

Consulate General of India
San Francisco

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Outsourcing of Visa Services to VFS Global

It is informed that **with effect from 13 December, 2021 (12:01 AM PST)**, VFS Global will start accepting visa applications. A service fee of US\$ 15.90 (inclusive of all taxes) per application will be charged, in addition to applicable Government of India fees for these services.

2. Applicants are advised not to send any applications by post to VFS Global before completing an online application. Applicants residing within the **CONSULAR JURISDICTION** of the Consulate General of India, San Francisco may contact VFS Global as per details given below:

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

Website- <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/nor/attend-centre/san-francisco>

Helpline: +1-800-320-9693

3. Pursuant to this:

The Consulate will stop accepting direct visa applications w.e.f. 13 December, 2021 and the applicant will need to submit the visa application to VFS, details of which are available at <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/nor/attend-centre/san-francisco>

In view of ongoing Covid pandemic, while majority of visas have been restored, it has been decided that only a Single Entry Tourist Visa will be granted with validity for 120 days and a maximum stay permitted of 30 days within this 120 day period. In addition, Entry Visas are also being issued to US passport holders of Indian origin, subject to eligibility. The details of currently permitted categories are given below.

4. Details of visa fees are given below. In addition, the applicant will be required to pay US\$ 3.00 on account of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF), apart from the VFS service charge and for any value-added services, like courier, etc.
5. **Emergency Visa Service:** VFS will accept in-person applications, with prior appointment, on working days as well as on weekends/holidays, from 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. Applicant within the consular jurisdiction of the Consulate General of India San Francisco may contact VFS as per details given below:

From Monday – Friday: Between 9 AM to 4 PM

Email: VFS_VisaSFO@vfsglobal.com

Weekends and Holidays Only: Between 9AM to 4PM
Tel: +1-415-5281235

6. For US diplomatic and official passport holders, please contact the Special Issuance Agency of the Department of State for procedure/guidance. For any queries in this regard, please send an email at acovisa.cgisf@mea.gov.in
7. Applicants residing in the consular jurisdictions of Consulates General of India at Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, New York and San Francisco, may please visit the websites of the respective Consulate for information on these services.

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December 8, 2021

- **PERMITTED CATEGORIES FOR TRAVEL TO INDIA**

A. Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) Cardholders

All OCI/PIO card holders are permitted to travel to India irrespective of their nationalities. It may be mentioned that the Government of India has also allowed extension till 31 December, 2021 for re-issuance of OCI card. Further, there is no need to carry the old passport on which the OCI was issued. Please see related details at <https://www.cgisf.gov.in/>

B. Visa

- The Government of India has restored most visas, which had been suspended earlier, except Tourist Visas (e-Tourist and regular Tourist Visa) issued before 6 October 2021 and e-Visas of all other types issued before 30 March, 2021.
- Tourist visas (electronic and regular) are also being issued as per details available at (use the link for the revised tourist visa advisory)
- Applicants are also advised that the Embassy does not process e-visas and any enquiries in this regard will need to be made directly on the e-visa portal.
- Nationals of Nepal and Bhutan are permitted to travel to India from any country (including any third country).
- Tibetan migrants, who have residence in India and holding Certificate of Identity issued by the Ministry of External Affairs and Return Visa to enter India, are permitted to travel to India. In case the visa has expired, an application for fresh visa may be made with the Embassy/concerned Consulate.

For any queries, the applicants may contact the Embassy or the respective Consulate depending on their location.

| Revised Visa fees for USA nationals | | |
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| Sr No. | <u>Visa Type/ Duration/ Entries</u> | <u>Fee in US\$</u> |
| 1. | Tourist Visa (T)* | |
| | Up to 10 Years/ Single or Multiple Entry | 160.00(Currently Suspended) |
| 2. | Business Visa (B) | |
| | Up to 10 Years/ Single or Multiple Entry | 160.00 |
| 3. | Entry Visa (X) | |
| | Up to 6 Months / Single or Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| | More than 6 Months and up to 01 Year / Multiple Entry | 140.00 |
| 4. | Employment (E) & Project (P) Visa | |
| | Upto 6 Months / Single or Multiple Entry | 140.00 |
| | More than 6 Months and up to 01 Year/ Multiple Entry | 220.00 |
| | More than 1 year and up to 5 year/ Multiple Entry | 320.00 |
| 5. | Student & Research Visa (S) | |
| | Valid for duration of course or 5 years, which ever is less/ Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| 6. | Medical Visa (MED) & Medical Attendant Visas (MED X) | |
| | Up to 6 months / Single Entry or Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| | More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple entry | 140.00 |
| 7. | Conference / Seminar Visa (C) | |
| | Up to 6 months single or Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| 8. | Journalist Visa (J) | |
| | Up to 6 months/ Single Entry | 100.00 |
| 9. | Missionary Visa (M) | |
| | Up to 6 Months / Single or Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| | More than 6 Months and up to 01 Year / Multiple Entry | 140.00 |
| | More than 1 year and up to 5 years/ Multiple Entry | 220.00 |
| 10. | Mountaineering Visa (MX) | |
| | Up to 6 months / Single or Multiple Entry | 100.00 |
| | More than 6 months and up to 1 year/ Multiple Entry | 140.00 |
| 11. | Film Visa (F) | |
| | Up to 1 years / Single or Multiple Entry | 140.00 |
| 12. | Transit Visa – Up to 15 days / Single or Double Entry | 40.00 |

* At present, Single Entry e-Tourist Visa/regular paper Tourist Visa valid for a stay of up to 30 days will be issued, which will have to be utilized within a period of 120 days from the date of issue. This visa will be issued on a gratis basis for a limited time once to each applicant.