

**Embassy of India  
Mexico City**

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**REGULAR VISAS**

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**REGULAR VISA** is to be applied online by the applicant and thereafter print a copy of the application and submit to the Embassy with the required documents on the date/time of appointment granted by the online system. This is meant for all other types for visas for various duration. Following points may please be noted while completing such online visa application:

- For proper uploading of online visa applications, Microsoft Internet Explorer or Mozilla Firefox internet browser options are recommended.
- Complete the Online at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> The visa application form is available online in English only. It is necessary to upload a digital photograph, as per prescribed specification. The system will automatically generate the application in .pdf format. Print it. If you want to print it later, please copy the Web File number and use the option “Reprint Registered Application”.
- You may verify that the 12-digit PDF visa application Web File Number generated begins with letters ‘PERL’ and ensure that the visa application is submitted at the Embassy within a maximum period of seven days later, in order to enable its online retrieval at the Embassy.

- After filling online the application form, please print and submit the same at the Embassy along with other supporting documents and prescribed visa fees.
- Passport must have a minimum validity of six months from the date of application with at least two blank visa pages.

## Types of Visa-

### i. Transit Visa

#### Eligibility-

A **transit Visa** is granted to a foreigner for the sole purpose of enabling him/her to travel through India to a destination outside India. He/she should hold a valid passport, valid travel documents for the country of destination and the countries enroute.

#### Validity-

- A transit Visa will ordinarily be valid for a single journey and for the entry within 15 days from the date of issue, unless otherwise specified.
- If the journey through India is not performed within the period of validity of a transit Visa, a fresh transit visa will be required.
- A transit is only valid for direct transit, irrespective of the period of stay in transit, which cannot be more than 3 days for each visit.

#### Persons in direct transit through India-

##### A Person travelling by air-

A transit Visa is not required by a foreigner passing through, in direct transit by air, travelling onward through India, provided he/she does not leave the specified precincts of the airport.

In case the foreigner desires to resume his/her journey by the next regularly scheduled flight, he /she may be allowed entry on a temporary landing permit, the validity of which will not be normally exceed 3 days, subject to latest instructions.

##### A Person travelling by sea-

A transit Visa is not required by a foreigner who does not leave the ship while it halts at an Indian port. In case, the foreigner desires to leave the ship during its halt at an Indian port, he/she may be allowed to do so on a temporary landing permit not exceeding 3 days.

#### Note-

In all cases where a person is allowed entry into India on a temporary landing permit, while in transit by air or by sea, the permit will be granted on the surrender of the passport/ document of identity to the immigration authorities at the port. The documents will be returned to the person at the time of his/her departure in exchange for the landing permit.

### ii. Tourist Visa

**Tourist Visa** is for tourism purposes only and visit should not be mixed with Business, Studies, Medical Treatment, Conference, Employment, Journalism, etc. for which specific visas are required. In addition to

the documents mentioned in the previous paragraph, the applicant needs to provide copy of Identity Card and Business Card, and proof of sound financial standing in order to support his/her stay in India.( Note- Citizens of Mexico and Belize are not eligible for Tourist Visa on arrival)

#### **A.Tourist Visa on Arrival-**

The Government of India has introduced 'Tourist Visa-on-Arrival' for citizens of the following countries:Finland, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Singapore Cambodia, Vietnam, Philippines, Laos, Myanmar, Indonesia and Republic of Korea.

The main highlights of the scheme are as follows:

#### **Eligibility:**

Citizens of the above-named countries:

- Whose sole objective of visiting India is sight-seeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, etc.,
- who do not have a residence or occupation in India;
- who hold passports with minimum six months validity, and a re-entry permit if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;
- who is a person of assured financial standing (individuals must have a return ticket and sufficient money to spend during his/her stay in India);
- who is not considered an undesirable person;

#### **Validity:**

It will be valid for 30 days with single entry facility.

#### **Conditions:**

It shall be non-extendable and non-convertible except with the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs in exceptional circumstances.

Only two visits on a Tourist Visa-on-Arrival shall be permissible in a calendar year.

#### **Entry Points:**

The "Tourist Visa on Arrival" facility for the passport holders from the above mentioned eleven countries will be extended at the following airports in India: Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Kochi. It will not be available at any other Immigration Check Post.

#### **Fee:**

A fee of USD 60.00 or equivalent in Indian rupees will be charged for each visa (subject to revision from time to time).

#### **Other Conditions:**

It shall be allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to an applicant.

It shall not be applicable to holders of Diplomatic/Official passports.

All extant laws/rules/procedures governing entry, stay and exit of foreigners in India will apply to holders of 'Tourist Visa-on-Arrival'.

**Note :** The 'Tourist Visa-on-Arrival' is only a facility to citizens of above-named countries who are unable to apply for a visa at an Indian Embassy/Consulate due to some reason. In general, all eligible applicants are advised to apply at the nearest Indian Embassy/Consulate for a visa.

### **B. Regular Tourist Visa –**

Multy-entry, valid for 6 months up to 5 years, (5-yrs visa is subject to approval) it is non-extendable and non-convertible to other types of visas. Proof of financial solvency and confirmed return tickets may be required.

### **Documents Required for regular tourist Visa –**

All applicants seeking visa need to submit the following documents at the Embassy:

- Duly filled Visa Application form. All columns of the document should be filled in correctly. The printed copy of the application needs to be signed at two places – One below the photo on page 1 and second at the end of the application.
- Two recent color photographs 5.08X5.08 cm (2”X2”). One photo should be pasted in the form. The other photo should be stapled on the left hand corner of the application.
- Current Passport (s) along with photo copies. In case, the applicant has taken Indian visa (s) in the past, such passport (s) in original along with a photocopy of each passport should be submitted.
- Mexican Identity Proof (FM-2 or FM-3 in case of foreign nationals) along with a copy.
- A copy of the air booking for the travel.
- If the duration of the visit to India is more than 45days, an itinerary giving places to be visited with number of days of stay at each place.
- Any one of the following-
  - A) Letter of Employment/Profession of the Visa applicant indicating position, salary and period of leave granted for vacation in India.
  - B) A copy of applicant’s bank statement for the last three months showing sufficient balance to meet expenses for the period of visit.
  - C) Letter of undertaking from the person financing the visit along with a copy of his/her passport, ID and bank statement for last three months. Appropriate document (birth certificate/marriage certificate) showing the relationship of the sponsor to the applicant should also be submitted. The bank statements should show sufficient balance to meet the expenses for the period of the visit. In case the sponsor is not related to the Visa applicant, the letter of undertaking needs to be attested by a Notary.

