



# Republic of Singapore

Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

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## **Singapore: Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals**

There is no Embassy of Republic of Singapore (Singapore) in Dhaka, Bangladesh. However, Singapore maintains a Consulate in Dhaka.

### **Address:**

Consulate of the Republic of Singapore  
Ventura Avenue, 5th floor  
8/B Gulshan Avenue (Bir Uttam Mir Showkat Sharak)  
Dhaka 1212, Bangladesh  
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Email: singcon\_dha@mfa.sg  
Office Hours: Sunday – Thursday (9.00 am to 5.00 pm)

[Source: <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/dhaka/> ]

### **Entry requirement for all foreigners**

[Source: <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Overseas-Mission/Dhaka/Consular-Services/Overview-Visa-Information> ]

Visa application is required for citizens / passport holders of the following countries:

Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, People's Republic of China, Holders of Hong Kong Document of Identity, Macao Special Administrative Region (MSAR) Travel Permit, Georgia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Commonwealth of Independent States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan)Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Egypt, Kosovo, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen, and holders of Palestinian Authority Passport, Temporary Passport issued by the United Arab Emirates and Refugee Travel Document issued by Middle-East countries

### **GUIDELINES for application of visa for Bangladeshi Nationals**

[Source: <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Overseas-Mission/Dhaka/Consular-Services/Overview-Visa-Information/Visa-Information> ]

- The Consulate of the Republic of Singapore in Dhaka processes visa applications for Bangladeshi Nationals and other foreigners who require a social visa to enter Singapore.
- Visitors holding ordinary Bangladeshi passports will need to apply for an entry visa prior to their arrival in Singapore.
- Holders of Bangladeshi Diplomatic and Official passports are exempted from visa requirements.

- For other nationals, please visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg) for details.
- Each application for a visa will be considered on its own merits.
- A Singapore visa is not an immigration pass. It is a pre-entry permission for the holder of a valid Singapore visa to travel to, and seek entry, into Singapore.
- The grant of an immigration pass will be determined by the Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) officers at the point of entry. Possession of a valid visa alone does not guarantee entry into Singapore.
- A holder of a valid Singapore visa who is found suitable for entry into Singapore will be issued with an immigration pass to enter and remain in Singapore.
- It is advisable to check passport for the arrival visit pass endorsement when in Singapore and to take note of the period of stay granted before leaving the checkpoint. The period of stay granted is shown on the visit pass endorsement given on the passport and it is not tied to the validity of your visa.

### Application Fee

- Bangladesh Taka equivalent SGD\$30/- per Applicant excluding Agent's Fee.

### Processing Time

- The processing time for complete visa applications is **at least 5 working days** (excluding the day of submission). Those who submit incomplete applications or documents may face delays. Some applications may take longer to process, especially during peak periods.

### Submission of Visa application

- Applications must be submitted on-line through one of the Consulate's Authorised Visa Agents in Dhaka.

### Documents Required for Visa Application

- Valid passport with at least six months validity from the date of arrival in Singapore;
- 1 set of application form, duly completed (Form 14A, <https://www.ica.gov.sg/docs/default-source/ica/forms/application-for-an-entry-visa-form-14a.pdf>);
- Letter of Introduction (LOI) to be issued by a local contact in Singapore:
  - For Social Visitors, any Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, who is at least 21 years old, can act as a local contact.
  - For Business Visitors, a Singapore registered company / organisation can act as a local contact. The LOI must be signed by a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, who is at least 21 years old, only.
- A recent passport-sized photograph with the following specifications:

- The photograph must be taken within the past 3 months;
- Photograph should be in colour, must be taken against a white background with a Matt or semi-Matt finish;
- Image must show the full face and without headgear (headgear worn in accordance with religious or racial customs is acceptable but must not hide the facial features); and
- The facial image must be between 25 mm and 35 mm from chin to crown.
- More on Photo Guidelines: <https://www.ica.gov.sg/common/photo-guidelines>

✓ **Things to note**

Photograph must meet ICA’s requirements (Refer to "Dos and Don'ts" section below). Failure to meet these requirements can delay your application or result in its rejection.

