

Emergency Visa

With effect from 13 December, 2021 (12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time), the outsourcing service provider – VFS Global – will start accepting all visa applications, including **Emergency Visa** applications. Our advisory in this regard may be seen at (**hyper link for public notice on visa outsourcing**).

The Emergency Visa service is only for US passport holders of Indian origin and their family members required to visit India due to a genuine family emergency, such as critical illness or death of a family member. Documentary evidence will need to be provided and the applicant will be charged an emergency service fee.

The non-emergency visa applicants can apply for a regular Entry Visa through VFS Global, without submission of any emergency documentation or reason for travel to India, subject to eligibility conditions. Processing of such applications will be as per normal procedures.

Applicants may also make use of the e-Tourist Visa facility (**gratis at present**) as per details at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Applicants residing within the **CONSULAR JURISDICTION** of the CGI San Francisco requiring **Emergency Visa** may contact VFS Global to schedule an appointment. On receipt of the first email, VFS representative will contact the applicant on an expeditious basis.

The contact details of VFS Global are as under:

From Monday – Friday: Between 9 AM to 4 PM

Email: VFS_VisaSFO@vfsglobal.com

Weekends and Holidays Only: Between 9 AM to 4 PM

Tel: +1-800-320-9693

The address of VFS Global in San Francisco is:

VFS Global India Consular Application Center

110 Sutter St 5th floor, San Francisco, CA 94104

Website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/nor/attend-centre/san-francisco> General Helpline:
+1-415-528-1235

In addition, applicants may contact the Embassy on its Emergency Visa Helpline (weekends and holidays only) at +1415-483-6629.

It may be noted that Emergency Visa will be granted subject to submission of complete documentation and the Embassy may seek additional documentation in certain cases. Applicants are also advised not to finalize their travel arrangements prior to issuance of visa. Emergency Visa will be issued for a maximum six-month duration.