

This booklet is intended to provide information in a precise and succinct manner about the liberalized provisions for Indian business visas for Pakistan nationals and people of Pakistani origin who may be holding other/dual nationality. The aim of the booklet is also to explain the process of business visa application; elaborate the documentary requirement; share contact details; and encourage the reader to send us feedback.

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# **Visa Application Process**

- Procure invitation from India for business meeting/event
- Collect relevant documents from Pakistan
- Fill the online visa application at www.india.org.pk
- Take two printouts of the form, paste two recent 2"x2" sized photo-graphs on the forms and sign the application forms
- Submit the applications and the necessary supporting documents at the courier centres of:
  - **D** TCSVisatronics
  - D Gerry's International Visa Drop Box
  - D Business Visa applications are not received at the High Commission!
- Visas are issued after due processing, which may take 30-35 days, sometimes more
- Passports with visa stickers are returned through the same visa facilitation centres
- The visa fees charges by the High Commission for Pakistan nationals is Pak Rs. 100 only. For nationals of other countries who are of Pakistani origin, visa fees details can be seen on our website.

# Relevant Provisions of the Visa Agreement of 2012

The business visa will be issued to bonafide businessmen in the following categories, who intend to travel for business purpose between India and Pakistan:

- Businessmen with an income of Pak Rs.
   Half a million or equivalent per annum or annual turnover / gross sale of Pak Rs.
   three million: up to one year business visa with maximum of five places and up to four entries.
- ii. Businessmen with an income of at least Pak Rs. five million or equivalent per annum or turnover of Pak Rs. thirty million or equivalent per annum: up to one year multiple entry business visas for a maximum of ten places, with exemption from Police Reporting.

The visa shall specify that the period of stay of the businessman at a time shall not exceed 30 days.

#### 3-Year Multiple Entry Business Visa

Following the vision of the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, Government of India has recently approved issuance of Business visas for a validity of up to 3 years with multiple entries to bonafide and prominent Pakistani businessmen. This initiative is aimed at strengthening business linkages between the two countries thus promoting trade between the two countries.

Under this scheme, prominent Pakistani businessmen who have large imports / exports business relations with India are being facilitated with issuance of multiple entry business visas, valid for up to three years, with a facility to travel to up to a maximum of 15 cities and exemption from police reporting.

#### **Documents Needed from Pakistan**

- Copy of Income Tax Return / Audited Accounts / Bank Statement of the last two years
- Letter from the company / firm in Pakistan giving details of the applicant
  - D Designation of the applicant in the company
- Copy of the CNIC along with its English translation
- Copy of any utility bill: electricity bill / gas bill / landline telephone bill
- Letter of recommendation from one of the prominent chambers of commerce and industry / industry body (optional)
- Old passport/s

#### **Documents Needed from India**

- Invitation Letter (mandatory)
  - From a registered Indian company / Indian chambers of commerce and industry
- Copy of any two documents of Indian invitee, clearly mentioning the address (mandatory)
  - D Passport (preferred), copy of electricity bill, ration card, voter ID card
- Copy of Letter of Credit / correspondence with registered company in India
- Recommendation letter from any prominent chamber of commerce in India

#### **Notes on Passport**

- The passports should have a minimum validity of 6 months
- The passports should be machinereadable and not hand-written
- Passports with manually extended validity will not be accepted
- Holders of dual nationality should apply only on Pakistani passports
- Do not attach old passports if current passport contains one or more previous Indian visas
- Applications can be submitted without passports
  - D Only copy of the passports can be given with the application
  - D Passports can be submitted when informed
    - § Either through the courier services or directly at the High Commission between 10:00 to 13:00 hrs
- All applications, more than three months old and with passports not submitted, despite being informed to do so, could be returned.

#### **Miscellaneous Information**

- Incompletely or incorrectly filled applications cannot be processed
- Invitation letters are not required from all places
- Business visa applications are not received at the High Commission
- Applicants can be called for an interview
- Applicants should keep a time frame of 5 weeks
  - D Especially for the pre-scheduled events like PITEX, IITF, Made in Pakistan, etc.
- Applicants should check all visa details on receipt of the visa; we insert a card listing all the information that the recipient should check on his visa
- Please also check you have the right number of immigration sheets (2 sheets per visit immigration letter for Multiple Entry visas)
- Do not conduct any commercial activities while in India on a visit, medical, or conference visa

# Business Exhibitions, Conferences, and Trade Fairs

- Businessmen planning to go for an exhibition, trade fair, conference, etc. are advised to:
  - D Apply at least 45 days in advance
  - D Email the list of all participants in a tabular form listing important information (visa application number, name, father's/husband's name, address, date of birth, place of birth, passport number with date of issue, date of expiry, and place of issue, name of business entity, position/designation, type/brand of product) to cons.islamabad@mea.gov.in, com.islamabad@mea.gov.in and bvisa.islamabad@mea.gov.in
- Online application forms along with documents and passports (or copies of passport) should be submitted 45 days prior to the intended date of journey
- Applicants can be called for interviews

# **Registration Requirements**

- No registration is needed for day transit through a city
- Holders of visas with endorsement of police reporting need to register themselves with the prescribed authority or the nearest police station
  - D Within 24 hours of arrival at each place of stay
  - D Report their intended departure 24 hours in advance of their actual departure
  - D However, bonafide businessmen can depute their authorized representatives to do the police reporting on their behalf
- Persons over 65 years of age or children below 12 years of age need not register with the police