Q1:	Can I use a photograph taken with my mobile phone for an application requiring photo ID, e.g. passport or identity card application?
A1:	<p>We recommend that you download and use mobile apps that are specifically designed to take photographs for passport or identity card applications. These apps usually come with features that will help you take photographs in the required dimensions. Some suggested search-words you can use on the Android Play Store or Apple App Store are ‘Singapore Passport’, ‘Singapore IC’ and ‘Photo’.</p> <p>The photograph will be accepted if it complies with our photo guidelines.</p> <p><i>*Possible Apps include “IC Photo Singapore”, “Passport Size Photo Maker” or “Passport Photo ID Maker Studio – ID Photo Editor”.</i></p> <p>Please note that your photograph must not be altered or enhanced in any way. This includes the modification of facial features and/or the usage of photo editing software.</p> <p><i>*These apps are based on customers’ feedback, who found them useful. They are not endorsed by ICA in any way.</i></p>
Q2:	Can I take a selfie with my mobile phone for an application requiring photo ID, e.g. passport or identity card application?
A2:	We do not recommend selfie as the result is usually not ideal and will cause delay to your application. We recommend that that you ask someone to help you take the photo if you are using your mobile phone camera. Do familiarise with our photo guidelines first.

✓ **Dos and Don'ts**

Photo Guidelines	
Photo must be taken with even brightness	
Photo must be taken within the last 3 months	
Facial expression should be neutral with mouth closed	
Photo must be clear, in sharp focus and not pixelated	
Shoulders and hair must be fully visible	
Photo background must be white in colour	
Head gear/attire must be dark in colour against white background	
Spectacles must have clear and untinted lenses where the eyes are clearly visible	
To wear non-coloured contact lenses and ensure no red eye	
Eyes must be fully visible	
Facial features must be taken at full frontal view / Eyes must be looking at the camera	
Photo must not be distorted/ flipped* *For flipped photo, the hair and mole are different from actual self	
Digital photo must be original without alterations using computer software/ mobile app	

- **Additional requirements**

Function	Image file format	File size no more than

Application for passport	jpg, jpeg or png file extension	2 MB
Re-registration for identity card	jpg, jpeg or png file extension	2 MB
Application for permanent residence	jpg or jpeg file extension	1 MB
All other applications	jpg file extension	60 KB

- Photocopy of the bio-data page of the applicant's passport.
- For details on visa requirements, please visit [www.ica.gov.sg](http://www.ica.gov.sg)

#### List of Authorised Visa Agents in Dhaka

1. **Discovery Tours & Logistic**, Banani Tel: 9821820, 9863340, 9863341, 9863343
2. **Innova Services Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9893705, 9848618, 9892596, 8831932
3. **International Travel Corporation**, Gulshan Tel: 9885479-80, 9862788, 9850940, 9855647, 9842645
4. **Lexus Tours & Travels**, Banglamotor Tel: 8613184, 8613126, 9632750-52
5. **Maas Travels & Tours Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9881672 ext 211/212, 9881654 ext 211/212, 9893414 ext 211/212, 8837484 ext 211/212 Motijheel Tel: 9565380, 9565381
6. **NovoAir Limited**, Banani Tel: 55042385, Hotline: 01978443717
7. **Parkway Hospitals Singapore Pte Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9850422, 01736000000(24 Hour Help Line)
8. **Regency Travels Ltd**, Banani Tel: 9821982, 9888270, 9848057 Uttara Tel: 01720961740
9. **Saimon Overseas**, Gulshan Tel: 9882273-74, 9881408, 9885307-08 ext 124
10. **Silkways Cargo Services Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9888211-20 ext 130, 131
11. **Union Tours & Travels Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9854566-77 ext 429
12. **Valencia Air Travels & Tours**, Motijheel Tel: 7113703, 7118695, 7122343 Gulshan Tel: 8837344
13. **Victory Travels Ltd**, Motijheel Tel: 9550916, 9556129, 9561471, 9562397 Banani Tel: 9820146, 9820193, 9820179
14. **MediConsult Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 029892828, 029840033
15. **Talon Corporation Ltd**, Gulshan Tel: 9894028, 9896909

#### Letter of Introduction (LOI) to be issued by local contact in Singapore

[Source: <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Overseas-Mission/Dhaka/Consular-Services/Overview-Visa-Information/Letter-of-Introduction-LOI> ]

- For Social Visitors, any Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, who is at least 21 years old, can act as a local contact.
- For Business Visitors, a Singapore registered company / organisation can act as a local contact. The LOI must be signed by a Singapore Citizen or Singapore Permanent Resident, who is at least 21 years old, only.
- Lol form link (Form V39A): <https://www.ica.gov.sg/docs/default-source/ica/forms/application-for-visa-letter-of-introduction-v39a.pdf>

### **Additional General Visa Information**

[Source: <https://www.mfa.gov.sg/Services/Visitors/Visa-Information> ]

The following information is obtained from ICA, which is the authority responsible for visa matters. Please visit ICA's [website](#) for detailed information on visa and entry requirements. Alternatively, email can be sent to [mfa@mfa.sg](mailto:mfa@mfa.sg) for enquiries on application of Singapore visa abroad. The visa application form is available free of charge at all Singapore overseas missions (except for non-resident High Commissioners/Ambassadors based in Singapore). Form can be downloaded [here](#).

