

Tourist Visa Regulations

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Article 1

The following terms and expressions - wherever they appear in the present Regulation, shall have the meanings assigned thereto:

- ▶ **Law:** Tourism Law.
- ▶ **Regulation:** Tourist Visit Visa Regulation.
- ▶ **Ministry:** Ministry of Tourism.
- ▶ **Minister:** Minister of Tourism.
- ▶ **Kingdom:** Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- ▶ **Tourist:** Anyone who applies for a visa enabling them to visit the Kingdom for tourism purposes.
- ▶ **Visa:** Tourist Visa. It is an entry permit granted under specific conditions in accordance with the present Regulation. It shall be issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Saudi diplomatic missions abroad or the digital embassy on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Platform or upon arrival.
- ▶ **Tourist Visa Permissions:** Approval of requests to obtain Tourist Visa, issued by the Ministry.
- ▶ **Tour Program Package:** Package, approved by the Ministry, that is provided by the licensee for travel and tourism services. It shall be purchased by those wishing to come to the Kingdom, provided that it includes the costs of obtaining the Visa, the accommodation according to the duration of the Program, a round-trip flight, and other travel and tourism services.
- ▶ **Travel and Tourism Services:** Arranging and organizing services in the tourism field. They include trips and tour programs, sale and marketing of travel tickets from licensed companies, provision of visa issuance or other travel-related services, and arranging and booking services of tourism activities or tourism accommodation facilities, and similar services.
- ▶ **Licensee:** Every legal person having obtained a license from the Ministry in accordance with the Law and the Regulation.



Article 2

Anyone wishing to enter the Kingdom for tourism purposes shall obtain a valid visa, unless his entry does not require it.

Article 3

The Visa validity, according to its type, shall be as follows:

1. One-time entry, in which case it shall be valid for three months, provided that the duration of the stay does not exceed one month.
2. Multiple entries, in which case the Visa shall be valid for one year, provided that the duration of the stay does not exceed 3 months during its validity period.

Article 4

A list of countries, whose nationals can apply for a Visa by one of the following means, shall be published on the electronic platform: www.visitsaudi.com:

First: Visa upon arrival: Upon arrival at one of the Kingdom's ports, the Tourist applies for a Visa, as per the list referred to in this article, after the carrier company ensures that the Tourist's nationality is on the list of nationalities authorized to apply for a Visa. The Visa issuance procedures shall be completed at passport offices or self-service machines at the Kingdom's ports.

Second: E-Visa: When the Tourist applies for a Visa through the electronic platform www.visitsaudi.com or any other electronic platform approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Third: Visa through one of the Kingdom's diplomatic missions abroad or through the digital embassy on the platform of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Article 5

1. The Tourist Visa Applicant shall carry out the following:
 - a. Fill out the Visa Application Form and attach the required supporting documents.
 - b. Register their biometric characteristics during the application process or upon arrival.
 - c. Hold a passport that is valid for no less than 6 months, taking into account the bilateral agreements concluded between the Kingdom and other countries concerning passport validity.
 - d. Obtain a medical insurance that is approved in the Kingdom.
 - e. Register their address inside the Kingdom.
 - f. Pay the visa fee.
2. The age of the Tourist coming to the Kingdom shall not be less than (18) years, unless they are accompanied by their guardian or a safe companion.

Article 6

1. Anyone who holds the nationality of a country that is not included in the list published on the electronic platform www.visitsaudi.com referred to in Article (4), can obtain a Visa through one of the Kingdom's diplomatic missions abroad, or through the digital embassy on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs platform, in accordance with the requirements referred to in Article (5), provided that they submit the following:
 - a. Return ticket including flight itinerary. Those arriving by land or sea shall be excluded.
 - b. Accommodation booking inside the Kingdom, and their personal information including their residence address in their country.
 - c. Employee identification certificate.



- d. Proof of financial solvency by submitting a bank statement or salary certificate.
- 2. Exclusion from the provisions of Paragraph (1) of this Article, and treatment in accordance with Articles (4) and (5) upon requesting a Visa, shall apply to anyone who:
 - a. Has purchased a Tour Program Package, approved by the Ministry, prepared by the licensed Travel and Tourism Service Provider, unless the procedure requires verification of their data through one of the Kingdom's diplomatic missions abroad.
 - b. Holds a valid Tourist or Business Visa - from the United States of America, the United Kingdom, or one of the countries of the Schengen Agreement. It shall have been used at least once to enter the country granting the visa. This shall include the Visa holder's first-degree relatives coming with them.
 - c. Has obtained a Permanent Residence in the United States of America, or in the European Union, or in the United Kingdom. This shall include the Residence holder's first-degree relatives coming with them.
 - d. Has obtained a Residence Visa - valid for a period of no less than three months - in the GCC countries, for the professions published on www.visitsaudi.com. This shall include the Residence Visa holder's first-degree relatives coming with them, and workers in domestic professions coming with their sponsors.

Article 7

When examining the Visa application, the bilateral agreements and memoranda of understanding signed between the Kingdom and other countries to regulate the granting of Visit Visas to nationals of the two countries shall be taken into account, subject to the reciprocity principle.



Article 8

The Ministry shall issue Visa Permissions in accordance with the controls it sets in agreement with the Ministries of Interior and Foreign Affairs.

Article 9

The amount of SAR (300) shall be collected as a fee for a Tourist Visa, as prescribed by Royal Decree No. (2) dated 5/1/1441 AH.

Article 10

While in the Kingdom, a Tourist shall adhere to the following:

1. The laws and instructions applicable in the Kingdom.
2. Holding identification documents at all times.
3. Sticking to the main purpose for which the Visa was granted.
4. Not performing Hajj except under a Hajj Visa.
5. Not performing Umrah during the Hajj season, which shall be determined by the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.
6. Not engaging in any paid or unpaid work.
7. The validity of the Visa granted to them, and the permitted duration of stay.

Article 11

Penalties shall apply against the violator of the present Regulation, in accordance with the relevant laws.

Article 12

The Regulation shall be issued by a decision of the Minister and shall be published in the Official Gazette. It shall come into force as of the date of its publication.



Article 13

1. In cases where no provisions are stipulated in the present Regulation, a decision shall be issued by the Minister after coordination with the Ministries of (Foreign Affairs and Interior) and other relevant authorities.
2. The Minister shall have the right to interpret and amend the present Regulation after coordination with the Ministries of (Foreign Affairs and Interior).



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