

Agreement to facilitate issuance of Visas between the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of India

Being mutually interested in further expanding and deepening bilateral relations, the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Government of the Republic of India, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", have agreed upon the following in order to facilitate issuance of visas for Diplomatic, Official/Service and Ordinary passport holders:

Article 1

Issuance of visas to Diplomatic/Official/Service Passport Holders and their Family Members

A. Both Parties agree that, upon presentation of an official note by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs along with the visa application, the resident Diplomatic Missions in the host country would, within 20 working days, issue a gratis visa valid for 90 days for the holders of valid Diplomatic/Official/Service passports, assigned on long-term missions to the Diplomatic Missions or the Consulates General. As a courtesy, and to ease administrative processing of the application, the sending country will intimate to the receiving country whether the applicant is a successor to an existing diplomat/official or will be serving in a newly created post.

B. A similar process would be followed for issuance of visas for the dependent spouse and children of the assignees, subject to paragraph A.

C. Subject to paragraphs A & B, both parties shall issue to the assignees and their dependent family members, on submission of relevant application forms after their arrival, extendable three year residence permits, within a maximum of 30 days.

Article 2

Issuance of visas to visiting close family members of the Diplomats/Officials assigned to Diplomatic Missions and Consulates General.

Subject to Article 1, either party shall issue, upon written intimation by the other party, appropriate gratis visas of three months' validity for visiting close family members (blood relations such as parents, siblings, adult children as well as in-laws) of the Diplomats/Officials assigned to Diplomatic Missions and Consulates General. Appropriate visas would be issued for other close relatives of the assignees, on payment of visa fees due.

Article 3

Diplomatic/Official/Service Visas for Short-term Missions

A. Both parties agree that, on presentation of an official note by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs stating the purpose of the visit, a non-extendable gratis entry visa will be issued within three working days, with a validity of up to fifteen days, to political authorities and officials travelling for specific bilateral purposes or to participate in a conference or seminar.

B. Both Parties, shall issue within 15 working days a multiple-entry gratis visa of three months' validity, for stays up to 20 days during each visit, for the audit/financial and IT/computer officials who travel on stated official business to their respective Diplomatic Missions and Consulates General.

C. Under special administrative exigencies, both Parties shall issue within 15 working days, a single-entry gratis visa of validity up to three months for temporary deployments to the Diplomatic Missions or Consulates General in the host country.

Article 4

Issuance of Visas for Teachers

A. Both Parties agree that, upon presentation of an official note by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs along with the visa application of the teachers and their dependent spouse and children, they will issue a single entry Service/Official gratis visa of three months' validity, within twenty working days.


B. Subject to paragraph A, the teachers and their dependent spouse and children, on submission of relevant application forms after their arrival, shall be issued an extendable three year residence permit.

C. In the case of those travelling for teaching purposes on ordinary passports, both sides will consider issuance of appropriate visas and residence permits through the relevant authorities.

Article 5

Entry into force of the Agreement

This Agreement shall come into force upon signing and exchange of official notes confirming that legal formalities on either side have been fulfilled.



Article 6

Termination of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be valid for an indefinite period. Each Party may, however, terminate this Agreement by giving a written notice for this purpose through diplomatic channels, at least 60 days in advance.

Article 7

Applicability of Domestic Laws

Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in this Agreement, either Party reserves the right to prevent the entry, shorten or terminate the stay of the nationals of the other party in accordance with their respective laws and regulations.

Article 8

Amendment and Dispute Settlement

This Agreement can be amended at any time as decided and mutually agreed upon in writing by the Parties. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation, implementation or application of any provision of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised thereto, have signed this Agreement.

Done at New Delhi on 18 December 2015 in two originals each in English, Hindi and Persian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For the Government of the
Islamic Republic of Iran**



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