It is possible to apply for a visa through a local contact in Singapore who is a Singapore citizen or a Permanent Resident in possession of a "SingPass" account. The visa application can be submitted [online](#) through the local contact in Singapore via the SAVE system at Singapore Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA)'s website. If the application is approved, the local contact in Singapore can use the SAVE system to print a copy of the e-Visa for the applicant.

### **Visa and Entry Requirements for Foreigners**

All visitors to Singapore must meet the following entry requirements:

- Valid travel document (minimum validity of 6 months at the time of departure);
- Confirmed onward or return tickets (if applicable);
- Entry facilities, including visas, to the next destination;
- Sufficient funds to maintain themselves during their stay in Singapore;
- Visa for entry into Singapore (if applicable)
- Yellow Fever Vaccination (if applicable)

[Click here to check Entry Requirements for Foreigners \(For Social Visit purposes only\)](#)

Enquiries or feedback to ICA can be submitted using the online feedback form at [www.ica.gov.sg/feedbackform](http://www.ica.gov.sg/feedbackform).

To keep updated on travel advisories while traveling, follow [@MFASgConsular](#) on Twitter.

For more details, please see Immigration and Checkpoints Authority (ICA) website: [https://www.ica.gov.sg/visitor/visitor\\_entryvisa/visa-detail-page/bangladesh](https://www.ica.gov.sg/visitor/visitor_entryvisa/visa-detail-page/bangladesh)

### **Work Visa/Pass:**

All foreigners who intend to work in Singapore must have a valid pass (commonly known as a work visa) before they start work. If any entity is engaging foreigners to work in Singapore, it must ensure that they hold a valid pass. Find out which pass is suitable, if they are eligible and how to apply.

### **Work Visa for Foreign Workers:**

Weblink: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-permit-for-foreign-worker>

- This visa is for Foreign workers from approved source countries working in the construction, manufacturing, marine shipyard, process or services sector.
- Currently Bangladeshi workers are eligible to be recruited for construction, marine shipyard and process sector.
- An employer or appointed employment agent needs to apply for this visa.
- There is no minimum qualifying salary required.
- The visa is for up to 2 years, depending on the validity of the worker's passport, security bond and employment period.
- The visa is renewable.
- Under this visa passes for worker's family is not available.
- Employers are limited by a quota for their industry and have to pay a monthly levy for each worker.
- Employers must provide medical insurance.

### **Work Permit for Foreign Domestic Workers**

Weblink: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/work-permit-for-foreign-domestic-worker>

- An employer, sponsor or authorised employment agent needs to apply for a Work Permit if you are hiring a foreign domestic worker (FDW) to work in Singapore.
- Both employers and FDWs must meet the eligibility criteria.
- There is no minimum qualifying salary required.
- The visa is for up to 2 years, depending on the validity of the security bond.
- The visa is renewable.
- Employers must pay a monthly levy.
- Employers must provide medical and personal accident insurance.
- Bangladesh is included in the Source Country list for Foreign Domestic Workers.

### **Employment Pass for Professionals**

Weblink: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/employment-pass>



- The Employment Pass allows foreign professionals, managers and executives to work in Singapore with a job offer.
- Candidates need to earn at least \$4,500 a month and have acceptable qualifications. (older, more experienced candidates need higher salaries).
- Work in a managerial, executive or specialised job.
- Employers must also demonstrate that they have fairly considered all jobseekers.
- Have acceptable qualifications, usually a good university degree, professional qualifications or specialised skills.
- Application for an Employment Pass is open to all nationalities.
- An employer or appointed employment agent needs to apply on behalf of the candidate.
- The duration of the pass is as follows: First-time candidates: up to 2 years; Renewals: up to 3 years.
- Passes are available for family members of eligible Pass holders.
- No foreign worker levy or quota is required.

### **S Pass**

Weblink: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/s-pass>

- The S Pass allows mid-level skilled staff to work in Singapore.
- Candidates need to earn at least \$2,500 a month and have the relevant qualifications and work experience.
- An employer or appointed employment agent must apply on behalf of the applicant.
- If the pass holder changes jobs, the new employer has to apply for a new pass.
- Fixed monthly salary must be at least \$2,500.
- Duration of the S Pass is up to 2 years.
- It is renewable.
- Passes are available for family members of eligible S Pass holders.
- Employers are subject to a quota and levy for S Pass employees.
- Employers must provide medical insurance for S Pass holders.
- Application for an S Pass is open to all nationalities.

