

Immigration Requirements on Arrival

***Please note that the information is collected from various immigration website. Please seek clarification from an India Mission/Embassy at your country for up-to-date information.**

- **General immigration requirements¹**

Foreign Nationals coming to India are required to possess a genuine and valid national passport or any other internationally recognized travel document establishing his/her nationality and identity and bearing photograph of the foreigner. For more information, please refer to <http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/content/requirements-during-arrival-foreigners-india>

Nepal nationals if entering India by land or air from the Nepal border do not require a passport for entering into India. However, they are required to possess, authorized identity proof. Further if they are entering India from a place other than their own country then possession of their national passport is a must.

Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) who are carrying old cancelled passports having Life Long Indian "U" Visa Sticker affixed on it along with new passport are allowed entry into India. Even if the OCI card holder acquires nationality of a different country, except that of Pakistan and Bangladesh, he/she is also allowed entry into India provided he/she is carrying his/her old passport having Life Long Indian "U" Visa sticker pasted on it along with the new passport of the recently acquired nationality.

- **Visa Requirements**

All foreigners are required to apply for Visa unless otherwise stated. Information on Visa exemptions can be found at the later section.

Please find below for information on 2 types of India Visa that may be applicable for the IB Asia Pacific Annual Conference participants. All Visa application has to be submitted through a designated online portal. **Before applying for a Visa, kindly contact your Indian Mission/Embassy to enquire on the appropriate Visa to apply.**

- 1. E-Tourist Visa (e-TV)**

Please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html> for up-to-date information on the e-TV.

- 1.1. Eligibility**

- International Travellers whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sightseeing, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, short duration medical treatment or casual business visit.

¹Information taken from <http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/content/foreigners>

- Passport should have at least six months validity from the date of arrival in India. The passport should have at least two blank pages for stamping by the Immigration Officer.
- International Travellers should have return ticket or onward journey ticket, with sufficient money to spend during his/her stay in India.
- International Travellers having Pakistani Passport or Pakistani origin may please apply for regular Visa at Indian Mission.
- Not available to Diplomatic/Official Passport Holders.
- Not available to individuals endorsed on Parent's/Spouse's Passport i.e. each individual should have a separate passport.
- Not available to International Travel Document Holders.

1.2. Validity

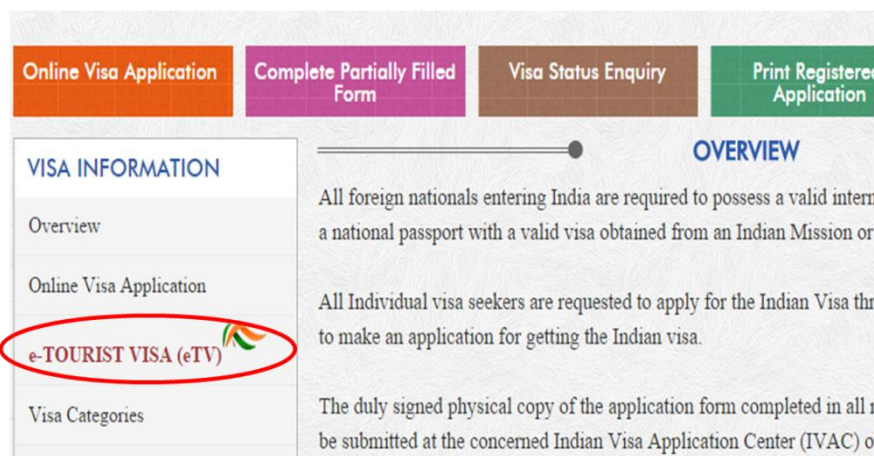
- The validity of visa will be 30 days from the date of arrival in India.
- Allowed for a maximum of two visits in a calendar year.
- Once issued on arrival is **only single entry**, non-extendable, non-convertible & not valid for visiting Protected/Restricted and Cantonment Areas.

1.3. Entry

- After approval, visa must be printed and carried around during visit in India.
- Biometric details will be captured at immigration on arrival in India
- The e-TV is valid for entry through 9 designated Airports i.e. Bengaluru, Chennai, Cochin, Delhi ,Goa, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Trivandrum .However, the foreigner can take exit from any of the authorized Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) in India. As of June 2015, travellers can enter through Jaipur, Amritsar, Gaya, Lucknow, Trichy, Varanasi, and Ahmedabad².

