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Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

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Qatar: Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

Qatar has a resident diplomatic mission in Dhaka. The address of the Mission is as below:

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Weblink: <https://dhaka.embassy.qa/en>

As per the Embassy website, the following visa options are available:

1. Visa for Official Delegations

Service Description:

The Service is to provide an official visa for official delegations, except for those exempted from visas, to meet with officials from the Amiri Diwan, the ministry of foreign affairs, and officials from ministries, governmental authorities and institutions, or to attend conferences held by ministries, authorities or institutions.

Terms and requirements:

- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities within (24) hours of data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of one month from the date of entry.
- This visa can be extended for a similar period for multiple times.

Visa fees: Free of charge

It may be noted that Qatar Government ministries and establishments may request to issue free visas online. The visa is valid for one month and can be extended for five months after medical tests and fingerprints. Only government employees can apply for this visa.

Online Instructions

- Fill out the required data in the online application form.
- Attach a clear copy of the passport in addition to an original and a copy of the establishment ID.
- Print visa application.

Offline Instructions

- Fill out the [paper application form](#) and submit it to The Airport Security and Passports Department.
- Attach a clear copy of the passport in addition to an original and a copy of the establishment ID.

Service Center

The General Directorate of Border Passports and Expatriates Affairs.

2. Business Visa

Service Description:

The Service is to provide a business visa for businessmen and known commercial figures, to visit Qatar to improve investment relations between their countries and the State of Qatar.

Terms and requirements:

- Businessmen should provide the mission with evidence proving that they are businessmen, unless they were known commercial figures.
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities within (24) hours of data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of one month from the date of entry.
- This visa can be extended for a similar period (for maximum three months).

Business Visas allow non-Qataris to conduct business and work in the country on a temporary basis. There are three types of business visas:

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

72-hour Business Visa - This visa is issued on arrival, and is extendible for a further 72 hours. The visa is suited to those who wish to visit the country on short-term business trips. Applicants are required to carry proper documentation proving the purpose of their trip.

Business Visa - This visa is available for new expatriate workers and persons conducting short-term contractual work in Qatar. The visa is valid for a maximum of three months, and must be arranged in advance by an approved company or institution operating in Qatar.

Investor Visa - Expatriates who invest in selected business ventures in the country are eligible to residency without employer ship. Applicants must obtain property ownership documents, a certificate of good behavior and have a medical check-up to qualify.

Authorized government personnel may complete the Investor Visa procedure online. More details can be found at the websites of [Ministry of Economy and Commerce](#) and the [Ministry of Interior](#).

Visa fees: 200 QR

3. Tourist Visa

Service Description:

The service is to provide a visit visa for tourists, to visit Qatar and explore its monuments of historic, commercial, architectural and cultural value.

Terms and requirements:

- Applicants should provide a bank statement for the previous three months, showing a minimum balance of 5,000 QR, financially capable applicants known by the mission, are exempted from this condition.
- It is recommended to have a hotel reservation in the state of Qatar in a four or five star hotel.
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities within (24) hours of data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of one month from the date of entry.
- This visa cannot be extended.

Visa fees: 200 QR

4. GCC Resident Visit Visa

Service Description:

The Service is to provide GCC residents with approved professions a visit visa to enter Qatar.

Terms and requirements:

- Applicants should provide a GCC residency valid for six months (three months minimum).
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities immediately after data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of one month from the date of entry.
- This visa can be extended for a period of three months.

GCC residents of approved professions and those accompanying them may obtain a one-month GCC Resident Visit Visa on arrival or through a Qatari embassy. The visa is renewable for an additional three months. Applicants should carry proper documentation proving their profession.

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

The Ministry of Interior (MOI) issues this visa to GCC residents in [authorized professions](#) and their accompanying persons upon arriving at any port of entry to Qatar for visit or tourism purposes. The visa is valid for one month and it can be extended to a maximum of three months.