# Information while visiting India

- Visas are city specific (ordinarily a maximum of 5 cities are endorsed)
- Visa specifies the duration of stay, which typically is a maximum of 30 days
- It is mandatory to carry one immigration sheet for entry and one sheet for exit from India
- Visa is valid from the date of issue and NOT from the date of entry into India
- Bringing Indian currency by foreign nationals is prohibited and punishable under Indian law
- Any amount of foreign currency can be brought into India upon declaration
  - D No declaration is required for foreign currency notes less than USD 5,000 or if foreign currency notes, traveler's cheques, etc. together are less than USD 10,000

# **Our Visa Facilitation Agencies**



Islamabad, Sialkot, Multan, Lahore, Faisalabad, Karachi, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Mirpur Khas, Peshawar, Quetta

Call Center 0213-4391551-4
TCS Visatronix Offices In Pakistan

#### ISLAMABAD

Block # 11, I & T Center G-6/1 Aabpara Islamabad Tel: 051-2607120-23, 051-2607213 visaisb@tcs.com.pk

#### SIALKOT

Main TCS Office, Khadim Ali Road Near Old Passport Office, Sialkot Tel: 052-3242545-48 visaslt@tcs.com.pk

#### MULTAN

958/B , Tareen Road , Multan Tel: 061-4500941- 6 EXT 121 visamux@tcs.com.pk

# <u>LA</u>HORE

58 D 1 Gulberg III, Lahore Tel: 042-35755026-27 visalhe@tcs.com.pk

#### FAISALABAD

P-6158 West Canal Raod, Near Toyota Motors & Petrol Pump Pipaanwala Pull, Faisalabad Tel: 041-8501323 visafsd@tcs.com.pk

#### KARACHI

37E Block 06 PECHS Karachi Tel: 021-34391551-4, Fax 021-34536301 visacenterkarachi@tcs.com.pk

#### HYDERABAD

Auto Bhan Road, Near Toyota Motors, Site Area, Hyderabad Tel: 0310-1191256 visahdd@tcs.com.pk

#### SUKKUR

Banglow # 47 Sindh Muslim Society
Milatry Road Opp: Red Carpet Hotel Sukkur.
Tel: 071-5632811
visaskz@tcs.com.pk

#### MIR PUR KHAS

Banglow No. 313, New Town, TCS Office, Mir Pur Khas Tel: 0233-875926 visampk@tcs.com.pk



#### **Our Visa Facilitation Agencies**



Islamabad, Sialkot, Multan, Lahore, Gujrawala, Faisalabad, Karachi, Hyderabad, Peshawar, Quetta

Call Center 051-8439349

# Gerry's International Drop Box in Pakistan

#### ISLAMABAD

14-B Sadiq Plaza Opposite Miraj Hotel G-9 Markaz, Islamabad Tel: 051-2285823 adnan.butt@gerrys.com.pk

#### SIALKOT

Paris Road, Opposite Allied Bank Ltd. Sialkot. Tel: 052-4587707 sktvisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### MULTAN

Business City Plaza, Bosan Road, Multan. Tel: 061-6210263 EXT 207 muxvisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### LAHORE

20/20A Opposite Ganga Ram Hospital, Queens Road, Lahore Tel: 042-36299226/042-36299230 Ihevisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### GUJRANWALA

Basement Piz Hut, Model Town Market, Gujranwala Tel: 0900-07860 – From Mobile 9999 E-mail: kashif.mumtaz@gerrys.com.pk

#### FAISALABAD

679 Batala Colony, Ghouri Arcade, Main Satiana Road, Faisalabad. Tel: 041-8729751 fsdvisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### KARACHI

43/1 D Razi Road Block 6 PECHS Karachi Tel: 021-111-711-111 EXT 240-247 ahzam@gerrys.com.pk

#### HYDERABAD

Shop No. 3 and 12 Indus Ranches Ground Floor Near RT Restaurant Auto Bhan Road Shah Latifabad Hyderabad Tel: 022-3821414 hddvisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### PESHAWAR

Deans Trade Center, Saddar Cantt. Peshawar Tel: 091-5253308 pewvisa@gerrys.com.pk

#### QUETTA

Shop No S-9 Swiss Plaza M.A Jinnah Road Quetta. Tel: 081-2826582 uetfedex@gerrys.com.pk

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# **Visa Information Card**

The Visa Information Card is given to you to cross check that the visa granted to you is as per your travel arrangements. It also helps you verify the personal details printed on your visa.

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Name and passport details printed on visa Type of visa Places to visit Entry/Exit point Validity of visa Immigration sheets (2 sheets per visit) (It is mandatory to carry the Immigration sheets or a letter from High Commission, apart from valid visa) Polio vaccination certificate, when traveling to India ( Advisory on website www.india.org.pk )
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#### **Common Mistakes**

- Incorrect personal information
- Incorrect names of places
- Incomplete information
- Wrong type of visa requested
- Incorrect information about the host
- Wrong Entry/Exit points
- Wrong places of stay
- Misplacing immigration sheets

Please note that such mistakes lead to avoidable delays in completion of visa granting process and can also result in unsuccessful processing.

# Appointment/Interview

- An applicant can be called for an interview
- An appointment or an interview can actually facilitate early granting of visas, especially for first time travelers
- To fix an appointment:
  - D Please call the visa helpline number
  - D Or call one of the concerned officers
  - D Or write an email

#### **Contact Information**

First Secretary (Visa)
Fax Number +92-51-2833290
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Email: <a href="mailto:cons.islamabad@mea.gov.in">cons.islamabad@mea.gov.in</a>

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Email: com.islamabad@mea.gov.in

Visa Helpline (New!)

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