1.4. Forms submission

Applicants of the eligible countries may apply online for e-TV minimum 4 days in advance of the date of arrival with a window of 30 days. All application has to be submitted via <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. Please select the e-TV Visa option as shown below:



Passport holders of the following countries will be able to submit the online applications for the e-TV:

Anguilla	Antigua & Barbuda	Australia	Bahamas
Barbados	Belize	Brazil	Cambodia
Canada	Cayman Island	Chile	Cook Islands
Costa Rica	Djibouti	Dominica	Dominican Republic
Ecuador	El Salvador	Estonia	Fiji
Finland	France	Georgia	Germany
Grenada	Guyana	Haiti	Honduras
Indonesia	Israel	Japan	Jordan
Kenya	Kiribati	Laos	Latvia
Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Marshall Islands
Mauritius	Mexico	Micronesia	Montenegro
Montserrat	Myanmar	Nauru	New Zealand
Nicaragua	Niue Island	Norway	Oman
Palau	Palestine	Papua New Guinea	Paraguay
Philippines	Republic of Korea	Republic of Macedonia	Russia
Saint Christopher and Nevis	Samoa	Singapore	Solomon Islands
Sri Lanka	Thailand	Tonga	Tuvalu
UAE	Ukraine	USA	Vanuatu
Vatican City-Holy See	Vietnam		

From June 2015 onwards, the e-TV will be available for following countries²:

Argentina	Armenia	Aruba	Belgium
China	Columbia	Cuba	Guatemala
Hungary	Ireland	Jamaica	Malaysia
Malta	Mongolia	Mozambique	Netherlands
Panama	Peru	Poland	Portugal
Slovenia	Spain	St Lucia	St Vincent & the Grenadines
Surinam	Sweden	Tanzania	East Timor
Turks & Caicos Islands	UK	Uruguay	Venezuela

1.5. Required Documents

² Information taken from <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/india/E-tourist-visas-for-31-more-countries-by-June-15/articleshow/46939644.cms?>

- Scanned First Page of Passport
 - Format -PDF
 - Size : Minimum 10 KB ,Maximum 300 KB
- Digital photograph
 - Format – JPEG
 - Size: Minimum 10 KB, Maximum 1 MB
 - The height and width of the Photo must be equal
 - Photo should present Full face, front view, eyes open
 - Center head within frame and present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin
 - Background should be plain light colour or white background
 - No shadows on the face or on the background
 - Without borders

1.6. Fees³

- Visa processing fees is at USD60 excluding interchange charge for credit/debit cards. The fee must be paid at least 4 days before the expected date of travel filled by you otherwise application will not be processed.

2. Business visa

Conference participants that may not be able to apply for the e-TV may consider applying for the Business Visa instead. Please visit <http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/content/business-visa-b> for up-to-date information on the Business Visa and/or contact the Indian Mission/Embassy for further details.

2.1. Eligibility

- The applicant should be a person of assured financial standing and has expertise in the field of the intended business.
- The applicant is not visiting India for the business of money lending or petty trading or for a full time employment in India including payment of salary in India.
- The applicant will have to comply with all other requirements like payment of tax liabilities etc.
- The grant of 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.

2.2. Validity

- Indian Missions/Posts can grant Business Visa valid up to 5 years or shorter duration to foreign business persons as per their requirement to set up industrial/business venture or to buy or sell industrial/commercial products.

³ As of July 2017, subject to changes. Please visit the relevant website for up-to-date information.

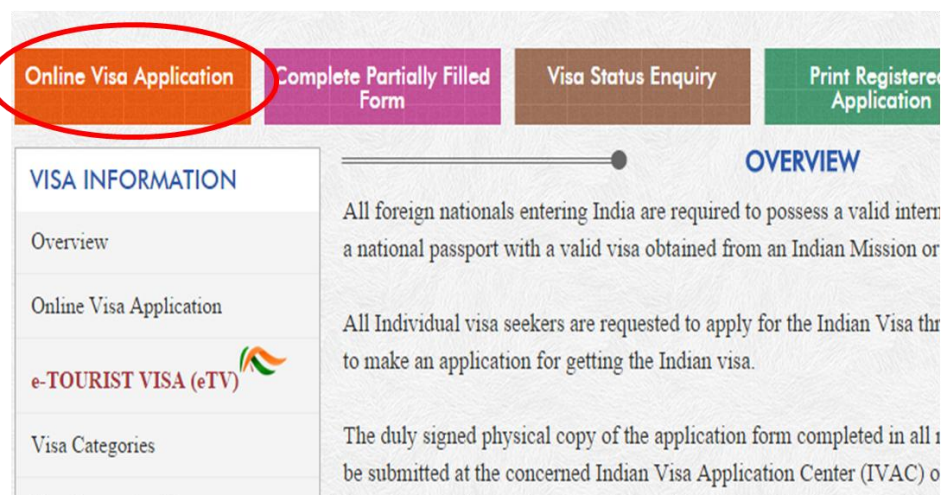
- The period of stay in India for each visit is limited to 6 months. A multiple entry visa valid up-to 10 years may be available to foreign nationals who have set up or intend to set up a joint venture in India.
- Business visa are given with the multiple entry option so travellers can visit as many times within the validity of the visa.