### **Important Note –**

- The document should be arranged in the sequential order given above and securely stapled to the application.
- In respect of bank statements, only the first two pages of statement should be submitted.
- All attached documents should be photocopied back to back (on both sides of the paper) to keep the number of enclosures low.
- All photographed documents should be signed/self-attested by the applicant as being true copies of the original.

### **Tourist Visa Fee:**

#### **Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>TOURIST VISAS (T)</b>	
Up to 1 year/Single or Multiple Entry	2,200
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	4,400

**Tourist visas gratis** to the nationals of **Argentina** and **Uruguay**.

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

a) **Singaporean Nationals:** The charges for Tourist visa (Multiple entry) and valid for up to six months in respect of Singapore nationals is **M\$ 550**. However, fee for all other types of visas is same as applicable for other countries mentioned in **Table I**.

b) **Japanese Nationals:** A fee of **M\$ 22** for transit visa and **M\$ 176** for all other types of visas.

c) **U.K. Nationals:**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fee in Mexican Pesos
Tourist Visa up to 1 Year (S/M entry)	3,565
Tourist Visa valid for 1 Year to 5 years (Multiple entry)	10,650

d) **Nigerian Nationals:** A fee of M\$ 5,500 to be charged for all types of visas valid for any duration.

e) **USA Nationals:** A fee of M\$ 2,200 is inclusive of Visa application fee for Tourist visa only for the maximum period up to 10 years from the nationals of USA.

f) **Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Tourist Visa	UP to one year (S/D/M Entry)	2,200

g) **Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

h) **Sri Lankan Nationals:**

Type of visa	Validity	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Tourist Visa	30 days (Double entry)	330
	90 days (Single entry)	330
	90 days (Double entry)	550
	6 months (D/M entry)	550

i) **Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Tourist Visa	Single Entry	1,760
	Single Entry - Urgent	3,300
	Multiple Entry	4,840
	Multiple Entry - Urgent	6,600

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) RELATING TO TOURIST VISA-**  
 (source-<http://mha1.nic.in/pdfs/ForeignD-FAQ-TVisa280710.pdf>)

1. As per the extant instructions of the Government of India, a Tourist Visa can only be granted to a foreigner who does not have a residence or occupation in India and whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends and relatives etc. No other activity is permissible on a Tourist Visa. The Tourist Visa is non-extendable and non-convertible.

2. Instructions were earlier issued by the Government stipulating that there should be a gap of at least 2 months between two visits to India on a Tourist Visa. This matter has been reviewed by the Government and it has been decided to lift the restriction of two-month gap on re-entry of foreign nationals coming to India except in case of nationals of Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistan origin and Stateless persons.

3. Frequently asked questions with regard to the above issues and replies thereto are outlined below for information, guidance and compliance of all concerned:

Q.1: Whether the gap of two months between two visits would apply to all Tourist Visa holders?

Ans.: The gap of two months between two visits on a Tourist Visa will apply to nationals of Afghanistan, China, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistan origin and Stateless persons.

Q.2: How will medical tourists who return regularly to India for onward treatment be handled?

Ans.: For persons coming for medical treatment, there is a separate category of Medical Vis. Foreign nationals coming for medical treatment will have to come only on Medical Visa and not on Tourist Vis.

Q.3 How will the family members of diplomatic households who do not qualify for diplomatic visas (e.g. older children or domestic partners) be handled?

Ans.: The family members of diplomatic households who do not qualify for diplomatic visas may have to come on an 'Entry (X); Visa if eligible. If they come on Tourist Visa, the restrictions as laid down will be applicable.

Q.4 How will individuals who come to India to volunteer for various charity organizations be treated? Many of them travel around the region while volunteering in India for extended periods on tourist visas.

Ans.: A person coming for voluntary work can apply for 'Employment (E)' Visa. Tourist Visa is not the appropriate visa in such cases.

Q.5 What activities are permissible on 'Tourist' Visa?

Ans.: Tourist Visa is granted for visiting India for recreations, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends and relatives etc. No other activity is permissible on a Tourist Visa.

Q.6 Can a person holding 'Tourist Visa indulge in Business activities?

Ans.: No. If a person holding 'Tourist' visa is found to be involved in Business activities, action may be taken for visa violation.

Q.7 Can a person holding "Tourist" visa accept employment?

Ans.: No. If a person is found working, while holding "Tourist" visa, he/she may be booked for visa violation.

### **iii. Entry visa**

#### **Eligibility –**

Entry Visa is issued to a Person of India Origin, foreign spouse of Indian national and to spouse/children of foreigners holding any type of visa other than tourist/transit visa. An Entry Visa is given for a specific purpose as decided by the mission. Registration is required within 14 days of arrival in India if the stay is more than 180 days.

**Validity-**

Applicable for people of Indian origin or persons married to Indian nationals, with validity from 1-5 years, with multiple entries. It is extendable in India. Entry visa is also issued for learning Yoga/Vedic culture in recognised institutions.

**Note-All Indian origin people should apply for this visa when going to visit their relatives and friends in India along with tourism.**

**Additional Documents required:**

Besides common documents required for VISA (Annexure B) following documents are required:

- Marriage Certificate establishing the relation of the applicant with the person of Indian Origin.
- Invitation letter from the organization/agency based in India and a letter from the concerned organization in native country for persons going for voluntary work.
- For students letter from their institutions and letter of financial guarantee either from parents or bank.

**Entry visa Fee-**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>ENTRY VISAS (X)</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single or Multiple Entry	1,760
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	2,640
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	4,400

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**U.K. Nationals:** The fee for U.K. nationals for different types of visas is as follows:

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fee in US\$</b>
Tourist Visa up to 1 Year (S/M entry)	3,565
Tourist Visa valid for 1 Year to 5 years (Multiple entry)	10,650
Business Visa up to 1 Year (S/M entry)	5,325
Business Visa valid for 1 Year to 5 years (Multiple entry)	15,975
Entry Visa up to 1 Year (S/M entry)	3,565
Entry Visa valid for 1 Year to 5 years (Multiple entry)	10,650

USA Nationals: Applicable fee of M\$ 440 = (US\$ 20.00) is applicable from US nationals in addition to visa fee of M\$ 2,200 = (US\$ 100).

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Entry Visa	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

#### Sri Lankan Nationals:

Type of visa	Validity	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Entry Visa	1 Year (Multiple entry)	550

#### Mozambique Nationals:

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Entry Visa	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

#### iv. Business Visa

A '**BUSINESS VISA**' is available for travelling to India for the purpose of business meetings with companies in India, meetings, sales or exhibiting on behalf of a company outside of India.

