

Bangladesh Visa Policy

(Unofficial Translation)

S No.	Visa Category	Who all are eligible	Purpose of visit/travel	Indicative list of required documents
1	A	Head of State / Head of Government / Ministers / State Ministers / Deputy Ministers / Member of Parliament / Provincial Assembly Members / Mayors / or persons with equivalent status and their entourage, accompanying spouse and dependant members of their family	Official visit	Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the sending government.
2	A1	Officials of government / semi-government / autonomous bodies / members of government delegation and entourage, accompanying spouse and dependant children	Official tour / duty	Note Verbale from the sending government department/ Ministry
3	A2	Officials and staff members of UN and its affiliated organizations, international / regional organizations / bodies	Employment / official duty	Letter of request / recommendation of the relevant international organization
4	FA2	Spouse and other dependant family members of the Principal traveling on A2 category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Letter of request / recommendation of the relevant international organization
5	A3	Experts / advisers / officials / staff members / labors working in any project under the bilateral / multilateral agreement between Bangladesh government and development partner agencies	Employment / Official duty	Recommendation of the concerned Ministry / ERD of the Ministry of Finance / relevant government agency of Bangladesh
6	FA3	Spouse and other dependent members of the Principal visiting with A3 category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Letter of recommendation of the relevant agency / organization
7	B	Businessmen / Business Representatives	Trade and Commerce	Recommendation from recognized chambers of commerce OR recommendation of the local sponsor in Bangladesh and statement of good standing / business credentials.
8	C	Crew members of airlines / ships / vessels / other transports in international route	Professional duty	Recommendation of the appointing authority

9	D	Ambassadors / diplomats / consular officers and officers of equivalent status and their spouses and their dependant family members	Official duty (and accompanying /joining principal)	Note Verbale from the sending government
10	ND	Personal staff of Principal visiting with A, A2 and D category visa and Non-diplomatic staff members and their spouses and dependent members of their family	Accompanying/ joining the Principal (and official duty)	Note Verbale from the sending government
11	DA	Domestic aide of Principal traveling on A, A2 and D category visas	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Note Verbale from the sending government
12	E	a) Experts / advisers / employees / Individuals appointed in government / semi-government/ autonomous bodies / projects and equivalent organizations b) Individuals employed in local/ foreign government / semi-government/ liaison / Industrial / commercial organizations or other equivalent organizations c) Individuals appointed under local / foreign government / semi-government contractor ship and in equivalent organizations	Employment /service	Letter of Appointment and Letter of recommendation from the concerned Ministry in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI) / Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA)
13	FE	Spouse and other dependent members of the Principal traveling on E category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth/ marriage certificates / letter from recommending authority
14	E1	Individuals visiting for supply / installation / maintenance of equipment and software / supervision of project etc.	supply/ Installation / maintenance / training / supervision / project visit etc.	Invitation from local sponsor, copy of agreement , recommendation of Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI) / Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) / relevant Ministry / department / agency

15	J	Journalists of newspapers / magazines / TV or radio networks / news agencies / representatives of print, electronic or satellite media / freelance journalists etc.	Professional duty	For issuance of J category visa, a clearance from External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka is required. This usually takes 21 days to process after submission of application. The applicant also has to submit duly filled in FF-I and FF-II forms along with the visa application form
16	FJ	Spouse and dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on J category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate or letter from recommending authority
17	M	Missionaries / Priests	Social service	Recommendation/ appointment letter from concerned Missionary /organization and a letter of concurrence from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Bangladesh
18	FM	Spouse and other dependant members of the family of the Principal visiting on M category visa	Accompanying/ joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority
19	N	Individuals appointed in NGOs registered in Bangladesh	Employment / Service	Letter of appointment and certificate / letter of recommendation from the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh.
20	FN	Spouse and other dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on N category visa	Accompanying/ joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority
21	P	Sports organizers / players /coaches /members of cultural troupe/ artists / writers and individuals of equal status	Professional duty / Employment	Recommendation of the concerned organization and concurrence of the concerned Ministry in Bangladesh
22	FP	Spouse and dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on P category visa	Accompanying/ joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority

23	PI	Investors in existing / new/ under construction/ upcoming industrial / commercial entity in the private sector under joint venture or 100% foreign owned company	Investment / management of established business / commercial organization	Certificate / Letter of BOI / BEPZA (if applicable) certifying that the applicant is a genuine investor
24	FPI	Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on PI category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth/ marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority
25	R	Individual participating in research/ training / Internship program in any government approved agency / organization	Research / training / Internship etc.	Recommendation of the concerned agency/ organization and concurrence of the relevant Ministry in Bangladesh
26	FR	Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on R category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority
27	S	Regular students / students seeking admission / researchers in any government-approved educational institution	Study / research	Proof of admission / approval of admission in a government-approved educational institution, sponsorship and bank guarantee
28	FS	Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on S category visa	Accompanying / joining the Principal	Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority
29	T	a) Citizen of any country having diplomatic relations with Bangladesh b) Individual attending seminar / symposium / study tour	Travel / tourism / visiting relatives / religious purpose/ unofficial seminar / workshops / symposium/ study tour etc.	Letter of invitation / flight itinerary
30	T1	Individual participating in Tablig Jamaat	Religious purpose	Recommendation letter from concerned Tablig Markaz / Tablig Jamaat of the sending country

31	TF	a) Spouse and children of Bangladesh citizens b) Spouse and children of Foreign nationals of Bangladesh origin	Travel and stay in Bangladesh	Proof of Bangladesh citizenship Affidavit confirming relationship as spouse/ children Birth / marriage certificate
32	TR	Individuals transiting through Bangladesh on way to a third country on appointment.	Transit	Recommendation of the appointing authority certifying the appointment in the third country and confirmed ticket (Transit visa is restricted to 72 hours for each entry)
33	W	Individual traveling under " <i>Work and Holiday</i> " Agreement, Development & Volunteers program and under bilateral / multilateral agreements; their spouses and children	As per the Agreement with the Bangladesh Government	Recommendation/request from concerned authority

Please note:

This is an unofficial translation of the original circular on visa issued in Bangla. If any confusion arises, the Bangla text will prevail.

General instructions:

1. UN and UN Agencies mean, WHO, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO, IMF, WORLD BANK, WFP, IDB etc. and International and Regional Organizations mean, USAID, JICA, JBIC, DFID, CIDA, SIDA, DANIDA, PEACE CORPS, NORAD, FINNIDA, ICDDR, ADB, RED CROSS/RED CRESENT and similar organizations.
2. Foreign citizens/nationals of **India and Pakistan** traveling to Bangladesh by air with a valid visa for 90 days or more are required to **REGISTER** at the airport. In case of entry through land port, such registration should be completed at the nearest District Special Branch (DSB) / City Special Branch (CSB).
3. Application for extension of visa should be submitted before expiration of the existing visa. Penalty for over-stay will be imposed if application for extension of visa is submitted after the date of expiry of the visa.
4. Visa category can not be changed after entering into Bangladesh.