

## ENTRY CRITERIA FOR GHANA

- Any individual entering Ghana should carry a lawful passport or relevant travel credentials.
- Every visitor must have legitimate visas to enter Ghana or, for Commonwealth nationals, entry permits, provided by a Ghanaian embassy or consulate overseas or any other body sanctioned by the Government of Ghana to release visas on its behalf. (Exceptions are made for ECOWAS nationals and nationals from countries which have specific bilateral deals with the Government of Ghana).
- Travelers over the age of nine months coming to or passing through Ghana are supposed to have been immunized against Yellow Fever at least ten days prior to their planned travel date and if already inoculated, should produce a certificate as proof denoting a vaccination status not exceeding ten years before entering Ghana.
- It's worth noting that visa applicants might have to face an interview.
- Obtained visas allow entry into Ghana within the specified timeframe. It is important to know that the duration of allowed stay will be approved by Ghana Immigration at the point of entry. Hence, applicants should reach out to the Ghana Immigration Service if they predict their stay extending past the approved duration of stay

## REQUIREMENTS FOR VISA DISPENSATION

- Personnel from international organizations and those visiting Ghana for tourism, academics, commerce, or simply in transit may be eligible for visa issuance.
- The visa can be authorized for single or multiple entries, although first-time visitors are not qualified for a visa that provides one year and more worth of entries.
- Once issued, visas ought to be utilized within a three-month window from the issuance date.
- Business travelers need to provide proof of their travel intention, for instance, a letter from their organization, whereas those on invitation from Ghanaian citizens, residents, or Ghanaian institutions need to present an invitation letter from their hosts.
- Visitors may need to show a return ticket or a ticket to another country where they are permitted entry, or they may need to prove they have enough money for their stay. Aspiring workers can work within the legal immigration limit. Emergency visas can be issued for those arriving from a country without Ghanaian diplomatic or consular representation; however, these must be authorized by the Comptroller-General of the Ghana Immigration Service via their sponsors before arriving in Ghana.
- Any extensions to a visitor's permit must be applied for with the Controller-General of the Ghana Immigration Service. If the Ghana Immigration Service is convinced that tourists have sufficient financial means, they may be given a three month stay period.
- Individuals who enter the country as visitors cannot take employment even if there are openings in the immigrants quota of an interested employer.
- Professionals, such as doctors, lawyers, nurses and others, must provide details of their expertise so their eligibility can be assessed.
- Those visiting Ghana must supply an invitation letter from their host in Ghana during their application.



It is highly recommended for travelers to confirm that they have all the required paperwork prior to their arrival in Ghana.

## **REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST**

- Completion and signing of Visa Application Forms.
- Uploading of color photo in passport size with the application before submission.
- Provision of Business and Residential addresses, along with contact phone numbers.
- Details of occupation.
- Provision of financial capacity indication.
- Specified travel date.
- Providing names and addresses of references/accommodation in Ghana - detailed hotel information, if applicable.
- Parental or legal guardian consent letter for those below 18 years.
- Invitation Letter

Kindly note: Uploaded file size should not surpass 1 MB and the file format should be in jpg/pdf.

## **BANNED IMMIGRANTS**

The following categories classify as Banned Immigrants:

- An individual with a mental instability.
- An individual diagnosed as medically unfit by healthcare professionals.
- An individual perceived as a security threat.
- An individual intended for deportment with an active deportation order.
- An individual who has faced conviction in a foreign land under the provisions of the Extradition Act 1960.

## **VACCINATIONS**

Ghana is among the nations with higher susceptibility to Yellow Fever; hence, it's essential for all travelers to and from Ghana, even those from countries without Yellow Fever risks, to possess a valid vaccination certificate or proof demonstrating their immunization against Yellow Fever.

This certificate will undergo scrutiny during visa application processing. In case a person cannot acquire a vaccination certificate due to health reasons, a doctor's medical certificate must then be submitted.



## **COSTS**

The cost of visa fees is dependent on the country from which you are submitting your application. It is advised to verify this information on the website of the embassy or mission in your home country.

## **REFUND POLICY**

There are no refunds for visa application fees, regardless of whether your application is accepted or rejected.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**

Specifications for Passport Photos:

- The photo should be a current color photograph taken in the past six months and printed in color.
- The background should be either white or off-white in color.
- Your face should be directly facing forward and looking directly at the camera.
- Your expression should be neutral, with your mouth closed.
- Your eyes should be open and clearly visible.
- Your hair should not be covering your eyes.
- You should not be wearing a head covering, unless it is for religious or medical reasons.
- Your face should not be obstructed by any objects.

## **PROCESSING TIME**

Please be aware that it will take approximately 10 to 15 working days from the moment the hard copy of your application is received at the Mission for the standard application process.

(Important note: The processing time may vary depending on the country from which you are applying.)

## **GRATIS VISAS**

The following individuals are eligible for Gratis Visas to Ghana:

- Diplomatic/Service Passport Holders

## **APPLICATION VALIDITY**

Applications must be fully completed within 21 days from the start date. Incomplete applications will be deleted after 21 days if they are not completed and submitted online. In such cases, applicants will need to reapply once their application is canceled.