#### Eligibility-

An Indian Business Visa is granted to the following types of foreign nationals:

1. Foreign nationals visiting India to establish an industrial/business venture or to explore possibilities to set up industrial/business venture in India.
2. Foreign nationals coming to India to purchase/sell industrial or commercial products or consumer durables.
3. Foreign nationals coming to India for technical meetings/discussions, attending board meetings, general meetings for providing business services support.
4. Foreign nationals coming to India for recruitment of manpower.
5. Foreign nationals who are partners in the business and/or functioning as directors in the company.
6. Foreign nationals coming to India for consultations regarding exhibitions, for participation in exhibitions, trade fairs, business fairs, etc.
7. Foreign buyers who come to transact business with supplies/potential suppliers at a location in India, to evaluate or monitor quality, give specifications, place orders, negotiate further supplies etc., relating to goods or services procured from India.
8. Foreign experts/specialists on a visit of short duration in connection with an ongoing project with the objective of monitoring the progress of the work, conducting meetings with Indian customers and/or to provide some high level technical guidance.
9. Foreign nationals coming to India for pre-sales activity not amounting to actual execution of any contract or project.
10. Foreign trainees of multinational companies/corporate houses coming for in-house training in the regional hubs of the concerned company located in India.
11. Foreign students sponsored by AIESEC for internship on project based work in companies/industries.
12. Senior executives of firms, experts, tour conductors and travel agents, etc., visiting India in connection with work related to projects of national importance, including those undertaken by public sector undertakings, and conducting business tourist of foreigners or business relating to it,



etc.

#### Conditions for Granting of Business Visa -

##### **Business Visa is granted subject to the following conditions:**

1. The applicant is a person of assured financial standing and has expertise in the field of the intended business.
2. The applicant must not be visiting India for the business of money lending or petty trading, or for a full time employment in India involving payment of salary in India etc.
3. The applicant must comply with all other requirements like payment of tax liabilities etc.
4. The granting of a **Business Visa** is subject to any instructions issued by the Government of India on the basis of reciprocity with other foreign countries from time to time.

#### Duration & Validity-

- The Period of stay for **each** visit is maximum up to **6 months**, keeping in view the nature of the business activity for which the Business visa is granted.
- **Business Visa** is generally issued with **Multiple Entry** endorsement.
- **Mexico Passport Holders can** apply for **1 year** duration **Business Visas**

Validity of **Business Visa** commences from the date of visa issuance and **NOT** from date of entry into India. Duration of Visa or number of entries is purely the discretion of the Indian Embassy. Applicants must note and understand that Visa is not a matter of right and hence the Embassy could deny the visa if not found eligible / or does not have adequate supporting documentation or grant a visa for a period lesser than what has been requested in the application and what the applicant has paid for. There shall be no clarifications in this regard and the decision of the Embassy will be final and binding.

#### Documents Required -

The applicants should submit the following additional documents apart from the ones stated in general instructions :

1. A letter from the authorized representative of the employer deputing the applicant for a visit to India for business.
2. Letter of invitation from the Indian company. The letter should be addressed to the Indian Embassy in Mexico requesting for grant of Business Visa to the applicant. Period for which visa is required and purpose of visit should be mentioned in the letter.
3. 3. Copy of Identity Card.
4. Registration Certificate/Proof of registration of the company of the applicant.
5. Visiting card of the applicant (bearing his name, address, name of the company, telephone number, email address).
6. Educational qualification of the applicant and a copy of the highest degree obtained by him in his field/certificate for the profession he is in.
7. Proof of sound financial standing of visa applicant.

#### Business Visa Fee-

##### Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>BUSINESS VISAS (B)*</b>	
Up to 1 year/Single or Multiple Entry	2,640
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	5,500

**Business, Tourist and Transit visas gratis to the nationals of Argentina.**

Special Visa Fee Categories:

**U.K. Nationals:** The fee for U.K. nationals for different types of visas is as follows:

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fee in Mexican Pesos only
Employment Visa up to 6 months	10,120
Employment Visa up to 1 year	11,000
Employment Visa more than 1 year	13,135

USA Nationals: A fee of M\$ 2,200 is inclusive of Visa application fee for Tourist visa only for the maximum period up to 10 years from the nationals of USA. Fee for 10 years validity Business visa for US nationals is M\$ 5,500 as well as for five years. However, all other types of visas, applicable fee of M\$ 440 is applicable from US nationals in addition to visa fee.

Ukrainian Nationals: The fee for Ukraine nationals for different types of visas is as follows:

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Business Visa	Less than 1 year (S/D/M Entry)	2,860
Business Visa	1 to 5 year (S/D/M Entry)	5,500

**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Sri Lankan Nationals:**

Type of visa	Validity	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Business Visa	30 days (Multiple entry)	550
	90 days (Single entry)	595
	90 days (Multiple entry)	880
	6 months (M entry)	1,760
	1 year (Multiple entry)	760
	5 years (Multiple entry)	2,640

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Business Visa/Employment Visa	----	Gratis

**Gratis Business & Employment Visas for LDC Applicants:** Least Developed Countries (LDCs) is on gratis basis. The list of 48 LDCs is placed below:

**LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	Afghanistan	25	Madagascar
2	Angola	26	Malawi
3	Bangladesh	27	Mali
4	Benin	28	Mauritania
5	Bhutan	29	Mozambique
6	Burkina Faso	30	Myanmar
7	Burundi	31	Nepal
8	Cambodia	32	Niger
9	Central African Republic	33	Rwanda
10	Chad	34	Sao Tome and Principe
11	Comoros	35	Senegal
12	Dem. Republic of the Congo	36	Sierra Leone
13	Djibouti	37	Solomon Islands
14	Equatorial Guinea*	38	Somalia
15	Eritrea	39	South Sudan
16	Ethiopia	40	Sudan
17	Gambia	41	Timor-Leste
18	Guinea	42	Togo
19	Guinea-Bissau	43	Tuvalu
20	Haiti	44	Uganda
21	Kiribati	45	United Republic of Tanzania
22	Lao People's Dem. Republic	46	Vanuatu
23	Lesotho	47	Yemen
24	Liberia	48	Zambia

**BUSINESS VISA FEES FOR NATIONALS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>UP TO ONE YEAR Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>	<b>MORE THAN ONE YEAR UP TO FIVE YEAR Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
1	USA	3,080	5,500
2	Ecuador	5,280	7,040
3	New Zealand	2,860	5,500
4	France	3,630	5,500
5	Australia	4,730	6,490
6	Czech Republic	4,180	5,940
7	Iran	6,050	7,810
8	Ireland	4,400	6,160
9	Philippines	4,840	6,600
10	Poland	3,190	5,500
11	Saudi Arabia	4,730	6,490
12	Thailand	4,400	6,160
13	U.A.E.	9,130	10,890

## v. **Student Visa**

A '**STUDENT VISA**' is available for bona fide students who wish to pursue regular studies in recognized educational institutions in India.

