



VISA DEPARTMENT

**HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, INDIA HOUSE
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(Visa application form for all applicants except Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals)

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Please attach
TWO
Identical recent
passport size
Colour
Photographs
against **WHITE**
background
25mm x 35mm

IMPORTANT: All columns of the application form must be correctly filled in **BLOCK LETTERS** and **BLACK INK**. **Incomplete application forms will not be accepted.** Before filling this form, please read **General Information** given at the bottom of the page and on reverse of this form carefully.

Surname : Name:

Maiden Name : Alias (if any)

Date of Birth: Place of Birth (Town & Country): Nationality:

Passport No.: Date of Issue: Date of Expiry :

Passport issued by (Authority/Agency) At (Place)

Details of any other Passport / Nationality being held (by you) now or earlier:

Sex : Male / Female Occupation:

Business address:

..... Postcode

Permanent Address: Postcode

Present Address: Postcode

Address to which Passport has to be sent (For postal applications):

..... Postcode

Telephone No: Day/Work: Evening

E-Mail Address:

Name, Place of Birth (Town & Country) & Nationality (Previous (if any) & Present) of:

Father:

Mother:

Spouse:

(Note that Visa is valid from date of issue. Check if you already hold a valid visa before applying)

Purpose of Visit

Proposed Date of: (a) Arrival in India (at first entry) : (b) Departure from India:

Duration for which visa is requested and No of Entries:

Places to be visited in India.....

Name, Addresses and Telephone number of two referees in UK and in India who could be contacted in case of need.

UK: (1) **India:** (1)

(2) (2)

Declaration

I, hereby undertake that I shall utilise my visit only for the purpose for which Visa has been applied, and shall not on arrival in India try to extend my stay for any other purpose. I also declare that I am present in the UK on the date of making this application and that all the information given here by me is true, accurate and complete.

Date: **Signature of Applicant**

IMPORTANT NOTE: Suppression of facts or furnishing misleading/false information will result in denial of visa without assigning any reason. Please also **check if you already hold a valid visa on the current passport** before applying for a new visa, as the **Visa fee** once tendered is **non-refundable and subject to change without notice**. The **Photographs** submitted should be taken against a plain light background only.

*0906 calls are charged at 60 pence/min at all times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: It is the responsibility of the applicant to verify visa particulars on receipt of passport and before travelling. Finalise your travel arrangements only after you ascertain visa requirements and obtain an appropriate visa. High Commission of India reserves the right on granting & deciding type/ duration of visa irrespective of the fees tendered. Granting of Visa does not confer the right of entry and is subject to the discretion of the Immigration Authorities. Cases where a fresh application is filed during the validity of an existing visa, new visa issued will automatically annul existing visa irrespective of its validity still remaining and no fee refunds are admissible. Children intending to travel to India, must apply on a passport in their own names. **While every effort is taken for prompt processing, High Commission of India will not be responsible for any delay in processing or loss of passport or other documents.**

In the following cases, processing of applications will take longer: (a) British nationals holding dual nationality or of other origin, (b) applicants not resident in the UK, (c) where clearance from India is mandatory, (d) visitors to restricted areas and (e) certain cases where documents may be verified. Visa section will contact the applicants about the time of delivery of such passports. Please note that each application is examined individually and the time taken for issuing visas may vary from case to case. Applicant may be asked to furnish more supporting documents.

(A) **REQUIREMENTS:** Original Passport valid for at least 6 months, correct visa fee, two passport size photographs, supporting documents where necessary and duly filled application form. Visa fee can be paid at the counters by the following methods only:

(a) Bank Draft/Postal Orders, payable to '**High Commission of India**'.

(b) Cash (only at the counters and not through Post). **Credit/Debit Cards and Personal Cheques are not accepted.**

(B) VISA FEE AND OTHER DETAILS

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| Tourist visa : | Fee £30.00 , short duration visa for the purpose of holiday/ visiting relatives. |
| Business visa* : | Fee £30.00 , valid up to 6 months, £50.00 for 1 year and £90.00 for 2 years. A letter explaining the nature of business and duration from UK Company and a letter of invitation from an Indian Company should be submitted. |
| Conference visa : | Fee £30.00 valid for 3 months, Single Entry. A letter of invitation from the conference organiser should be submitted. |
| Transit visa : | Fee £8.00 (Single/Double Entry) , valid for halts of up to 72 hours within 15 days from date of issue. This visa is issued only for changing of flights en route to another country. Evidence of onward travel outside India is required. |
| Entry visa*/Longterm visa : | Fee £90.00 , valid for 5 years issued to people of Indian origin only. |
| Student visa* : | Fee £30.00 , valid up to 6 months, £50.00 , valid for up to 1 year and £55.00 , valid for more than 1 year. Letter of admission from recognised educational institution with duration of the course is required. |
| Journalist visa : | Fee £30.00 , valid for 3 months, Single Entry. Letter from employer should be submitted where applicable. |
| Employment visa* : | Fee £50.00 , Valid for 1 year. An employment contract signed by both the parties should be submitted. Extension for the first year to be taken only in India. |
| Transfer of visa : | Fee £4.00 , For transfer of 5-year visa issued by an Indian missions in UK to the persons of Indian Origin, from an expired passport to a new passport. Both expired and new passports must be submitted in original along with a ' Transfer of Visa ' application form. |
| At present no Visa Fee is charged for the nationals of Argentina, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Jamaica, Mauritius, Mangolia, Maldives, South Africa (Please note that applicable Additional Fee will still be payable). | |

