

Government of Pakistan
Ministry of Interior

F.No.1/8/2020-Visa

Islamabad, 12th February, 2021

To: Director General,
Immigration & Passports,
Islamabad.

Subject: **STREAMLINING OF VISA REGIME**

In continuation of this Ministry's letter No. 1/8/2013-Visa, dated 18th October, 2019, Federal Government vide Cabinet decision No.119/05/2021 dated 2nd February, 2021 has approved following additions/revisions in the Visa Policy:-

a) Short Term Medical Visa:

- i) Pak Missions abroad will issue Short Term Medical Visa to cater emergencies (Visa Type: Single Entry, Individual/Family/Attendant) to individual/family/attendant with duration up to 3 Months within a stipulated time frame of **48 hours** subject to submission of requisite documents by the applicant.
- ii) Security clearance will not be required in short term visa. However, intimation will be sent to ISI, IB and FIA.

Required Documents:

- Routine visa documents:
- Copy of Passport,
- Photos etc.

b) Extended Term Medical Visa:

- i. Ministry of Interior will approve the Extended Term Medical Visa (Visa Type: Multiple Entry, Individual/Family/Attendant) upto one (01) year within 30 days, after clearance from of security agencies under intimation to Pakistan Mission abroad, ISI, IB and FIA.
- ii. Case shall be assumed as approved in case agencies response is not received within specified time.
- iii. Ministry of NHSR&C will furnish list of hospitals for enlisting in POVS. Patients will take consultations and consent letter from the enlisted hospitals only.

iv. Required Documents:

- Routine visa documents:
- Copy of Passport,
- Photos.
- Letter from Hospitals.

c) Work Visa- Entry (Individual/Family):

- i. Pakistan Missions abroad will receive and approve request for entry work visa upto 3 months (single entry) within stipulated time frame of 48 Hours under intimation to ISI, IB and FIA.

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- ii. Security clearance will not be required for entry work visa
- iii. Required documents for work entry visa are
 - Photo, passport
 - Employment Agreement
 - Undertaking of Company letter head
 - CV of Applicant
 - Covering letter on company's letter head
 - Company profile
 - SECP registration of company

d) Work Visa- Extension (Individual/Family):

- i. Once work visa granted for 3 months, applicant can seek extension up to 2 years with multiple entries.
- ii. Ministry of Interior will receive and decide application with due clearance of security agencies (mandatory).
- iii. BOI letter of Recommendation is mandatory for extension in Work Visa.
- iv. Case shall be assumed as approved in case agencies response is not received within specified time (30 Days) under intimation to Pakistan Mission abroad, ISI, IB and FIA.
- v. Required documents for work extension visa are
 - Photo, passport
 - Employment Agreement
 - Undertaking of Company letter head
 - CV of Applicant
 - Covering letter on company's letter head
 - Company profile
 - BOI Recommendation Letter
 - SECP registration of company

e) Revision in Study Visa duration:

- i. Study Entry Visa / Extension will be issued for 2 years after due clearance by security agencies within stipulated time of 30 days.
- ii. Required documents:
 - Routine Visa Docs, PP Copy, Photo
 - Admission/Bonafide letter
 - NOC from Concern Ministry of Pakistan, NOC to student by Native Country.

g) Merger of Visa categories

Current 18 visa categories have been clubbed to reduce the number to 11 as per detail mentioned below:

S. No.	Visa Category	Sub-Consolidated Category
1	Tourist/Visit Visa	a) Tourist/Visit b) Mountaineering & Trekking
2	Visa in your Inbox	a) Tourist b) Business

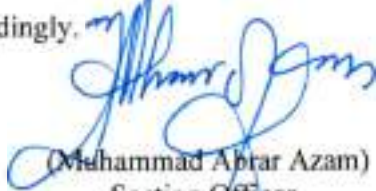
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S. No.	Visa Category	Sub-Consolidated Category
3	Family Visit Visa	No change
4	Business Visa	No change
5	Work Visa	a) Work b) Domestic Aide c) Journalist
6	Study Visa	a) Student b) Deeni Madaris
7	Religious Tourism	a) Tabligh b) Missionary c) Pilgrim (Sikh/Hindu/Others)
8	Official Visa	a) Official b) Diplomatic
9	NGO/INGO	No Change
10	Medical Visa	New
11	Other	No Change

f) "Visa on arrival" phrase in previous letter/policy as mentioned above shall be rephrased as "Visa in your Inbox" as applicant will apply online from his/her home country and will get electronic authorization to travel. On arrival he/she will show this electronic authorization at immigration for stamping in the passport.

2. It is requested that further necessary action may be taken accordingly.


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Copy for information and further necessary action to:-

- i. Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad, with request to circulate to all Pakistan Missions abroad.
- ii. Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- iii. Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Rawalpindi.
- iv. Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Islamabad.
- v. Secretary, Ministry of Tourism, Sports and Culture, Islamabad.
- vi. Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Islamabad.
- vii. Secretary, Industries, Production & Special Initiatives, Islamabad.
- viii. Secretary, Board of Investment, Islamabad.
- ix. Director General (P), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamabad.
- x. Director General, (IB), Islamabad.
- xi. Director General, (ISI), Islamabad.
- xii. Director General, Federal Investigation Agency, Islamabad.
- xiii. Director General, Civil Aviation Authority, Islamabad.
- xiv. Chairman, Export Promotion Bureau, Karachi.
- xv. Chairman, PIA, Karachi.
- xvi. PS to Minister for Interior.
- xvii. PS to Secretary Interior.
- xviii. Additional Secretary-(BM), MOI
- xix. Joint Secretary, (PE/FIA), MoI
- xx. Section Officer, (PE-I), MoI
- xxi. Section Officer, (PE-II), MoI
- xxii. Section Officer, (PE-III), MoI
- xxiii. ✓ System Analyst, MoI with the request to update the website of MoI

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