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Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

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Following are the types of Kuwaiti visas available for Bangladeshi nationals:

- 1. Visit Visa
- 2. Residence Visa
- 3. Transit Visa
- 4. Entrance Visa

E-Visa is **not possible for Bangladeshi** passport holders. For more Information, please see: <u>https://kuwaitvisa.com/visa-types/</u>

General Check List

Weblink: https://visathing.com/country/kuwait/#:~:text=To%20get%20Kuwait%20visit%20visa,30%20day s%20only%20after%20entry

1. Passport:

Original Passport with validity of minimum six months after the intended date of departure and minimum two blank pages for visa stamp.

a) Copy of previous passports and visas issued.

b) Attach all your old passports (if any).

2. Kuwait Visa Application Form:

Visa application form must be filled and signed by the applicant.

3. Photo Specification:

Two recent passport size photographs with matt or semi matt finish, **60-70% face coverage**, white background and without border **(Size: 35mm x 45mm)**

Please Note: Photograph should not be more than 3 months old, scanned/stapled and should not be used in any of the previous visas.

4. Invitation Letter:

(If Any)

5. Forwarding-Letter:

a) Forwarding Letter / NOC from the applicant's company authority on the company's letter head stating applicant's name, designation, passport number, purpose and duration of visit. b) Visa request letter from the educational institute or student card/evidence of school enrollment (if student)

6. Proof of Occupation:

a) Company registration certificate (original notarized English translated and photocopy of the original) if the applicant is a first time traveler or a proprietor.
b) Office ID card copy & Visiting cards.

7. Financials:

Company's or Personal Bank Statement for last six months mentioning the Bank's name, Bank's Telephone Number clearly.

8. Ticket & Hotel Reservation:

Ticket Itinerary & Hotel Booking.

9. Police Clearance Certificate:

(PCC) (For work visa)

10. Medical certificate: (For work visa)

11. Good conduct certificate:

(For work visa)

<u>1. Visit Visa</u>

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/visa-types/#work

A Kuwait visit visa must be sponsored by a **Kuwait company** or by a relative that is a resident foreigner staying in the country. Before traveling to Kuwait, a visitor can have his visa processed and passport stamped at their **nearest Kuwait embassy.**

A Kuwait sponsor can use a faxed copy of the visitor's passport to obtain the visit visa in Kuwait. A copy of the visa can be faxed to the visitor to enable him or her to travel to Kuwait. They can then meet at the airport with the original visa upon entering the country. There is a special counter in the arrival hall where the sponsor can deposit the visa papers. The visitor must pick up his original documents at a similar special counter inside the immigration area. The original documents are required to complete entry formalities.

It takes approximately 2 working days to obtain a Kuwait visit visa. Hotels can arrange visit visas for business and it takes around 7 days.

Kuwait Visit Visa Validity

Kuwait visit visas (and also entry permits) are valid for **entry within 90 days of issue**. Visitors can stay in Kuwait **up to 30 days** after entry.

Kuwait Visit Visa costs

Kuwait visit visa costs KD3.00 (9 EURO) (903 BDT) Entry permits are free.

Visit Visa for Business

To obtain the Kuwait visit visa for Business the applicant must have a sponsor. To obtain the **Kuwait visit visa for Business** the applicant must have a sponsor.

- Kuwait sponsor or company
- Kuwait visit visa application and security form filled out by the sponsor
- A copy of the visitor's passport
- A copy of the sponsor's signature as registered for business purposes
- A copy of the sponsor's letter of invitation to the business, stating the purpose of the visit.

Visit Visa for Relatives

Immediate family members and other relatives who reside in other countries **can visit family members currently living in Kuwait**. No eligibility or criteria is required. As long as you have a proof of relationship, you can definitely visit with your **Kuwait Visit Visa**.

The required documents for a family visit visa are:

- Proof of relationship or kinship
- Copy of the visitor's valid passport
- Original and copy of the civil ID of the sponsor (or the family who resides in Kuwait)
- Recent salary certificate for foreign sponsor

The procedures for obtaining a family visit visa:

- 1. Go to the Kuwait Embassy in your country and submit the required documents for a family visit visa listed above.
- 2. Fill the service application form (Visa Application Form). Click this link to download the forms here.
- 3. Pay the fees due. Family visit visa application costs a flat fee of 3KD.

Kuwait Multiple entry Visit Visa

People who obtain a multiple entry visit visa are able to enter Kuwait as many times as they want during a one-year period. This type of visit visa for Kuwait is most handy for business sponsored foreigners, the sponsor however, has to be the ministry of defense.