### **Eligibility-**

A **Student Visa** is a **multiple entry** visa issued to bona fide students who wish to pursue a full time course in recognized educational institutions in India and produces proof of admission to a full time course in a recognized / reputed educational institution in India. He/She is a person of assured Financial standing. Student visas can also be granted for study of Yoga, Vedic Culture and Indian System of Music/Dance in recognized institutions.

The Applicant is required to possess a valid passport with a valid Indian visa before they start their travel to India. Every traveler, including minor children, must **each** have a valid visa to travel to India.

### **Duration & Validity-**

The **duration of Student Visa** will be the as per the **duration of the study course period** as per the Educational Institution in India. A maximum of three entries per year will be granted for a Student Visa.

Student Visa is generally issued with multiple entry endorsement.

The validity of a Student Visa commences from the date of visa issuance and **NOT** from the date of entry into India.

### **Documents required for the Student Visa –**

The applicants should submit the following additional documents apart from the ones stated in general instructions:

Completed Visa Application Form.

- Original Admission Letter or Bonafide Letter from the School /College/ University/Institution in India. Emailed or faxed copy is not accepted.
- Education Certificate/s.
- Guarantee letter from parent/guardian for financial support along with bank statement for past three months.
- In case of admission in medical or para-medical courses in India, a letter of approval or No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Health, New Delhi, 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 from Ministry of Human Resources Development (Department of Education), New Delhi, is required.

### **Notice:**

School/College/University/Institution in India must issue original admission/bonafide letter to the student well in time so that the student can produce the same at the time of visa application. A copy of the letter may also be endorsed to the Embassy.

### **Student Visa Fee-**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
<b>STUDENT VISAS (S)</b>	
Valid for the duration of the course or 5 years, whichever is less/ <b>Multiple Entry</b>	1,760

[Special Visa Fee Categories:](#)

**U.K. Nationals:**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Student Visa up to 5 years (M/entry)	5,040

USA Nationals: A fee of M\$ 2,200 is inclusive of Visa application fee for Tourist visa only for the maximum period up to 10 years from the nationals of USA. Fee for 10 years validity Business visa for US nationals is M\$ 5,500 as well as for five years. However, all other types of visas, applicable fee of M\$ 440 is applicable from US nationals in addition to visa fee.

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Student Visa	Less than 5 years (Multiple Entry)	1,870

**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Sri Lankan Nationals:**

Type of visa	Validity	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Student Visa (For institutions covered by bilateral agreement)	1 year	950
	More than one year	1,785
Student Visa (For institutions not covered by bilateral agreement)	----	1,785

**vi. Research (R) Visa**

A '**RESEARCH VISA**' is available to Research Professors or Scholars and participants attending research conferences / Seminars / Workshops held in India.

**Eligibility-**

A **Research Visa** is given to Research Professors or Scholars and participants attending research Conferences / Seminars / Workshops held in India.

The foreigner who desires to undertake research in India should apply to the Indian Mission giving the subject of the research project, details of places to be visited , previous visits, whether the scholar has secured admission to a recognized or reputed institution( and evidence of financial resources.

**Duration & Validity**

The **duration of Research Visa** will be as per the **duration of the research period**. Duration of Visa or number of entries is purely at the discretion of the Indian Embassy. Applicants must note and understand that Visa is not a matter of right and hence the Embassy could deny the visa if not found eligible / or does not have adequate supporting documentation or grant a visa for a period lesser than what has been requested in the application and what the applicant has paid for. There shall be no clarifications in this regard and the decision of the Embassy will be final and binding.

**Spouse / Dependent Members-**

Spouse and dependent family members accompanying the applicant must apply for an **‘Entry Visa’ (NOT Tourist visa)**, duration of which will be the same as the duration of the **Research Visa** of the principal applicant.

**Documents required for the Research Visa –**

The applicants should submit the following additional documents apart from the ones stated in general instructions:

- A formal admission letter (no email communication etc.) from a recognized institution or college,
- Evidence of financial arrangements for stay in India, and
- Research with a technical institute such as in medical and para-medical or engineering field, clearance from Indian Ministry concerned (Ministry of Health / Ministry of Human Resources).
- For research not university/ institution of higher learning but with a commercial organization, the following would be required:
  - A formal invitation letter (no email communication etc.) from the organization/institution concerned,
  - evidence of financial arrangements for stay in India,
  - A letter from the organization/institution addressed to the Embassy of India explaining the research, its envisioned scope and purpose, and recommending the applicant for a Research visa, also referring to the applicant’s passport details. Research visas issue should be applied for well in time.
- Education Certificate/s of the applicant.
- A detailed set of documents will have to be produced by the applicant regarding the area of research and other particulars.

**Research Visa Fee–**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
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<b>RESEARCH VISAS (R)</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single (or Multiple) Entry	1,760
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	2,640
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	4,400

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**U.K. Nationals:**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Research Visa up to 3 years or duration of course (whichever is less)	5,040

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist, Student, Business and Employment Visa)	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

**Russian Nationals:**

<b>For all types of visas</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

<b>Visa category</b>	<b>Duration/Entries/Urgency</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
All other types visas (Except Transit and Student)	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

**vii. Employment Visa**

A '**EMPLOYMENT VISA**' is available for travelling to India for the purpose of working in India, for an organization registered in India. An Employment Visa is granted to an employee or paid intern of an Indian company and to persons traveling to India for volunteer work with a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

**Eligibility-**

**An India Employment Visa is granted to the following types of foreign nationals:**

1. Foreign nationals coming to India as consultant on contract for whom the Indian company pays a fixed remuneration (this may not be in the form of a monthly salary).
2. Foreign artists engaged to conduct regular performances for the duration of the employment contract given by Hotels, Clubs or other organizations.

3. Foreign nationals who are coming to India to take up employment as coaches of national/state level teams or reputed sports clubs.
  4. Foreign sportsmen who are given a contract for a specified period by the Indian Clubs/Organizations.
  5. Self-employed Foreign nationals coming to India for providing engineering, medical, accounting, legal or such other highly skilled services in their capacity as independent consultants provided the provision of such services by foreign nationals is permitted under law.
  6. Foreign language teachers/interpreters.
  7. Foreign specialist chefs.
  8. Foreign engineers/technicians coming to India for installation and commissioning of equipment/machines/tools in terms of the contract for supply of such equipment/machines/tools.
  9. Foreign nationals deputed for providing technical support/services, transfer of know-how/services for which the Indian company pays fees/royalty to the foreign company.
  10. Senior management personnel and/or specialists employed by foreign firms who are relocated to India to work on specific project/management assignment.
  11. Foreign nationals coming to India for execution of a project/contract [irrespective of the duration of the visit].
  12. Foreign nationals who are coming to India on short visits to a customer location to repair any plan or machinery as part of warranty or annual maintenance contracts.
  13. Foreign nationals coming to India for imparting training for the personnel of the Indian company.
- Those travelling to India for volunteer work with a Non-governmental organization (NGO) must apply for an **India Employment Visa**.

