**Tourist Visa**

Tourist visa is granted on arrival to the Maldives. As such, a foreigner travelling to Maldives as a tourist does not require pre-approval for the visa. However, the person must satisfy the basic entry requirements to get immigration clearance upon arrival. Additionally, with the 3rd Amendment to *Immigration Act 1/2007,*effective from 15th April 2025 entry to the Maldives will not be granted on Israeli passports.

The basic entry requirements are as follows;

1. A passport or a travel document with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) with at least 1 month validity. *(Passengers with an extended validity in their passports are not allowed to enter.)*
2. A complete travel itinerary, including confirmed return journey tickets, a prepaid confirmed booking at a [registered facility](https://www.tourism.gov.mv/en/overview/19), and sufficient funds to cover the stay in the Maldives, or a pre-approved sponsorship visa from Maldives Immigration.
3. Entry requirements to their onward destinations; for example, the visa and passport validity.
4. All foreigners arriving in the Maldives must complete and submit the [‘Traveller Declaration’](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/traveller) form. The form can be completed up to 96 hours (4 days) before your arrival in Maldives. Submission of the form is free of charge and must be filled electronically via the [IMUGA](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/)portal.
5. Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate, if applicable. Children under 1 year of age are exempt from Yellow Fever vaccination. [Click here](https://immigration.gov.mv/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/YELLOW-FEVER-COUNTRIES-2.pdf) to check the Yellow Fever endemic countries.

Children / minors must have their own passport to enter the Maldives.

Transit travellers are defined as those travelling to another country via Maldives, without clearing Maldives arrival immigration.

A complete travel itinerary (return journey confirmed tickets, prepaid confirmed hotel booking at a registered hotel, and provide proof of financial means for sufficient funds to support the stay in Maldives) does not guarantee entry to Maldives. Entry will be granted at the port of entry after the determination of admissibility by Immigration officers, as in accordance with Section 7 and 8 of The Maldives Immigration Act 2007.

**Sponsorship Declaration**

A Sponsorship Declaration is a permit requested by a Maldivian or a professional category visa holder **to bring a foreign national into the Maldives for purposes such as** **visiting, dependency,**or other approved reasons. It indicates that the sponsor is responsible for the sponsored person’s stay in the country.

**Documents Required**

1. **Completed Application Form (IM21)**Company seal on the form *(if the sponsor is a company or employer)*
2. **Passport copy** (biodata page of the sponsored person)
3. **ID card copy** *(if the sponsor is a Maldivian)*
4. **Work Permit Card** *(both sides)* or **Employment Approval (EA) copy** of the sponsor
5. **Relationship proof document**  
   *Documents proving the relationship with the sponsored person*
6. **Additional documents** (if applicable)

**How to Apply**

1. Visit **imuga.immigration.gov.mv**
2. Select **‘Visa’**
3. Sign in to the **IMUGA portal**
4. Click **‘Apply for a Visa’**
5. Confirm whether you are currently in the Maldives by completing the **prerequisite** field. *Please note that the sponsorship****option will not be available****if the applicant is currently in the Maldives.*
6. Select visa type: **‘Sponsorship’**and select **reason** or **subtype**
7. Fill in the next **application** **details**
8. Attach required **documents**
9. **Review** and **submit the application**

**Important Notes:**

1. Once approved, the **pre-arrival sponsorship approval slip** can be viewed from the IMUGA portal.
2. The sponsored person must **arrive in the Maldives within 30 days** of approval.
3. The correct **intended length of stay, estimated arrival date and purpose of stay** must be provided, especially if planning to apply for an extension.
4. It is only advised to **purchase tickets once the sponsorship is approved.**

**Work Visa Service**

* A Work Visa is a permit issued for a foreigner to stay in Maldives for the purpose of employment.
* Employers must obtain a Work Visa for their employees within 15 days of their arrival in the Maldives, based on a valid Work Permit issued by the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology.
* Work Visa holders are required to maintain a valid visa at all times while residing and working in the Maldives.
* Work Visa holders are not permitted to depart the country without a valid visa stamped in their passport.

**HOW TO APPLY**

1. Log into the **Xpat Online System**: [https://workpermit.egov.mv](https://workpermit.egov.mv/)
2. Search for the employee using the **Work Permit number** or **passport number**
3. Go to the **Visa** tab and select **‘New Work Visa’**
4. Confirm the **visa duration** (same as the duration of the Work Permit)
5. Attach all **required documents**
6. Save and **submit the application**

**Note:** An employee must obtain a **Work Visa within 15 days of arrival** in the Maldives on a valid **Work Permit issued by the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology**.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

1. **Passport-size photo** (as per Immigration photo standards)
2. **Passport copy** (biodata page)

**IF THE APPLICATION IS INCOMPLETE**

* The employer can **view the reason for incompletion** by logging into the Xpat system
* **Resubmit the incomplete documents** and update the application

