. of Entries required : Single / Double / Triple / Multiple		19. Countries from which Entry into India will be made :	
20. Type of Visa required : <i>Transit / Tourist / Business / Education / Entry / Journalist / Student / Any Other (Specify)</i>			
21. Period for which Visa is required: <i>6 Months(\$60) / 1 Year(\$85) / 5 Years(\$150) / 10 Years(\$150) / Transit (\$30) / Transfer(\$30)</i>			
22. Objective of journey:			
If on behalf of company provide addressees & details:			
23. Places in India to be visited :			
24. Approx. Date of Departure From USA :		25. Approx. Date of arrival in India :	
26. Separate Application Forms To Be Filled For Each Included Child			

To be filled by all applicants for Visa (Parents can sign on behalf of their child)

27. I, Mr./Mrs./Ms/Father/Mother of _____ hereby undertake that I shall utilize my visit to India for the purpose for which visa has been applied and shall not arrive in India, try to obtain employment or set up business or extend my stay for any other purpose. I fully understand that if any of the particulars above are found to be incorrect or if any information is found to have been withheld, the visa is liable to be canceled at any time.

Date:

Place:

(Signature of Applicant)

Part : C (For applicants returning to India and those seeking other than Tourist Visas)

28. Whether holding valid 'No Objection to return to India' endorsement: Yes / No. And if so, give particulars :

29 A. Names & addresses of 1. _____

two references in USA : 2 _____

B. In India : 1. _____

2. _____

(Signature of Applicant) _____

INSTRUCTIONS

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction of the Consulate General of India, San Francisco: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Colorado, Montana, Idaho and California

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VISA APPLICANTS:

1. Passports valid for a minimum of six months beyond date of intended departure from India should accompany visa applications.
2. Paste one photo at the space provided on the front page (right top corner).
3. Foreigners holding other than United States passports should submit proof of long-term (at least three years)/ permanent residence (copy of green card) in the United States. **For citizens of other countries, who do not normally stay in U. S. a reference has to be made to their country of residence for which an additional \$20 fee is applicable and will involve five to seven days processing time (see also 6a to 6e).** Please refrain from making inquiries about the status of application during this time.
4. **Types of Visas:**
TOURIST VISA: Is issued for 6 months, 1 year and 10 years. The period of stay in India (for each visit) is 6 months only.
ENTRY VISA: Entry visas are issued only to people of Indian origin. Such visas are valid for 6 months, 1 year or 5 years.
BUSINESS VISA: Business visas are issued for 6 months, 1 year or 10 years with multiple entries. A letter from sponsoring organization indicating nature of applicant's business, probable duration of stay, places and organizations to be visited incorporating there in a guarantee to meet maintenance expenses, etc. should accompany the application. Business visa valid for ten years with multiple entries is available to foreign businessmen who have set up or intend to set up joint ventures in India.
STUDENT VISA: Valid for six months to one year with multiple entries for *bona fide* students to pursue regular studies at recognized institutions in India. A letter confirming admission from such an institution along with evidence of financial arrangements for stay in India should accompany application. In case of admission in medical or para-medical courses in India, a letter of Approval or "No Objection Certificate" from Indian Ministry of Health is also required. Likewise, for admission in graduate or post-graduate courses in Engineering or Technical institutions in India, a letter of approval or a **No Objection Certificate** from Ministry of Human Resources Development (Department of Education) should be submitted. For research purposes detail synopsis of the research project, countersigned by the sponsoring institution in India should be submitted.
NOTE: Processing of applications for research visa may take about three months.
TRANSIT VISA: Valid for single/double entry for maximum stay of 15 days for *bona fide* transit purposes only.
MISSIONARIES: Valid for single entry and duration as permitted by Government of India. A letter, in triplicate, from sponsoring organization indicating intended destination in India, probable length of stay, and nature of duties to be discharged should be submitted along with guarantee for applicant's maintenance while in India.
NOTE: Processing of applications for missionaries may take up to three months.
JOURNALIST VISA: Journalist visas are issued to professional journalists and photographers for a maximum of three months only.
CONFERENCE VISA: Conference visas are issued for a period of 1 month, or for the duration of the conference only. A letter of invitation from the organizer of the conference is to be submitted along with the visa application.
5. **Special forms have to be filled by citizens of Pakistan (3 copies with 4 photos) and Bangladesh (2 copies with 3 photos).**
6. **FEES (Effective from 1st October, 2000 revised visa fees for various types of visas are given below (in US\$)).**