#### Conditions for Granting of Employment Visa -

#### **An Employment Visa is granted subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:**

1. The applicant should be a highly skilled and/or qualified professional being engaged or appointed by a company or organization or industry or undertaking in India on contract or an employment basis at a senior level, skilled position such as technical expert, senior executive, or in a managerial position, etc.
2. There should not be a qualified Indian available to do the job that the visa holder would be performing.
3. The Employment visa cannot be granted for routine, ordinary or secretarial/clerical jobs.
4. The employment must either be in a company/firm/organization registered in India or in a foreign company/firm/organization engaged for execution of some project in India.
5. The employee's salary must be in excess of INR 16.25 lakhs per year. However, this condition does not apply to: (a) Ethnic cooks, (b) Language teachers (other than English language teachers) / translators and (c) Staff working for the concerned Embassy/High Commission in India.
6. The foreign national must comply with all legal requirements like payment of tax liabilities etc.
7. The documents pertaining to the proposed employment will be thoroughly checked to decide the category of visa that may be issued to the foreigner.
8. The name of the sponsoring employer/organization shall be clearly stipulated in the visa sticker.
9. A foreign company/organization that does not yet have any Project office/subsidiary/joint venture/branch office in India cannot sponsor a foreign national/employee of a foreign company for an Employment Visa. However, if the Indian company/organization has awarded a contract for execution of a project to a foreign company that does not have any base in India, such foreign company can sponsor the employee for Employment Visa.
10. The Indian organization/entity that sponsors an Employment Visa does not necessarily have to be the legal employer of the person.



The Indian company/organization engaging foreign nationals for executing projects/contracts would be responsible for the conduct of the foreign national during their stay in India and also for the departure of such foreign national upon expiry of visa.

#### **Spouse / Dependent Members-**

Spouse and dependent family members accompanying the applicant must apply for an 'Entry Visa' (**NOT** Tourist visa), co-terminus with the period of the principal visa holder.

#### **Charity / Non Profit Documentation-**

- An **Employment Visa** Applicant who intends to do volunteer work with **charities or non-profit organizations** must include a letter from the sponsoring organization in India on letterhead indicating the nature and the duration of the visit and place of work.
- The same letter must also be signed by an authorized signatory.
- The letter from the sponsoring organization needs to state whether the applicant will be a paid or non-paid intern.

#### **Duration & Validity**

The **validity** of an India Employment Visa will be **for the duration of your employment / volunteer work in India**, which will usually not exceed **ONE YEAR** at a time.

Further **extension** of up to **5 years** from the date of issue of the Initial **Employment Visa** on an **annual basis** is subject to good conduct, production of necessary documents in support of continued employment, filing of Income Tax returns and no adverse security inputs about the foreigner may be obtained from MHA / FRRO in the concerned state in India.

#### **Documents Required for Employment Visa –**

1. Appointment Letter: A letter provided by the applicants employer certifying that the applicant has been offered a position with the company and outlining the nature and duration of the position and salary. The salary must be at least \$25,000 USD per year.
2. Contract: A copy of the complete employment contract. The contract must contain details of the salary agreement and the signature of both parties.
3. Resume: The applicant's current resume.
4. Organization Registration: Proof that the organization is registered in India, provided by the Indian employer.
5. Tax Liability Letter: A tax liability letter from the company in India which must certify that the Indian company should be liable/take responsibility for paying taxes on behalf of the applicant; applicants should understand that there may be a delay in decisions made on the issuance of the visa.
6. Employment Details Form: One completed Employment Details Form.
7. Justification Letter: A letter provided by the employer certifying that the applicant is a skilled and qualified professional, technical expert, senior executive or in a managerial position. This letter should also justify as to how these skills are not available in India. All applicants seeking visa need to submit the following documents at the Embassy:
8. Please Note: Family members / dependents of an applicant who is granted 'E' visa will be granted 'X' visa provided the family members are otherwise eligible for grant of such a visa. The validity of such 'X' visa shall be co-terminus with the validity of the visa of the principal visa holder or for such shorter period as may be considered necessary by the Indian Mission.
9. The employing company / organization should be registered in India and a copy of such registration should be submitted;
10. Certificate by the employer mentioning the salary of the foreign national employed in India;

11. The employing company / organization should certify that the nature of job is such that qualified Indian national are not available for this job;
12. The applicant must submit proof of employment or contract or engagement by the company / organization in India;
13. The applicant must submit documentary proof of his educational qualification and professional expertise;
14. The Employment Visa can only be issued from the country of origin, or from the country of domicile (more than two years stay). Non-Austrian passport holders applying for an Employment Visa must submit a copy of their Austrian residence visa showing that they have been resident in Austria for more than two years.

**Notice-**

Please note the aforementioned important instructions.

**Employment Visa Fee-**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>EMPLOYMENT (E) &amp; PROJECT (P) VISAS**</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single or Multiple Entry	2,640
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	4,400
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	6,600

• **Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**U.K. Nationals:**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Employment Visa up to 6 months	10,120
Employment Visa up to 1 year	11,000
Employment Visa more than 1 year	13,135

Nigerian Nationals: A fee of M\$ 5,500 to be charged for all types of visas valid for any duration from the nationals of Nigeria.

USA Nationals: A fee of M\$ 2,200 is inclusive of Visa application fee for Tourist visa only for the maximum period up to 10 years from the nationals of USA. Fee for 10 years validity Business visa for US nationals is M\$ 5,500 as well as for five years. However, all other types of visas, applicable fee of M\$ 440 is applicable from US nationals in addition to visa fee.