Unlike other westerners, Americans are able to obtain multiple entry visit visas for Kuwait that have a validity of 10 years and unlimited number of entries.

Other entry Requirements for Kuwait

Vaccination

In most cases, vaccination certificates are not necessary to be granted entrance to the Kuwaiti grounds, but they become mandatory if the visitor comes from an area that's infected by a viral disease such yellow fever or cholera. The certificates are a proof that the visitor is healthy and won't be transmitting any diseases with him. In the case of visitors coming from infected countries, besides providing certificates, they might also be subjected to medical examination after a few days from their arrival. The visitor has to also confirm the last country he's visited with the Kuwait consulate.

Kuwait is a disease free country and you won't have to take any precautions before visiting it, but an up to date medical checkup is always welcomed.

What to do if you need medical care during a trip to Kuwait

Addresses In Kuwait

Upon his entrance, a visitor has to fill an entry form at the airport in which he specifies his staying location during his visit. Hotel managers have to keep the ministry of interior informed about the check-ins and check-outs of foreign visitors. The immigration department has to be informed whenever a visitor decides to change his address within 48 hours.

Employment

Visitors who entered Kuwait on a visit visa are not allowed to work. In order to do that they have to obtain a residence visa and a work permit.

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Extending Kuwait Visit Visa

If you are **holding a Kuwait visit visa**, you can only stay up to a maximum of 30 days in the country. If you extend your stay, you will have to pay KD10.00 per day. If your Kuwait visit visa is expired, you will not be allowed to leave the country until you pay the total fine.

Can I extend my Kuwaiti Online Visa while in Kuwait?

Kuwait Visit Visa Extension Fines

Fines must be paid in the immigration department in Shuwaikh. The office is open during government working hours. Fines are not paid at the airport. You can pay fines in advance if you anticipate your stay extension.

Where to Submit Application for Extension

An expatriate may apply for a two one-month extension of a Kuwait visit visa or temporary residence. The applications are submitted to the Immigration Department before the expiration of the Kuwait visit visa.

Other Kuwait Visit Visa Extension Solutions

Another solution for extending Kuwait visit visa is to obtain a second visit visa in the country, schedule a day-long travel to Bahrain. You can leave Kuwait in the morning, and return in the evening. The length of flight from Kuwait to Bahrain is 40-minutes by plane. This costs KD45.00.

2. Kuwait Residence Visa

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/visa-types/#work

To **live in Kuwait**, an expatriate other than GCC citizens must have a Kuwait residence visa, or iqama. There are three main types of Kuwait residence visa: work visa, domestic, and dependent visa. These three visas require a sponsor. An expatriate may sponsor his own residence, with or without allowing to work, as long as he lived in Kuwait for a long time and has a ample financial means.

Family Visa (Dependent Visa)

Upon **obtaining residency in Kuwait**, an employed man can bring his wife and children to Kuwait to live with him. In order to do that, it is mandatory that he earns at least 450KD monthly (in case of possessing a 17-visa) and at least 650KD monthly (in case of possessing a 18-visa). If both man and wife work in Kuwait, they have the possibility to sponsor their children there but only if their salaries combined exceed 350KD monthly.

There are several limitations for this type of visa:

- A wife can't sponsor her husband.
- While you can sponsor adult daughters and parents, you can't sponsor sons of over 21 years old.
- Dependent family members can't work until they convert to a Kuwaiti work visa.

In order to obtain a dependent visa for a member of your family, you need to go to the "jawazaat" bureau situated in Shuwaikh. You need to fill an application in Arabic, if you don't master the Arabic language, you can hire a bilingual typist to do it for you. After filling the form, you need to supply the following documents:

- Copy of the dependent's passport
- Copy of his civil ID
- The sponsor's salary certificate
- Child birth or marriage certificate that have been authenticated by the sponsor's embassy in his origin country.

The residence visa for family formalities are similar to those of the work visa. Upon entering the country, the dependent has to undergo medical tests and have his fingerprints taken. The dependent have to provide similar documents to the ones provided by the sponsor except for salary certificate. The last requirement for this procedure is the sponsor's declaration that he's going to maintain and support the dependent as long as he stays in Kuwait.

The residence visa for family fees are:

Private sector employees:

- 100KD/person: during the first year for wife and the 2 first children
- 200KD/person: remaining children.

Public sector employees:

- 10KD/person: during the first year for wife and the 2 first children
- 100KD/person: remaining children.