2.3. Entry

- Passengers having valid tourist visa can enter India from any desired port of immigration check post (Airport, Seaport).

2.4. Forms submission

- If it is for a conference/seminar/workshop being organized in India by private companies, you should apply for the shortest duration Business Visa available. If approved, a three month single entry Business Visa will be granted.
- Application has to be first submitted online via <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. Please select the Online Visa Application option as shown below:



- After applying online, application must be printed out and sent to the nearest Indian embassy for approval.
- Citizens from most countries can apply as long as they meet the requirements under eligibility section.

2.5. Required documents

- Passport with 6 month validity
- Passport size photographs
- Photocopy of passport
- Copy of online filled form
- Sponsor letter:
 - From organization in India

- Or parent company abroad
- o Proof of financial standing and expertise in field of intended business

2.6. Fees⁴

- o Visa fees for Business visa depend on the country's embassy charge.
- o Visa fees are based on visa duration from 1 year to 5 years or 10 years with multiple entry.
- o Visa is free for citizens of Bangladesh

3. Visa for Pakistan Nationals

Pakistan nationals other than those on Diplomatic Visa (For Assignment), Non-Diplomatic Visa, SAARC Visa Exemption Sticker and SAU Visa are required to carry a Visa application form (duplicate copies) which will be issued in addition to regular Visa on their passport by the Indian Mission concerned.

On presentation at Immigration check post, they will be issued with a Regular Residential Permit and are required to report at the FRRO/FRO or concerned Police Station in their places of stay within 24 hours unless and until they are officially Exempted from Police Reporting.

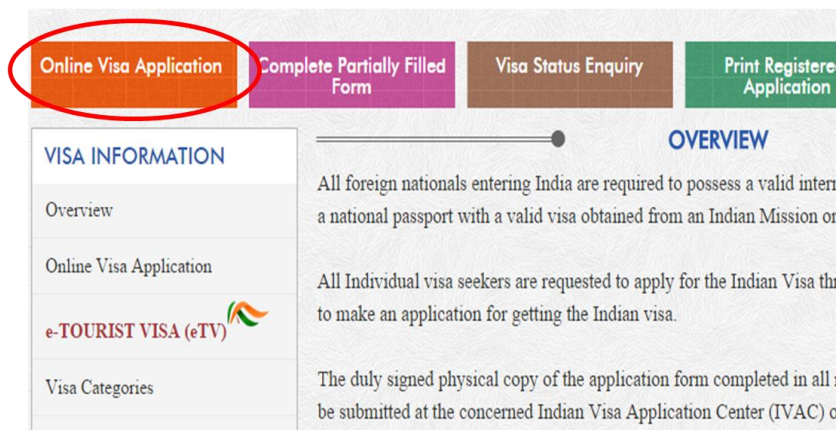
3.1. Eligibility

- o All Pakistani and non-Pakistani passport holders are to apply for a Conference Visa.
- o Travellers are eligible to apply for conference visa as long as they are invited to participate in a conference in India, and can prove it with the letter of invitation.

3.2. Forms submission

For Pakistani passport holders:

- o Application has to be first submitted online via <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. Please select the Online Visa Application option as shown below:

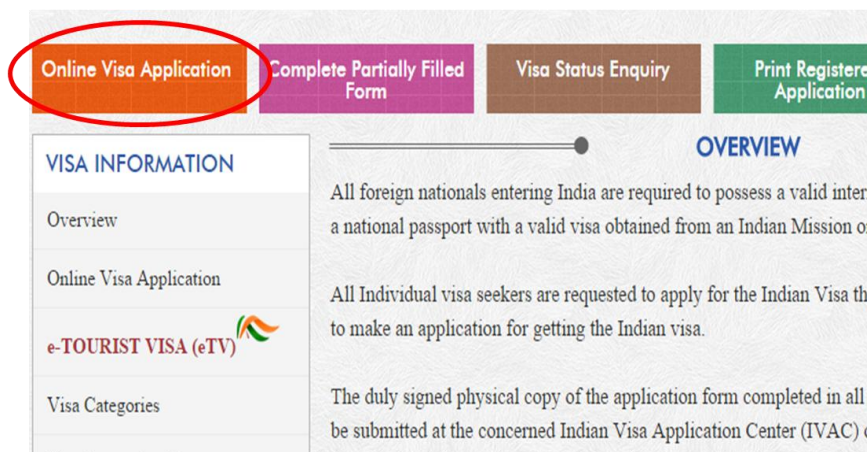


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- After applying online, at least 2 application forms must be printed out and signed. Visa applications are not received at the High Commission of India, Islamabad directly (except medical/family emergency cases). The printed application form must be submitted to two designated visa outsourcing companies. You may find out more about the companies via <http://www.india.org.pk/eoi.php?id=tcs>
- Application should be done at least 6 weeks in advance due to processing of documents in various departments.

For non-Pakistani passport holders:

- If traveller is of dual nationality, application must be done with Pakistani passport only.
- If traveler is of Pakistani origins/related to a person of Pakistani origins, traveler must have proof of [renouncement of Pakistani citizenship](#) and [valid Pakistani visa](#) or a copy of a [Pakistan Overseas Card](#) first.
- Application has to be first submitted online via <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. Please select the Online Visa Application option as shown below:



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- Application takes at least 6 to 8 weeks due to processing of documents in various departments.
- Traveller must be present in Pakistan during time of application and obtaining of visa.

3.3. Required documents

- Letter of invitation for all invitees, by name, from the organisers of the event in India clearly mentioning the name, address and contact numbers of the organiser/s, venue and date of event
- Any two of these documents of the Indian invitee: passport (preferred), copy of electricity bill, telephone bill, ration card, voter identity card, clearly mentioning the address and contact numbers.
- Copy of NADRA Card along with its English translation.
- Copy of any utility bill, such as electricity bill/ gas bill/ landline telephone bill (any one as **address proof**).
- Any one of the following:
 - For Government employees: A letter from the Head of the Department or copy of the clearance received from the competent Government authority
 - For private sector employees: A letter from the Organization giving the details of designation, duration of service and address of the applicant
 - For self employed: A copy of the registration of the business establishment by the Government of Pakistan with English translation.

3.4. Fees⁵

- Visa fee for Pakistani nationals is PKR. 100/- for all types of visa irrespective of period and no of entries.
- Visa fee for non-Pakistani passport holders will depend on the duration of their visit.
- The following two additional fee will be charged from all non-Pakistani passport holders, regardless of the visa fee:
 - reference fee of PKR 500/- towards fax charges
 - additional PKR 200/- (w.e.f Feb 4, 2013) towards contribution to Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF)

Please visit the following website for up-to-date information on Visa requirements for Pakistani:

<http://www.immigrationindia.nic.in/content/visa-arrival-pak-nationals>

<http://www.india.org.pk/eoi.php?id=Holders&q=1>

<http://www.india.org.pk/eoi.php?id=PassportNoPak&q=1>

<http://www.india.org.pk/eoi.php?id=Conference%20Visa&q=1>

- **Visa Exemptions**

- **Nepal Citizens**

A citizen of Nepal entering India by land or air does not require a passport or Visa for entry in India.

⁵ As of July 2017, subject to changes. Please visit the relevant website for up-to-date information.

A citizen of Nepal while travelling by air between Nepal and India is required to be in possession of any of the following identity documents to establish his/her identity as a Nepalese citizen:

- Nepalese Passport.
- Nepalese Citizenship Certificate.
- Voter's Identification Card issued by the Election Commission of Nepal.
- Limited Validity photo-identity certificate issued by Nepalese Missions in India when deemed necessary.
- For children between age group of 10-18, photo ID issued by the Principal of the School, if accompanied by parents having valid travel documents. No such document is required for children below the age group of 10 years.

*Please note that a citizen of Nepal must have a Passport and Visa for India if he/she is entering India from China. Additionally, they must be in possession of a Passport when entering India from a place other than Nepal.

Please visit <http://immigrationindia.nic.in/content/nepalese-passengers> for up-to-date information on Visa exemptions for Nepal citizens.