Duration & the No. of entries permitted will be at the discretion of the High Commission of India.

* **NOTE:** Persons of Indian origin holding five year multiple-entry visas, are required to register with Foreigners Regional Registration officer/Foreigners Registration Officer (FRRO/FRO) within 14 days of first arrival, only if they intend to stay continuously for more than 6 months. Registration is required only during the first visit after the visa is issued. Children below the age of 16 are exempt from the requirement of registration. All other visitors to India, including those of Indian origin holding any other category of visa valid for more than 6 months should register with the FRRO within 14 days of first arrival.

(C) **ADDITIONAL FEE (charged in addition to applicable visa fee) as given below:**

£ 15.00 - Applicants holding US passports.

£ 10.00 - Outstation Visa Surgery Fee payable in addition to normal fee.

£ 10.00 - Non UK passport holders. Proof of stay of at least one year required to be produced for exemption

Nationals of Hungary, Japan, Romania and Russian Federation should contact High Commission of India for details of fees applicable.

(D) **ADDITIONAL FORMS:** Additional forms are required to be filled in by applicants travelling to restricted areas, non-UK residents and Sri Lankan passport holders. Separate forms are required to be filled by Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals and for Transfer of Long Term / Entry Visa (5 years' only).

(E) **VALIDITY OF VISA:** Visa is valid for the given period from the **date of Issue**.

(F) **APPLICATION AT THE HIGH COMMISSION IN PERSON :** Application Forms are accepted on the basis of a limited number of Q numbers issued between 0830 – 10:30 hrs (Monday – Friday except weekends & holidays). One '**Q**' card for each application must be obtained. Please be in the visa hall only at the time given on '**Q**' number card and go to the counter when your number is called/displayed along with all the requirements as mentioned in paragraph 'A' above.

(G) **APPLICATION BY POST (All columns of the Application Form must be filled in Black Ink and BLOCK Letters)**

We advise submission of applications in person. No action will be taken on any communication received without the **Sender's name & full postal address on the outside of the envelope**. We accept no responsibility in case of loss/delay of documents. Unless you tell us about a change in circumstances there is normally no need to telephone or write to us about the progress of your application. However postal visa department E-mail is postalvisa@hclondon.net.

1. Obtain latest visa application form and all other additional forms where applicable by downloading from our website or from Fax-Back No.: 0906 44 45 43 or from the High Commission of India by sending a *stamped Self Addressed Envelope (SAE)*.
2. Processing of application forms will take a minimum of **15 working days from receipt of application** and in some cases longer especially during September to February. **Posting of application should be properly timed to ensure that visa would cover duration of stay in India, allowing time for processing and postal transit. Please note that the visa is valid from date of issue and not the date of travel. No refund or amendment will be made** after the application is processed and visa is issued. Please check the latest visa fees and estimated processing time before posting your application form/passport/fee etc., to avoid delay or rejection of application due to submission of incorrect fee/documents.

3. Please send **valid passport, correct visa fee, two recent passport size photos**, a **Special Delivery SAE** with correct address and post code along with **duly filled application form** and additional forms / supporting documents where applicable. **Send applications by Special Delivery only.**
4. Please enclose correct **visa fee** by crossed **Postal Order or Bank Draft only** payable to **The High Commission of India** (no personal cheques or cash please). Under no circumstances, should **cash** be sent by post.
5. Applications, which are incomplete or not accompanied by correct fee/documents, will be returned without processing. The High Commission of India will not be responsible for any delay/loss caused as a consequence.
6. Applications should only be addressed to the **Postal Visa Department** of this High Commission to avoid delay.

LIST OF HOLIDAYS: High Commission will remain closed on following days during the year **2007**
Jan 01st, Jan 26th, Feb 16th, Apr 06th, Apr 1 09th, May 02nd; Aug 15th; Sept 04th; Oct 02nd; Nov 09st; Dec 25th & Dec 26th
High Commission will remain closed on following days during the year **2008**
Jan01,Jan26,Mar06,Mar21,Mar24,Apr14,Apr18,May20,Aug15,Oct02,Oct09,Oct28,Nov13,Dec09,Dec25&Dec26.