Renewal fees:

- 10KD/person: for children and wife in all cases
- 200KD/person: sponsor's parents and in-laws

<u>Work Visa</u>

Work visas are iqamas granted for public and private sector employees under articles 17 and 18 of the immigration regulations. An employment offer must first be accepted to obtain Kuwait residence visa on a work visa. A Kuwaiti employer sponsor shall apply for the work permit from the Ministry of Social Affairs & Labour. Requirements for the work permit are employee's passport and no-objection certificate or NOC from the General Administration of Criminal Investiagation at the Ministry of Interior.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait will send a copy of the work permit to the Kuwaiti Embassy in the country where the employee lives for endorsement. The sponsor or employer must also send a copy of the work permit to the employee to take to the embassy. The employee must apply for an entry visa for Kuwait. Employees for private sector companies require NOCs and a copy of the employer's authorised signatory as registered for business purposes.

If an employee is on a visit visa in Kuwait when he accepted the employment, he must leave Kuwait and return on the new entry visa.

Most nationalities are required to return to their own country for medical tests and endorsement from the country's Kuwait Embassy. For westerners, a one day round trip to Bahrain by plane can do.

Domestic Servants visa in Kuwait

Domestic servant visa is issued to resident expatriate's full-time servant sourced from a country outside Kuwait. The resident will be the sponsor for this type of visa. Expatriate families are usually allowed to bring a maid in the country.

Requirements for Domestic Servant Visa

- The first requirement is, if you are a male sponsor, you must have a wife living with you if you are going to hire a female servant.
- Age limit for the servants is between 20 and 50 years.
- Domestic servant visa does not apply to immediate family members or relatives of any degree of consanguinity.
- No minimum salary required if the sponsor husband and wife are both working, and if the sponsor family includes children.

Domestic Servant Visa Document Required

- Salary certificates of sponsor and wife
- Photocopy of house rental agreement
- Photoopy of sponsor's and wife's passport
- Proof of ages of children (photocopy of local birth certificates or passport)
- Photocopy of the sponsor's and wife's civil ID
- Photoopy of the servant's passport plus eight passport sized photos
- Photocopy of the servant's work contract

Approval of the Domestic Servant Visa

The immigration official approves the domestic servant visa. The immigration will look into the sponsor's house size, monthly income, and the actual need for a maid.

How to Apply for a Domestic Servant Visa

- Domestic servant visa may be obtained from the Jawazaat in Shuwaikh.
- The application form must be filled out in Arabic. If you do not speak and write in Arabic, you will find bilingual typists in Shuwaikh. They charge 500 fils.
- The servant or maid need to go to the Kuwait embassy in his or her home country.
- After the flight to Kuwait, the domestic servant visa will require his or her passport photos, and documents (same list as that of a **work visa**, except for the work permit). The servant has to pay a residence fee of KD200.00 for the first year and KD10.00 for the succeeding years.
- This process can go through Kuwaiti agencies that specialize in obtaining domestic servants or maids for Kuwaitis and expatriates. One must have to be careful though in choosing an agency. Most are reliable agencies, but a few have unfavorable reputations.

Kuwait Newborn Child visa

Expatriates in Kuwait must get an iqama (or visa) when their child is born in the country. It is a dependent Kuwait visa or iqama for the child.

Requirements for New Born Child Kuwait Visa

- The father can sponsor his child's residence.
- No minimum salary requirement.
- Official birth certificate for the child

How to obtain an Expatriate's New Born Child certificate?

The hospital where the child was born will advise a **written notification of the birth**. The hospital will provide the address. It is written in Arabic. If the parents do not speak and write in the language, the child's name will be written phonetically in Arabic.Other documents required for the birth certificate are:

- Application form
- Photocopies of parents' passport
- Photocopies of parents' civil IDs
- Authenticated marriage contract
- Proposed first name of the child

Procedures for the New Born Birth Certificate

- Submit application form and requirements at the registry.
- Pay the fee amounting to 10KD.
- Pick up the birth certificate at the registry after 7 days.

Procedures for the New Born Kuwait Visa, Passport and Residency

To obtain residency for the child, his name must be added to the parent's passport.

Another way is to obtain a separate passport for the child, which is a more common option. If a child has his own passport, he can travel without his parent if necessary.

A **requirement for a child's passport** is a certified translation of the child's birth certificate, and other non-Arabic embassies require an authenticated certificate by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait.

When the child's name is added to the parent's passport, or when he obtains his own passport, a child's residence can be obtained. There are no special procedures for obtaining a new born child's residence. The fee for actual residence application is 10KD per year.