### **EntrePass for Foreign Entrepreneurs**

Weblink: <https://www.mom.gov.sg/passes-and-permits/entrepass>

- The EntrePass allows eligible foreigners to start and operate a new business in Singapore.
- Candidate can apply directly.
- No stipulated minimum salary is involved in the application process.
- Duration of New pass or first renewal is 1 year while subsequent renewals are for 2 years.
- Passes are available for certain family members of EntrePass holders.
- No foreign worker levy or quota required.
- EntrePass is open to all nationalities.

**For all Work Permit/Pass types and relevant links, please follow the matrix below:**

**Professionals**

List of passes for pass category	
Pass type	Who is it for
<a href="#"><u>Employment Pass</u></a>	For foreign professionals, managers and executives. Candidates need to earn at least \$4,500 a month and have acceptable qualifications.
<a href="#"><u>EntrePass</u></a>	For eligible foreign entrepreneurs wanting to start and operate a new business in Singapore.
<a href="#"><u>Personalised Employment Pass</u></a>	For high-earning existing Employment Pass holders or overseas foreign professionals. The PEP offers greater flexibility than an Employment Pass.

## Skilled and semi-skilled workers

List of passes for pass category	
Pass type	Who is it for
<a href="#"><u>S Pass</u></a>	For mid-level skilled staff. Candidates need to earn at least \$2,500 a month and meet the assessment criteria.
<a href="#"><u>Work Permit for foreign worker</u></a>	For semi-skilled foreign workers in the construction, manufacturing, marine shipyard, process or services sector.
<a href="#"><u>Work Permit for foreign domestic worker</u></a>	For foreign domestic workers (FDWs) to work in Singapore.
<a href="#"><u>Work Permit for confinement nanny</u></a>	For Malaysian confinement nannies to work in Singapore for up to 16 weeks starting from the birth of the employer's child.
<a href="#"><u>Work Permit for performing artiste</u></a>	For foreign performers working in public entertainment outlets such as bars, hotels and nightclubs.

## Trainees and students

List of passes for pass category	
Pass type	Who is it for
<a href="#"><u>Training Employment Pass</u></a>	For foreign professionals undergoing practical training. Candidates must earn at least \$3,000 a month.
<a href="#"><u>Work Holiday Pass (under Work Holiday Programme)</u></a>	For students and graduates aged 18 to 25 who want to work and holiday in Singapore for 6 months.
<a href="#"><u>Work Holiday Pass (under Work and Holiday Visa Programme)</u></a>	For Australian students and graduates aged 18 to 30 who want to work and holiday in Singapore for 1 year.
<a href="#"><u>Training Work Permit</u></a>	For semi-skilled foreign trainees or students undergoing practical training in Singapore for up to 6 months.

## Family members

List of passes for pass category	
Pass type	Who is it for
<a href="#"><u>Dependant's Pass</u></a>	For spouses and children of eligible Employment Pass or S Pass holders.
<a href="#"><u>Long Term Visit Pass</u></a>	For parents, common-law spouses, step-children or handicapped children of eligible Employment Pass or S Pass holders.
<a href="#"><u>Pre-approved Letter of Consent</u></a>	For eligible spouses or children of Singapore citizens or PRs holding an LTVP/LTVP+ issued by ICA. The holder is pre-approved to work in Singapore. They can only apply for a PLOC when applying for, or renewing the LTVP/LTVP+.
<a href="#"><u>Letter of Consent</u></a>	For eligible spouses or children of EP holders who hold a Dependant's Pass, or an LTVP/LTVP+ issued by ICA. The LOC allows the holder to work in Singapore. The employer must apply for the LOC.

## Exemptions and working while on a visit pass

List of passes for pass category	
Pass type	Who is it for
<a href="#"><u>Miscellaneous Work Pass</u></a>	For foreign speakers, religious workers and journalists taking on a short-term work assignment of up to 60 days in Singapore.
<a href="#"><u>Work Pass Exempt Activities</u></a>	For performing eligible short-term activities without a work pass. Candidates must still notify MOM of their activities.
<a href="#"><u>Work pass exemption for foreign students</u></a>	For foreign students studying full-time at an approved school or institution in Singapore.
<a href="#"><u>Work passes for holders of Long Term Visit Passes issued by ICA</u></a>	For foreigners married to a Singaporean or permanent resident, or parents accompanying a child who is studying in Singapore.