Ukrainian Nationals:

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Employment Visa	Less than 6 months	2,640
	Less than one year	4,400
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	6,600

**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Sri Lankan Nationals:**

Type of visa	Validity	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Employment Visa	1 year (Multiple entry)	3,455

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Business Visa/Employment Visa	----	Gratis

**Gratis Business & Employment Visas for LDC Applicants:** Least Developed Countries (LDCs) is on gratis basis. The list of 48 LDCs is placed below:

**LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)**

S. No.	Country	S. No.	Country
1	Afghanistan	25	Madagascar
2	Angola	26	Malawi
3	Bangladesh	27	Mali
4	Benin	28	Mauritania
5	Bhutan	29	Mozambique
6	Burkina Faso	30	Myanmar
7	Burundi	31	Nepal
8	Cambodia	32	Niger
9	Central African Republic	33	Rwanda
10	Chad	34	Sao Tome and Principe
11	Comoros	35	Senegal
12	Dem. Republic of the Congo	36	Sierra Leone
13	Djibouti	37	Solomon Islands
14	Equatorial Guinea*	38	Somalia
15	Eritrea	39	South Sudan
16	Ethiopia	40	Sudan
17	Gambia	41	Timor-Leste
18	Guinea	42	Togo
19	Guinea-Bissau	43	Tuvalu
20	Haiti	44	Uganda
21	Kiribati	45	United Republic of Tanzania
22	Lao People's Dem. Republic	46	Vanuatu
23	Lesotho	47	Yemen
24	Liberia	48	Zambia

### viii. Intern Visa (I)

An '**INTERN VISA**' is available to foreigners intending to pursue internship in India. An Intern Visa is granted to an intern of an Indian company / Educational institute / Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

#### Eligibility-

**An Intern visa is appropriate for those who intend to pursue internship in an Indian company / Educational institute / Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).**

You are required to possess a valid passport with a valid Indian visa before you start your travel to India.

#### Conditions for Granting of Employment Visa –

**An Intern Visa is granted subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:**

1. The foreign national must comply with all legal requirements like payment of tax liabilities etc.
2. The documents pertaining to the proposed intern will be thoroughly checked to decide the category of visa that may be issued to the foreigner.
3. The name of the sponsoring employer/organization shall be clearly stipulated in the visa sticker.
4. The Indian organization/entity that sponsors an Intern Visa does not necessarily have to be the legal employer of the person.
5. The intern must provide a letter from The Indian Company/ Educational institution / NGO concerned sponsoring the foreign national for the internship programme and clearly indicate the period of internship. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
6. An undertaking letter is required from the company in India confirming that the company/organization/NGO concerned will ensure the departure of the foreigner on completion of Internship. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
7. The intern must provide a letter from the company in India taking responsibility for the activities and conduct of the applicant during his/her stay in India and repatriation, if ever necessary. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
8. In case of paid intern a remuneration documents have to be enclosed with the amount and confirming that the tax will be paid as per the guidelines implemented by Government of India. This document has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
9. The intern is required to provide their Current Graduation / Post-Graduation certificate.
10. The gap between completion of graduation / post-graduation and commencement of internship should **NOT** be more than **1 year**.

#### Charity / Non Profit Documentation-

- An **Intern Visa** Applicant who intends to do volunteer work with **charities or non-profit organizations** must include a letter from the sponsoring organization in India on letterhead indicating the nature and the duration of the visit and place of work.
- The same letter must also be signed by an authorized signatory.
- The letter from the sponsoring organization needs to state whether the applicant will be a paid or non-paid intern.

#### Duration & Validity

The **validity** of an India Intern Visa will be **for the duration of** internship programming **India**, which will usually not exceed **ONE YEAR** at a time.

Duration of Visa or number of entries is purely at the discretion of the Indian Embassy. Applicants must note and understand that Visa is not a matter of right and hence the Embassy could deny the visa if not found eligible / or does not have adequate supporting documentation or grant a visa for a period lesser

than what has been requested in the application and what the applicant has paid for. There shall be no clarifications in this regard and the decision of the Embassy will be final and binding.

**Additional Documents Required for Intern Visa –**

1. The intern must provide a letter from The Indian Company/ Educational institution / NGO concerned sponsoring the foreign national for the internship programme and clearly indicate the period of internship. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
2. An undertaking letter is required from the company in India confirming that the company/organization/NGO concerned will ensure the departure of the foreigner on completion of Internship. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
3. The intern must provide a letter from the company in India taking responsibility for the activities and conduct of the applicant during his/her stay in India and repatriation, if ever necessary. This letter has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
4. In case of paid intern a remuneration documents have to be enclosed with the amount and confirming that the tax will be paid as per the guidelines implemented by Government of India. This document has to be on a company letter head duly signed and stamped.
5. The intern is required to provide their Current Graduation / Post-Graduation certificate.
6. Resume: The applicant's current resume.

**Intern Visa Fee-**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
INTERN VISAS (I)	
Up to 1 year/Multiple Entry	1,760

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

Ukrainian Nationals: The fee for Ukraine nationals for different types of visas is as follows:

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Intern Visa	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

**Russian Nationals:**

<b>For all types of visas</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types visas (Except Transit and Student)	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

### ix. Conference Visa

A '**CONFERENCE VISA**' is available for traveling to India for the purpose of attending International Conferences, Seminars or Workshops on certain subjects in India.

#### Eligibility-

A **Conference Visa** is provided only if the delegates are able to produce an invitation to a **conference / seminar / workshop** being organized in India by the following:

- Ministry or Department of Government of India
- State Governments.
- Public Sector Undertakings
- Central Educational Institutions
- Autonomous bodies under Government of India
- Public Funded University
- An organization owned and controlled by the Government of India or State Government.
- UN and its specialized agencies
- Reputed NGO's
- Private Companies.

The applicant is required to possess a valid passport with a valid Indian visa before they start their travel to India. Every traveler, including minor children, must **each** have a valid visa to travel to India.

#### Spouse / Dependent Members-

- If your Spouse is **registered to attend the conference** along with you, then she/he must also apply for a **Conference Visa**.
  - If your Spouse is **NOT** attending the conference, she/he must apply for a **Tourist Visa**.
- If your Minor children are accompanying you on your visit to India, they must apply for a **Tourist Visa**.

#### Conference organized by an NGO-

In case of Conference being organized by an NGO, the following would be required for the issuance of the Conference Visa:

1. Approval from Nodal / Line Ministry of the Central Government /State Government
2. Invitation for Conference from the organizer.

#### Duration & Validity

Conference visa is issued to applicants attending International Conferences/ Seminars organized by the Ministry or Department of the Government of India, State Governments etc. and the maximum duration for the Conference Visa is 3 months. Applicants attending business Conferences/seminars/workshops organized by the private business organizations in India are required to apply for Business visa only.

Duration of Visa or number of entries is purely at the discretion of the Indian Embassy. Applicants must note and understand that Visa is not a matter of right and hence the Embassy could deny the visa if not found eligible / or does not have adequate supporting documentation or grant a visa for a period lesser than what has been requested in the application and what the applicant has paid for. There shall be no clarifications in this regard and the decision of the Embassy will be final and binding.

#### Additional Documents Required for Conference Visa-

Invitees of International Conferences and Seminars etc. held in India are required to submit the following additional documents:

- Invitation from the organization/ firm/ institution holding the conference/ seminar/ training, etc. indicating duration, programme, hospitality if offered, name, passport number of invitee to be sent directly to the Embassy. Copy of the invitation should also be appended to the visa application form.
- Certificate of Registration of organisation/ firm/ institution in India, which is holding the event.
- Clearance/ Permission/ Approval from relevant nodal Ministry/ Agency/ Body in India for holding stated event.
- Proof of employment/Accreditation Certificate/relevant document to testify competence of visa applicant to attend stated event in India.
- Bank statement of visa applicant in case visit is self financed.