**HOW TO GET AN APPOINTMENT FOR PASSPORT SUBMISSION**

* When the visa is approved, go to the **‘Work Visa’ tab** and select **‘Ready for Submission’**
* Select the passport and click **‘Request Appointment’**
* Choose the **submission location**, preferred date, and available **time slot**
* Click **‘Make Booking’**, then **‘Confirm Booking’**
* On the appointment date, take a token number via the **‘Ant Queue’** application between **8:15 AM – 10:30 AM** to submit the passport

**PASSPORT COLLECTION**

* Once the application is processed, it will appear as **‘Ready for Collection’** in the Xpat system
* Tokens for collection must be taken from the **‘Ant Queue’** app between **8:15 AM – 10:30 AM**
* Service for collecting passports begins at **8:15 AM for five or fewer passports**, and at **1:00 PM for six or more passports.**

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

* No service will be provided for **missed tokens**, unless **urgency is verified via email**
* Do **not take multiple tokens** for the same submission receipt or PPH number
* **Information tokens**will be issued from**8:15 AM to 11:45 AM,**and from**1:00 PM to 1:45 PM.**
* If you **miss your passport submission appointment**, please **reschedule** it through the Xpat Online System.

**Marriage Visa**

A marriage visa is a permit granted to a foreign national to remain in the Maldives, who is married to a Maldivian national.

A foreigner travelling to the Maldives to marry a Maldivian, or a foreigner who is married to a Maldivian and travels to the Maldives to register their marriage in the Maldives, shall be sponsored prior to their arrival. [Sponsorship Declaration](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/visa-application/create) have to be submitted online via [IMUGA](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/), the digital platform for immigration services.

After the arrival, the foreigner must complete the legal marriage process and apply for a marriage visa within the given period. If the foreigner is already residing in the Maldives, a visa transfer has to be made to Marriage Visa, once the legal procedure for the marriage registration is completed.

Applying for Marriage Visa

**The following documents are required to apply for Marriage Visa.**

1. Application for Permit Extension Form ([IM23](https://www.immigration.gov.mv/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/im23_permit_extension_form-1.pdf)) stamped by the family court.
2. A color copy of the passport biodata page of the applicant.
3. Last arrival stamp page (for applicants who are arriving on sponsorship to register their marriage for the first time).
4. Copy of the last visa page (issued to remain in the Maldives). This is applicable on for applicants who already has an existing visa to remain in the Maldives.
5. A color copy of the Marriage Certificate.
6. ID card copy of the Maldivian spouse.
7. Passport size photo (in accordance with the Maldives Immigration’s [Photo Standard](https://www.immigration.gov.mv/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/VISA-PHOTO-STANDARD_V2_2.pdf)).
8. Medical health screening report from a Hospital/Clinic authorized by the relevant government authority (required only when applying for the first time).
9. Health insurance (required only when applying for the first time).

Note:

* Marriage Visa applications must be submitted online via[IMUGA](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/) portal. When the application is processed, submitter will be notified via a text message and will be given an appointment to submit the passport for visa.
* A fee of MVR50 will be charged for the visa card.
* Marriage Visa is issued for 1 year for new applications. However, Marriage Visa extensions are issued to 5 years.
* Extensions for Marriage Visa can be submitted (via [IMUGA](https://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/) portal) with minimum 3 months to expire.

**Dependent Visa**

A Dependent Visa is issued **to immediate family members** of **expatriates in professional categories** working in the Maldives.

**Before Arrival (First-Time Entry)**

* Apply for a Sponsorship Declaration via the **IMUGA portal at least working 5 days before arrival**
* **After arrival** on sponsorship, **apply for a Dependent Visa**

**Documents Required**

1. **Application Form (IM23)**
2. **Passport-size photo** (per Immigration photo standards)
3. **Passport copy** (biodata page)
4. **Last arrival stamp** (for new applicants)
5. **Last visa page** (for renewals)
6. **Relationship proof document**  
   *Documents proving the relationship with the sponsored person*
7. **Medical report**
8. **Health insurance**
9. **Visa fee:** MVR 750
10. **Card fee:** MVR 50
11. **Additional documents** (if applicable)

**How to Apply**

* Visit **imuga.immigration.gov.mv**
* Select **‘Visa’**
* Sign in to the **IMUGA portal**
* Click **‘Apply for a Visa’**
* Confirm whether you are currently in the Maldives by completing the **prerequisite** field.
* Select visa type: **‘Dependent Visa’**and select **reason** or **subtype**
* Fill in the **application** **details**
* Attach required **documents**
* **Review** and **submit the application**

**Important Note**:

* If appointment is missed reschedule the appointment via email [permits@immigration.gov.mv](mailto:permits@immigration.gov.mv) or contact hotline 9199157
* An **appointment time will be provided via SMS**to submit the passport for visa issuance
* When applying for Sponsorship Declaration, the stated**purpose must be to bring in a dependent**in order to qualify for a Dependent Visa

**Business Visa**

Business visa applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Economic Development through the Business Portal:  
👉 [http://business.egov.mv](http://business.egov.mv/)

Upon submission of an application, a **General Service Request (GSR)** number will be generated (e.g., **GSR/2025/12345**), and the application status will be updated to **“Submitted.”**

After the **Ministry of Economic Development**reviews and approves the relevant aspects of the application, the request status will change to **“Pending Other Organization Verifications.”** At this stage, **Maldives Immigration** will process the application in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

**Verification Process**

Requests must be retrieved through the portal, and applications should be verified under the **“Other Organization Verifications”** section.