Helpful Resource:

<https://home.gis.gov.gh/permits-and-visas/>

<https://ecimsglobal.com/VisaApplication.aspx>

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## **VISA STATUS FOR COUNTRIES TO GHANA**

### **VISA Free Countries**

1. Benin
2. Burkina Faso
3. Cape Verde
4. Gambia
5. Guinea
6. Guinea Bissau
7. Ivory Coast
8. Kenya
9. Liberia
10. Mali
11. Mauritius
12. Niger
13. Nigeria
14. Senegal
15. Sierra Leone
16. Singapore
17. Swaziland
18. Togo
19. Trinidad and Tobago
20. Zimbabwe

### **VISA on Arrival Countries**

1. Algeria
2. Angola
3. Botswana
4. Burundi
5. Cameroon
6. Central African Republic
7. Chad
8. Comoros



9. Congo
10. Democratic Republic of the Congo
11. Djibouti
12. Egypt
13. Equatorial Guinea
14. Eritrea
15. Ethiopia
16. Gabon
17. Lesotho
18. Libya
19. Madagascar
20. Malawi
21. Mauritania
22. Mozambique
23. Namibia
24. Rwanda
25. Sao Tome and Principe
26. Seychelles
27. Somalia
28. South Africa
29. South Sudan
30. Sudan
31. Tanzania
32. Tunisia
33. Uganda
34. Zambia

### **VISA Compulsory Countries**

1. Afghanistan
2. Aland Islands
3. Albania
4. American Samoa
5. Andorra
6. Anguilla
7. Antarctica
8. Antigua and Barbuda
9. Argentina
10. Armenia
11. Aruba
12. Australia
13. Austria
14. Azerbaijan
15. Bahamas
16. Bahrain
17. Bangladesh
18. Barbados
19. Belarus

20. Belgium
21. Belize
22. Bermuda
23. Bhutan
24. Bolivia
25. Bonaire
26. Bosnia and Herzegovina
27. Brazil
28. British Indian Ocean Territory
29. British Virgin Islands
30. Brunei Darussalam
31. Bulgaria
32. Cambodia
33. Canada
34. Cayman Islands
35. Chile
36. China
37. Christmas Island
38. Cocos Islands
39. Colombia
40. Cook Islands
41. Costa Rica
42. Croatia
43. Cuba
44. Curacao
45. Czech Republic
46. Denmark
47. Dominica
48. Dominican Republic
49. Ecuador
50. El Salvador
51. Estonia
52. Falkland Islands
53. Faroe Islands
54. Federated States of Micronesia
55. Fiji
56. Finland
57. France
58. French Guiana
59. French Polynesia
60. Georgia
61. Germany
62. Gibraltar
63. Greece
64. Greenland
65. Grenada
66. Guadeloupe
67. Guam
68. Guatemala
69. Guernsey

70. Guyana
71. Haiti
72. Honduras
73. Hong Kong
74. Hungary
75. Iceland
76. India
77. Indonesia
78. Iran
79. Iraq
80. Ireland
81. Isle of Man
82. Israel
83. Italy
84. Jamaica
85. Japan
86. Jersey
87. Jordan
88. Kazakhstan
89. Kiribati
90. Kuwait
91. Kyrgyzstan
92. Laos
93. Latvia
94. Lebanon
95. Liechtenstein
96. Lithuania
97. Luxembourg
98. Macau
99. Macedonia
100. Malaysia
101. Maldives
102. Malta
103. Marshall Islands
104. Martinique
105. Mayotte
106. Mexico
107. Moldova
108. Monaco
109. Mongolia
110. Montenegro
111. Montserrat
112. Morocco
113. Myanmar
114. Nauru
115. Nepal
116. Netherlands
117. New Caledonia
118. New Zealand
119. Nicaragua

120. Niue
121. Norfolk Island
122. North Korea
123. Northern Mariana Islands
124. Norway
125. Oman
126. Pakistan
127. Palau
128. Palestinian Territory
129. Panama
130. Papua New Guinea
131. Paraguay
132. Peru
133. Philippines
134. Pitcairn Islands
135. Poland
136. Portugal
137. Puerto Rico
138. Qatar
139. Republic of Cyprus
140. Reunion
141. Romania
142. Russian Federation
143. Saint Barthelemy
144. Saint Helena
145. Saint Kitts and Nevis
146. Saint Lucia
147. Saint Martin
148. Saint Pierre and Miquelon
149. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
150. Samoa
151. San Marino
152. Saudi Arabia
153. Serbia
154. Sint Maarten
155. Slovakia
156. Slovenia
157. Solomon Islands
158. South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
159. South Korea
160. Spain
161. Sri Lanka
162. Suriname
163. Svalbard and Jan Mayen
164. Sweden
165. Switzerland
166. Syrian Arab Republic
167. Taiwan
168. Tajikistan
169. Thailand





170. Timor Leste
171. Tokelau
172. Tonga
173. Turkey
174. Turkmenistan
175. Turks and Caicos Islands
176. Tuvalu
177. Ukraine
178. United Arab Emirates
179. United Kingdom
180. United States of Africa
181. United States Virgin Islands
182. Uruguay
183. Uzbekistan
184. Vanuatu
185. Vatican City
186. Venezuela
187. Vietnam
188. Wallis and Futuna
189. Yemen