Online Instructions

- Log in with your smartcard to MOI e-services portal.
- Select “Visa Services”, then “Issue Visa” and choose “Visit Visa for GCC Residents”.
- Fill out the required information, such as name, birth date and place, passport details, phone number and address.
- Enter your email address, if you want to receive a soft copy of the visa application receipt.
- Click on "Confirm" and pay appropriate fees to issue the visa.

Additional Information

- The user shall own a smart card to use the service.
- The profession of the visitor shall be one of those accredited by the competent authority.
- The accompanying person shall be under the personal sponsorship of the resident and shall have a residence permit with three month validity.

Visa Fees

- Visa issuance or monthly extension: QR100
- Visa issuance or monthly extension for accompanying person: QR50
- Fine for overstay per day: QR200

5. Entry Visa for companions of GCC Nationals

Service Description:

The Service is to provide an entry visa for the companions of GCC citizens (such as maids, drivers and baby-sitters) to visit the country with their sponsors.

Terms and requirements:

- Applicants should provide a GCC residency valid for six months (three months minimum) for the companions of GCC citizens such as maids, drivers and baby-sitters (under the sponsorship of the gulf citizen).
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities immediately after data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of one month from the date of entry.
- This visa can be extended for a similar period (three months maximum).

Visa fees: 100 QR

6. Transit Visa

Service Description:

This visa is for Travelers who plan to stop over in Qatar in their way for a third destination, which is valid for (2) days.

Terms and requirements:

- This Visa doesn't apply for travelers passing through Qatar, these passing - through travelers don't require a visa, and will be allowed to enter the country if their transit time is more than six hours, with a commitment from the airlines company.
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities immediately after data entry in the automated system.
- The visa is valid for (1) one month from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of (2) two days from the date of entry.
- This visa cannot be extended.

Visa fees: 100 QR

7. Visit Visa

Service Description:

This service enables all nationalities (except GCC citizens) to enter the State of Qatar.

Terms and requirements:

- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- The visa is issued for all nationalities (except GCC citizens).
- The visa is valid for (3) three months from the date of issuance, the visa holder should enter the country before the end of the validity period.
- The visa holder can stay in the country for a period of (1) one month from the date of entry.
- This visa can be extended for a similar period (six months maximum).

Visa fees: 200 QR per month

8. Reissuing a visa

Service Description:

This service enables individuals who previously obtained an electronic visa through the General Directorate of Borders, Passports and Expatriates Affairs to be given a new visa to enter the country.

Terms and requirements:

- Some individuals who previously got an electronic visa through the General Directorate of Borders, Passports and Expatriates Affairs might have to visit Qatari Embassies or consulates abroad to stamp the visa on their passports
- Submit visa application attaching all required documents.
- Submit –along with the application- applicant passport valid for not less than six months.
- Two photos of the applicant.
- Re-issuance of official visa is exempted.

Visa fees: 200 QR

According to the Qatar Government website, other important visa options are as below:

9. Work Visa Approval for Business Owners, Establishments and Individuals

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

This service enables business owners or establishments, as well as individuals, namely citizens and residents, to submit a request online, on the website of the Ministry of Interior (MOI), to issue work visas for those they bring in to Qatar for work, provided that there is a prior approval.

Online Instructions

- Login with smartcard to MOI e-services portal.
- Select “Visa Services”, then “Issue Visa”.
- Choose “Approval Consumption” in case of existing approval number.
- Enter approval number or select it from the available list, then select the nationality and profession of the person.
- Enter the person’s details so that the new visa number is displayed.
- Submit the request and pay appropriate fees.

Additional Information

- The user shall own a smart card to use the service and have “e-government service” added to the card.

- The user shall have previously issued work visa approvals.
- This service can be obtained any time, and the approval or visa numbers can be issued immediately, given that their final approval takes three days.
- This service is also available via Metrash2, as well as MOI self-service kiosks and service centers.

