

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN
REGARDING VISA**

Islamabad, 14 September 1974

The Government of INDIA

AND

The Government of PAKISTAN

In pursuance of the provisions in the Simla¹ Agreement of July, 1972 regarding the estension of travel facilities to nationals of either country desiring to visit the other

HAVE agreed as follows :

1. Nationals of either country visiting the other shall possess a valid passport and a visa for the purpose.
2. The visas will be of the following categories :
 - (a) Diplomatic Visa
 - (i) A diplomatic visa valid for multiple entries will be issued to the Heads of the Diplomatic and Consular Missions, members of the Mission holding diplomatic or consular rank, their wives and children, and regular Diplomatic Couriers. The period of its validity will ordinarily be one year.
 - (ii) A diplomatic visa valid for single entry will be given to high ranking dignitaries. It will also be given to high ranking officials visiting on official business or to attend international conferences and to the members of their families accompanying them. This visa will ordinarily be valid for one month.

¹ IBTA Vol. 7 Doc. No. 463.

(b) Non-Diplomatic Visa.

A non-diplomatic visa valid for multiple entries will be issued to non-diplomatic members of the Diplomatic or Consular Mission, their wives and children and the personal servants of members of the Mission holding Diplomatic or Consular ranks. The period of its validity will ordinarily be one year. It will be valid for stay at the place of assignment which will be specified and shall also be valid for journeys performed while accompanying a holder of a diplomatic visa.

(c) Official Visa

An official visa valid for single entry will be issued to officials not entitled to diplomatic or non-diplomatic visa of either country visiting the other on official business including participation in international conferences. This visa will ordinarily be valid for one month and for specified places.

(d) Visitor Visa

(i) A visitor visa will be issued to persons visiting the other country to meet relatives or friends, for business or any other legitimate purpose. This visa shall be for single entry and valid for a period not exceeding three months. However, the visa may be issued for a longer period not exceeding one year if owing to the nature of work or business a prolonged stay is necessary.

(ii) Places to be visited shall be specified in the Visa.

(e) Transit Visa

Transit visa valid for stay in the city/port of entry for 72 hours will be issued to persons travelling by air or sea and proceeding to another country through Pakistan/India. No visa will be required for a passenger directly transiting through an airport/seaport, but his stay shall be confined to the area in the airport/seaport set apart for international transit passengers.

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3. If a visa is not availed of within three months of the date of its issue, it shall stand cancelled. The period of validity of a visa for stay shall count from the date of entry.

4. Check Posts

The following checkpoints are hereby designated for entry/exit for

the nationals of either country going to/coming from the other country. These checkposts shall be specified on the visas.

- (a) By Air: Karachi/Lahore/Islamabad (Pakistan) and Bombay/Delhi/Amritsar (India)
- (b) By Sea: Karachi (Pakistan) and Bombay (India)
- (c) By Land: Wagha/Attari and Khokhrapar/Munabao border checkposts.

5. Registration

Holders of visitor and transit visas shall be required to register themselves at the checkposts of entry and shall, within 24 hours of their reaching in the specified place of stay, report their arrival in writing to the prescribed authority or the nearest police station. They shall also make a similar report 24 hours prior to their intended departure from the place of stay.

6. Seaman

A seaman visiting a port as a member of the crew of a ship need not hold a Passport or a Visa. He may be issued a Landing Permit valid for the port of entry for a period not exceeding 24 hours, provided he deposits his Continuous Discharge Certificate (nullie) with the Immigration Authorities.

7. Fee

A fee of Rupees five Pakistani/Indian will be payable for the issuance or extension of visitor or transit Visas.

8. This Agreement supersedes all previous Agreements on the subject.

SIGNED at Islamabad on September 14, 1974.

For the Government of India

For the Government of Pakistan

Sd/-

KEWAL SINGH
Foreign Secretary
Government of India

Sd/-

AGHA SHAHI
Foreign Secretary
Government of Pakistan