#### Conference Visa Fee-

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
CONFERENCE/SEMINARS VISAS (C) Up to 6 months/Single (or Multiple) Entry	1,760

#### Special Visa Fee Categories:

##### **Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist, Student, Business and Employment Visa)	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

##### **Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

##### **Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types visas	up to 6 months	4,840

(Except Transit and Student)	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

#### x. Medical Visa

A '**MEDICAL VISA**' is available for traveling to India for the purpose of medical treatment in reputed / recognized hospitals / treatment centers in India.

#### Eligibility-

A '**MEDICAL VISA**' is issued to those applicants who are traveling to India for a medical treatment in reputed / recognized hospitals / specialized hospitals/ treatment centers in India for undergoing treatment in neuro-surgery, ophthalmic disorders, heart-related problems, renal disorders, organ transplantation, congenital disorders, gene-therapy, radio-therapy, joint replacement, etc.

Foreigner who hold a valid passport and a re-entry permit if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;

Foreigner who is a person of assured financial standing (availability of sufficient money to spend during his/her stay in India including the expenses for medical treatment, may be considered sufficient for this purpose)

Foreigner who has submitted the medical documents establishing the need for and the bonafides of taking medical treatment in India.

**MEDICAL VISA** for Minors is applicable only if the Minor is the **Patient**.

#### Visa for Surrogacy-

A Visa for Commissioning Surrogacy is **NO** longer permitted.

"With effect from **3rd November, 2015**, the Ministry of Home Affairs vide its [Circular No.25022/74/2011-F.I\(Vol.III\)](http://www.icmr.nic.in/icmrnews/art/DHR%20notification%20on%20Surrogacy.pdf) (<http://www.icmr.nic.in/icmrnews/art/DHR%20notification%20on%20Surrogacy.pdf>) dated 3rd November, 2015 has conveyed **WITHDRAWAL** of granting Medical Visa to Foreign Nationals intending to visit India for commissioning of **Surrogacy** and the provisions applicable to OCI / PIO cardholders henceforth.

However, for child/children born through surrogacy already commissioned on or before issue of this Circular, exit permission will be decided by FRROs/FROs on a case to case basis.

- No visa should be issued by the Indian Missions/Posts to foreign nationals intending to visit India for commissioning surrogacy.
- No permission should be granted by the Foreigners Regional Registration Officers (FRROs)/ Foreigners Registration Officers (FROs) to Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Card holders to commission surrogacy in India.
- No exit permission should be granted by the FRROs/ FROs to the child/children to be born through surrogacy to foreign nationals including OCI cardholders.

Visa, if any granted by Indian Missions/Posts to foreign nationals and permission, if any, Granted by the FRROs/FROs to OCI cardholders, for commissioning surrogacy in India, from the date of issue of this Circular and date of receipts of the Circular, will be canceled and the applicants will be informed of the position immediately.

#### Medical Attendant Visa-



**Attendant/family members of the patient coming to India for medical treatment may be granted Medical Attendant (MED X ) Visa** will have the same validity as the **Medical Visa** of the patient to be attended to in India.

Up to 2 attendants or family members of the patient are allowed to accompany the patient for treatment in India.

**Duration & Validity-**

The initial duration of **Medical Visa** is up to **1 year OR the duration of the treatment, whichever is less**. The Visa will be valid for a maximum of 3 entries during the year.

Validity of Medical Visa commences from the date of visa issuance and **NOT** from the date of entry into India.

**Additional Documents Required for Medical Visa –**

Medical Visa applicants are required to submit the following additional documents in original and a copy:

- Acceptance letter from an established Indian Hospital indicating name, passport number of patient & attendants (if any), ailment, brief outline of the treatment, estimated treatment time and cost - to be sent directly to the Embassy.
- Patient’s medical history and supporting reports/documents of ailment along with translation.
- Bank statement/proof of sound financial standing to confirm solvency of the Patient for full payment of treatment.

**Medical Visa Fee**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>MEDICAL VISAS (MED) &amp; MEDICAL ATTENDANT VISAS (MED X)</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single or Multiple Entry	1,760
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	2,640

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**U.K. Nationals:**

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Medical Visa up to 1 year (M/entry)	2,840

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist, Student, Business and Employment Visa)	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

**Russian Nationals:**

<b>For all types of visas</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
Single Entry	880

Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types visas (Except Transit and Student)	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

**xi. Journalist Visa**

A '**JOURNALIST VISA**' is available to all Foreign Journalists, **regardless** of whether they are traveling for tourism or any other purpose. J visa may be granted to a professional journalist, columnist, cartoonist/editor, photographer, film producer or director **other than of commercial films**), a representative of a radio and/or television organization, travel writer/travel promotion photographer, etc. or any professional journalist/owner working for an association or a company engaged in the production or broadcast of audio visual news or current affairs programmes through the print, electronic or any other electronic form or any other mode of mass communication.

**Eligibility-**

A '**JOURNALIST VISA**' will be granted to:

- Cameraman
- Journalist
- Media Person
- News Broadcaster
- Press
- Publisher
- Reporter
- TV Producer
- Writer
- Columnist, cartoonist/editor
- Photographer
- Film producer or director (other than commercial films)
- A representative of a radio or television organization
- Travel writer
- Travel promotion photographer

Any professional journalist/owner working for an association or a company engaged in the production or broadcast of audio visual news or current affairs programmes through the print, electronic or any other electronic form or any other mode of mass communication.

**Duration and Validity-**

A Journalist Visa is usually issued for **3 months, Single Entry**. Validity of a **Journalist Visa** commences from the date of visa issuance and **NOT** from the date of entry into India.

It is advisable to apply for your visa at least **15 days** before your intended date of travel.

Journalists can obtain visa for three months (single entry) to visit India for any purpose other than film shooting. The initial three month period can be extended by applying to:

The Publicity Officer (PR)  
 XP Division  
 Ministry of External Affairs  
 Shastri Bhawan,  
 New Delhi-110001

Journalists who are going to India to work in any branch office of Foreign Media/TV can obtain six months multiple entry 'J' visa directly (This is applicable also to Journalists replacing a correspondent in India as well).

Foreign journalists visiting India on long term assignment (i.e. to be based in India), may please fill up the online Form found on <http://pibaccreditation.nic.in/> (under the category 'new users', select option 'I am applying through Indian Mission abroad') for issue of PIB cards simultaneously with submission of Journalist visa application.