Type of Visa	For US Nationals	For Other Nationals (except those mentioned in 6b below)
Transit Visa (15 days-single/double entry)	\$30	\$10
All kinds of visas other than transit and student visa valid upto 6 months- multiple entry.	\$60	\$40
All kinds of visas other than transit and student visa valid over 6 months and upto one year – multiple entry.	\$85	\$65
Student visa (valid for the duration of the course or for a period of five years, whichever is less- multiple entry)	\$95	\$75
All kinds of visas other than transit and student visa valid for over 1 year and upto 5 years-multiple entry	Not Applicable	\$130
All kinds of visas other than transit and student visa valid for over 1 year and upto 10 years- multiple entry	\$150	Not Applicable
Entry visa ("X") valid for over 1 year and upto 5 years- multiple entry.	\$150	\$130
Transfer of valid visa from old US passport to new US passport	\$30	\$10

(The fee structure is based on reciprocity between the two countries)

6a. A charge of US\$ 40.00 is payable by the Russian nationals for visa services and of US\$6.00 (Equivalent to Rs. 250.00) by Romanian nationals.

6b. The visa fees for Pakistani nationals is US\$1.00. In addition, they are required to pay additional charges of US\$20.00 for fax/telex charges.

6c. The visa fees for Sri Lankan nationals is US\$3.00 for a single entry visa and US\$6.00 for double entry. They are also required to pay a charge of US\$20.00 for fax/telex charges.

6d. In accordance with bilateral arrangements, visas are issued gratis to the nationals of Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Hungary, Jamaica, Maldives, Mongolia, Mauritius, Poland, Slovak Republic, South Africa and Uruguay. However, Bangladeshi nationals are required to pay US\$20.00 for fax/telex charges.

6e. Nationals of Nepal and Bhutan do not require visa to enter India.

6f. **Permit for Restricted/Protected Areas:** All foreign nationals, except those mentioned in 6b to 6e above, are required to pay additional fees of US\$30.00 for permits for each visit to a restricted/protected area for each such area.

PAYMENT OF FEES

All fees should be paid either in cash (accepted only at the counter) or through money orders, bank drafts or cashier checks (by Mail) drawn in favor of Consulate General of India, San Francisco. Under any circumstances **PERSONAL CHECKS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**. If personal checks are sent the application cannot be processed and it will only delay the service. Please do not send any cash by mail as cash is accepted only at the counter. It must be noted that fees once received **cannot be refunded** under any circumstances, even if the application is withdrawn by the applicant or services are not provided to the individual as his case does not qualify for that particular service. This amount may be combined with the fees and only one draft/money order/cashier check could be sent

7. **EMERGENCY SERVICE:** (At Counter only) An amount of \$30 is charged over and above the normal fee for rendering emergency service.

8. **Processing Duration:** Applications received at the counter between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. will be processed the same day and serviced passports can be collected at the counter between 4:30 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. **Applications sent by mail will take 5 to 10 working days to process.** This time schedule does not apply to services where prior approval is required from the authorities in India, or embassies in case of applicants not residing in US. **Applicants are advised to refrain from making telephonic / written /e-mail inquires about status of application. Applicants would be informed if additional documents are required.**

9. **Receipt and delivery of passports:**

Following return mail charges should be sent for return of serviced passports.

For Certified mail: \$3 per passport and \$1 for each additional passport

For Express mail delivery: \$14

Passports sent by the Federal Express (self addressed) envelopes received with the application.

The Embassy/Consulate is not responsible for documents lost in mail

10 **Miscellaneous Information:**

The duration of stay in India, for each visit on a tourist visa or business visa is only for a period of 6 months even though a valid visa may be for more than 6 months.

FRRO Requirements

This notice is intended to clarify the question of registration by foreign nationals visiting India. Registration with the District Foreigners Registration Office/Foreigners Regional Registration Office is needed only if the duration of the visa exceeds 180 days. It is not required if the duration of your visa is upto 180 days. This requirement is entirely related to the duration of the visa and not the period of each stay/visit.

Such registration must be done within 14 days of first arrival in India.

However even foreign nationals holding visas exceeding 180 days in the following categories do not need to register:

1. US nationals holding 10 Year Tourist or Business Visa so long as their continuous stay during each visit does not exceed 180 days;
2. Other foreign nationals of Indian origin holding 5 Year Multi-Entry Visit (X) Visa providing they have sought and secured an endorsement at the time of application stating that 'the stay should not exceed 180 days during each visit.' Such an endorsement has to be specifically asked for at the time of applying for the visa.
3. Other foreign nationals holding 5 Year Tourist (T) Visa, who are actively engaged in tourism and travel trade, also if they have sought and secured an endorsement at the time of application stating that 'the stay should not exceed 180 days during each visit.' Such an endorsement has to be specifically asked for at the time of applying for the visa. Such applicants would need to provide proof of their active engagement in tourism and travel trade.
4. PIO (Persons of Indian Origin) Card holders (providing their continuous stay during each visit does not exceed 180 days).
5. Foreign nationals holding visas valid for not more than six months.
6. Foreign nationals below the age of 16 years.

For Check-List of Registration Formalities please visit http://www.indianconsulate-sf.org/news/frro_info.html