Visa Fees: 300 QR

10. Family Visit Visa

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

Expatriate workers wishing to bring members of their family to Qatar on a short term basis (up to six months) can apply for a Family Visit Visa. The visa is valid for one month and can be extended for up to six months for immediate family members (wife, sons, daughters) and three months for other relatives. Visa holders who wish to apply for an extension must undergo a medical check.

11. Family Residence Visa

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

Expatriate employees, who earn QR10,000 or more a month, have completed six months of employment with their company, and wish to bring their immediate dependents to Qatar to live with them, can apply for a Family Residence Visa. Effectively, the visa is granted under your employer ship (assuming you have a valid Qatar ID and Residence Visa from your employer or private employer)

12. Newborn Visa

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

Newborn babies who are less than three months old need a Newborn Visa when entering the country with his or her mother. The child should have either a passport or be included on the father or mother's passport. Both parents should have a valid Residence Permit. A certificate of birth is also required. The visa is free.

13. Education Residence Visa

Weblink: <https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas>

If you have a place at an approved educational institution and wish to stay in Qatar during your course, you can apply for an Education Residence Visa. This type of visa is granted by the Committee Reviewing Recruitment Applications and is available from Expatriates Affairs & Unified Services Centres of the MoI. This visa is issued free of charge.

14. Real Estate Visa

[Weblink:https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas](https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas)

This is a residence visa for real estate owners and it is issued through the General Directorate of Borders Passports and Expatriates Affairs at the MoI. Required documentation includes a valid passport, letter from a relevant agency outlining the property investment, a good conduct certificate and a medical check-up. The visa costs QR200.

15. Return Visa

[Weblink:https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas](https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas)

If you, a member of your family, or a member of your household staff, have stayed out of the country for more than 6 months and your residency is still valid and you have prior approval of entry, you can purchase a Return Visa. There are different document requirements depending on who your employer is, details of which can be found at the [MoI website here](#). The fee varies from QR200 to QR500 again depending on employer type.

16. Return Visa (in case of Passport loss)

[Weblink:https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas](https://portal.www.gov.qa/wps/portal/topics/Visas+and+Official+Documents/visas)

This visa is issued when an expatriate loses his or her passport while being outside the country. A copy of a Lost Passport Certificate, along with copies of the old and new passport, are required. The visa costs QR200.

Refugee/Asylum Seekers in Qatar:

Qatar is neither a State Party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, nor to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless persons and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness.

[please see: https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetailsII.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsq_no=V-2&chapter=5&Temp=mtdsq2&clang=en]

[please see: <https://www.unhcr.org/protection/basic/3b73b0d63/states-parties-1951-convention-its-1967-protocol.html>]

[please see: https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetailsII.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsq_no=V-3&chapter=5&Temp=mtdsq2&clang=en]

[please see: https://treaties.un.org/pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsq_no=V-4&chapter=5]

As of 2019, the number of refugee population in Qatar was 202.

[Source: <https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SM.POP.REFG?locations=QA>]

Demography, Migration, and the Labour Market in Qatar:

[Source: https://gulfmigration.org/media/pubs/exno/GLMM_EN_2017_03.pdf]

In 2016, Qatar ranked first worldwide in terms of per capita GDP. This is due to its huge hydrocarbon reserves and to the small size of its resident population (2.5 million in June 2017). Exploiting the hydrocarbon resources and channelling them into ambitious development policies required massive imports of foreign labour. The country's total population has grown seven-fold since the mid-1980s; moreover, foreign nationals made up an estimated 91 per cent of all residents (aged 15 and above) and up to 95 per cent of all employed population in 2015. The total number of Bangladeshi nationals was 280,000 (10.8 % of the total population of Qatar). In December 2010, the country was awarded the role to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Demographic data indicate that a growing share of foreigners live with their families and give birth in the country. Among these may be Syrian nationals who have come to the country since 2011. As of 2017, foreign population growth rates have started decelerating, as past infrastructural projects achieved completion, new migration policies that privilege skills over number are initiated, and political uncertainties.