Verification is carried out to ensure the following criteria are met:

1. **Passport Copy**  
   A clear, color copy of the foreign applicant’s passport data page, with a minimum validity of six (6) months.
2. **Recent Photograph**  
   A passport-sized photo taken within the last three (3) months, meeting the photo standards accepted by Maldives Immigration.
3. **Visa Status Check**  
   The applicant **must not** hold any other visa type specified under **Article 9** of Law No. 1/2007 (Maldives Immigration Act).
4. **Entry Prohibition Check**  
   The applicant **must not** fall under any category of individuals prohibited from entering the Maldives as specified in **Article 8** of Law No. 1/2007.
5. **Visa Duration Limits**  
   Business Visas may be granted for a period of **30 to 90 days** at a time, not exceeding a **total of 180 days per calendar year**.

**Resident Visa**

A Resident Visa is granted to a **foreign national married to a Maldivian citizen**, allowing them to reside in the Maldives.

**Before Arrival**

* Foreigners coming to **marry a Maldivian** or to **register their marriage** must be **sponsored before arrival**.
* Submit a **Sponsorship Declaration** via the **IMUGA portal**.

**After Arrival**

* Complete the **legal marriage registration process**.
* Apply for a **Marriage Visa** within the given timeframe.
* If already in the Maldives on another visa, apply for a **visa transfer** after registration.

**Documents Required**

1. **Application Form (IM23)**  
   *stamped by the****Family Court***
2. **Passport copy** (biodata page)
3. **Last arrival stamp** (for first-time arrivals)
4. **Last visa page** (for those already residing in Maldives)
5. **Marriage Certificate** (copy)
6. **Maldivian spouse’s ID card** (copy)
7. **Passport-size photo** (per Immigration standards)
8. **Medical report** (first-time applicants only)
9. **Health insurance** (first-time applicants only)
10. **Additional documents** (if applicable)

**How to Apply**

* Visit **imuga.immigration.gov.mv**
* Select **‘Visa’**
* Sign in to the **IMUGA portal**
* Click **‘Apply for a Visa’**
* Confirm whether you are currently in the Maldives by completing the **prerequisite** field.
* Select visa type: **‘Resident Visa’**and select **reason** or **subtype**
* Fill in the next **application** **details**
* Attach required **documents**
* **Review** and **submit the application**

**Important Note**s:

* After approval, you will receive an **SMS notification** with an **appointment time** to submit the passport.
* **Visa card fee:** MVR 50
* **Initial Marriage Visa validity:** 1 year
* **Renewals:** Up to 5 years
* Apply for extensions within **3 months before expiry** via the IMUGA portal

**Meeting Visa**

Effective from 14th May 2023, an on-arrival 14 (fourteen) days short-stay visa ‘Meeting Visa’ will be granted for any foreign national visiting the Maldives for the purpose of attending a meeting, conference or convention held in the Maldives provided that the individual satisfies the entry requirements to the Maldives.

The following are the prerequisites for entry;

1. The primary purpose of the visit is to attend or participate in a meeting, conference or convention held in the Maldives for permissible businesses accepted by the Registrar of Businesses, or to participate in a meeting held in the Maldives for government and state use, or to participate in a meeting or a conference or a convention arranged by other entities with approval from the concerned government authority;
2. A complete travel itinerary including return journey confirmed tickets, with a prepaid confirmed hotel booking at a registered hotel and provide proof of financial means for sufficient funds to support the stay in Maldives;
3. [Traveller Declaration](https://immigration.gov.mv/immigration-introduces-electronic-traveller-health-declaration/)  filled in and submitted electronically via [IMUGA](http://imuga.immigration.gov.mv/) within 96 hours to the flight time to Maldives;
4. A passport or a travel document with Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) with at least 1 month validity. *(Passengers with an extended validity in their passports are not allowed to enter.);*
5. Entry requirements to their onward destinations; for example, the visa and passport validity;

**Important Note:**

Meeting Visa is a non-extendable visa.

Meeting Visa holder is not eligible to obtain a Business Visa while in the Maldives.

Entry to the Maldives is not guaranteed even with a comprehensive travel plan (confirmed tickets for the return trip, prepaid confirmed accommodation reservations at registered hotels, or proof of sufficient financial resources). According to Sections 7 and 8 of The Maldives Immigration Act 2007, entrance will be permitted at the port of entry following an immigration officer’s determination of eligibility.