**Additional Documents Required for the Journalist Visa -**

The applicant should additionally submit proof of being a journalist/ Identity Card.

- All journalists by profession travelling as tourists, including those having a degree in journalism and not practicing journalism, should give an undertaking in the form of a letter addressed to the Embassy of India, Caracas that they are going to India as tourists only and that they will not indulge in any journalistic activity.

Those going to India for journalism should clearly mention so in their applications.

**JOURNALIST VISAS (J) Fee**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
JOURNALIST VISAS (J)	
Up to 6 months/Single Entry (or Double Entry with HOM's approval)	1,760

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist, Student, Business and Employment Visa)	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880

Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types visas (Except Transit and Student)	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

**xii. Film Visa**

This category visa would be applicable for foreign nationals who propose to go to India for shooting of a feature film, reality TV show and/or commercial TV serials.

Its salient features are as under;

- Foreign national intending to obtain F Visa should apply in 60 days advance of actual commencement of the shooting programme.
- Four copies of the detailed shooting script in case of feature film and detailed concept in case of TV show/ TV serials, details of the visiting film crew and location of film shooting shall be submitted by the foreign team to the Mission or directly to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for scrutiny and clearance. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting may levy a fee for scrutiny of application.
- The film has to be shot according to script, as approved by the Govt of India. In case any material deviation is considered, prior permission of the Govt of India has to be obtained by the foreign team.
- Ministry of Information and Broadcasting will attach a Liaison Officer to the foreign team to assist them in shooting, wherever it is felt necessary to do so by the Script Evaluator. He/she will stay and travel with the team. The actual expenses on the boarding, lodging and travel of the Liaison Officer, in connection with the shooting of film will be met by the Government of India as admissible.
- The shooting of the film must be done in the presence of the Liaison Officer (where Liaison Officer has been attached on recommendation of the Script Evaluator) who will, as part of his/her duties, ensure that nothing detrimental to the image of India or the Indian people will be shot or included in the film. Should a disagreement arise in this respect, the matter shall be referred to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting whose decision will be final.
- The foreign team should show the complete film to a representative of the Government of India, in India or abroad (i.e. the Indian Mission abroad), before its actual release anywhere in the world after the film has been recommended by the expert who has scrutinized the script and certified that the film has nothing objectionable from any point of view of presentation of a correct and

balanced image of topic/country covered. In case the foreign team desires to show the film to an Indian Mission abroad, the name of the Mission must be specified by the foreign team in advance. No portion of the film should be shown in the open forum without prior approval of the Government of India.

- The formal application for permission to shoot in India indicating, inter-alia, the specific location for shooting shall be submitted to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Local permission wherever required, must be obtained by the filming team from the local authorities. The list of equipment to be temporarily imported in connection with the shooting is required to be submitted to Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in advance, who will issue recommendations to the Custom authorities to exempt such temporary import from custom duty.
- If the film is a joint venture (indo-foreign venture), the detailed agreement between the India and foreign part shall be furnished to the Govt of India for specific clearance.
- After the shooting is completed in India, a report giving the details of actual shots taken shall be provided, in duplicate, to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting by the Liaison Officer, in case where a Liaison Officer has been attached with the filming unit.
- An undertaking will be required to be given to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in case any assistance is sought from any Ministry of Govt of India or from any state government/UT Separate agreements, as stipulated by these Ministries will, however have to be signed with them by the foreign team.
- The maximum duration of the F Visa will for one year with multiple facilities, any further extension will be done by concerned FRRO/FRO.
- The maximum number of crew for a specific film being shot by an international production company that can be allowed under F Visa is 125, unless the project if of such scale that it necessitates the presence of a larger crew in India which will be allowed on case to case basis. The visa can be applied in batches.
- The international cast and crew coming to India on an F visa for the film shoot shall be employed by the Foreign Company seeking permission to shoot the film in India and the company shall take the responsibility for the cast and crew coming to India. Registration will be mandatory in respect of F visa.
- The foreigner being given F visa may need to demonstrate that they have adequate means to support themselves in India and may need to demonstrate that they have incentives to return to their place of residence when the said visa expires.
- Money transaction for film shooting should be done as per RBI guidelines.

#### Film Visa Fee-

#### Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017

<b>VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
<b>FILM VISAS (F)</b>	
Up to 1 year/Single or Multiple Entry(Maximum duration of the visa will be 1 year)	2,640

#### Special Visa Fee Categories:

**Ukrainian Nationals:** The fee for Ukraine nationals for different types of visas is as follows:

<b>VISA CATEGORY</b>	<b>DURATION</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist,	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860

Student, Business and	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400
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**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

Visa category	Duration/Entries/Urgency	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types visas (Except Transit and Student)	up to 6 months	4,840
	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

**xiii. Missionary Visa**

A 'MISSIONARY VISA' is issued to persons coming to India for religious purposes or to join a foreign Missionary organization in India approved by the Government of India, not involving proselytization.

**Eligibility –**

A 'MISSIONARY VISA' is issued to applicants going to India for Religious purposes. You are required to possess a valid passport with a valid Indian visa before you start your travel to India. Every traveler, including minor children, must each have a valid visa to travel to India.

**Missionary Visa Fee -**

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
<b>MISSIONARY VISAS (M)</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single or Multiple Entry	<b>1,760</b>
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	<b>2,640</b>
More than 1 year and up to 5 years/Multiple Entry	<b>4,400</b>

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist,	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860

Student, Business and	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400
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	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600

**xiv. Mountaineering Visa**

Mountaineering Visa: Visa for mountaineering expeditions is granted only after clearance by concerned authorities in India.

**Visa Fee with effect from April 01, 2017**

VISA TYPE/DURATION/ENTRIES	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
<b>MOUNTAINEERING VISAS (MX)</b>	
Up to 6 months/Single (or Multiple) Entry	1,760
More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry	2,640

**Special Visa Fee Categories:**

**Ukrainian Nationals:**

VISA CATEGORY	DURATION	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
All other types of visas (Except Transit, Tourist, Student, Business and Employment Visa)	Less than 6 months	1,870
	Less than one year	2,860
	Less than five 5 years (S/D/M entry)	4,400

**Russian Nationals:**

For all types of visas	Fees in Mexican Pesos only
Single Entry	880
Double Entry	1,980
Multiple Entry	2,640
Transfer of Valid visa	880

**Mozambique Nationals:**

<b>Visa category</b>	<b>Duration/Entries/Urgency</b>	<b>Fees in Mexican Pesos only</b>
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	Up to 6 months (in Emergency)	6,600
	up to 1 year	6,600
	Up to 1 year (In Emergency)	6,600
	Up to 5 year	6,600
	Up to 5 year (In Emergency)	6,600