Parents on domestic servant visas are not allowed to keep their child in Kuwait. He or she must obtain an exit visa for the child. Parents can apply for an exit visa from the Ministry of the interior. There is no fee for the exit visa.

Other Requirements for Kuwait Residence Visa

The employee is required to provide a medical certificate issued by an embassy-accredited clinic. For some nationalities, a good conduct certificate (sometimes called police clearance). At Kuwait, another round of local medical tests are required. A fingerprint certificate will be issued to completely process the **Kuwait residence visa**.

3. Kuwait Transit Visa

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/visa-types/#work

If you're visiting Kuwait and in a need for a Kuwait transit visa, then **you can obtain it from the port authority in Kuwait or from its consulate aboard**. You have 7 days maximum to put that visa in use or else it will expire and you'll have to get a new one.

You may also apply for a Kuwait Online Visa via an online application. Eligible applicants need to complete the form with your personal information and valid travel document, or passport information. Once issued, the Kuwait Online visa is valid for 90 days.

In order to obtain the transit visa, you have to possess a valid visa for the next country to visit and a confirmed onward ticket if you don't work on an airline or a ship. And in case you're an international truck driver, you will be able to obtain multiple kuwait transit visa.

4. Kuwait Entrance Visa

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/visa-types/#work

The **entrance visa** allows government and civil sector employees to issue visas for joining providers.

The minimum criteria for eligibility is 400KD. It should not be less than the minimum.

The required documents are the following:

- Copy of the sponsor's civil ID (please refer to Article (19) residents)
- Copy of the dependant's passport (for Article (19) residents)
- Salary certificate of government sector (for Article (19) residents)
- Copy of company contract and/or license
- Copy of the attested marriage contract or proof of kinship document
- Copy of work permit t0 define the salary condition of civil sector employees (must meet the minimum requirement for salary)

Fees: 3KD (fixed)

Procedures:

- Visit the General Department of Immigration in the governorate you refer to and submit the required documents.
- Fill the service application form (download the form here).
- Pay fees.

Civil Identity Card:

Weblink: Identity Card: https://kuwaitvisa.com/articles/

A **civil identity card or a civil ID card**, also called bitaqa-almadaniyah, is a requirement for any expatriate or resident, regardless of the type of residence he owns. Civil identity cards are issued by the Public Authority for Civil Information or PACI.

The civil identity card information includes the civil ID number, full name, date of birth, local address, blood type, sponsor's name, type of visa and card expiration date.

Civil ID number is unique for each resident. It remains the same even if the owner changes sponsors or return to Kuwait after a long stay outside the country. The algorithm of the civil ID number includes the birthday of the owner.

Civil identity card must be renewed on any of the following:

- the ID card expires
- change of sponsor
- change of residence

Civil ID Registration

These are the documents required for civil ID registration.

First time applicants for civil ID registration

- Passport
- Photocopy of passport pages showing personal details and residence stamp
- Security clearance or fingerprinting for age over 16 years old
- Original birth certificate for those born in Kuwait
- Blood group certificate
- Proof of house address (rent agreement or receipts)
- Declaration signed by sponsors

For babies born in Kuwait, the following are required:

- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of the sponsor's passport (with personal details and residence stamp)
- Baby's own passport (with personal details and residence stamp)

For renewal or change of civil ID, no matter what type of visa he holds, the following are required:

- Photocopy of his passport (with personal details and residence stamp)
- Sponsor's declaration
- Current card
- Proof of new address (for change of address)

To replace a lost civil ID, you need the following:

- Photocopy of the lost card (if possible)
- Passport

Procedures for civil ID registration:

Go to the PACI office in Farwaniyak for first time applicants on a work or dependent visa and for lost card replacement.

Use the application form and special envelop from "Express-Envelope" machines located in Coop supermarkets (250 fils) for civil ID change or renewal, first time applicant's for a document's servant's civil ID, and for babies born in Kuwait. Follow the instructions in the form and submit in the special machines.

Where to Download Forms for Kuwait Visa?

Listed below are links for **relevant forms for Kuwait** passport and Kuwait visa applications:

- <u>Kuwait visa application form</u>
- <u>Visa Application Form</u>
- <u>Replacing a Passport Form</u>
- <u>Registration Form for First Time Declaration to Become a Kuwaiti Citizen</u>
- <u>Replacement of Lost National Certificate Form</u>
- <u>Renewing Residence Form</u>
- <u>Renewing Passport for the First Time</u>
- <u>Residence Transfer Form</u>
- <u>Residence Application Form</u>
- House Owner's Declaration Form
- Place of Residence Declaration Form
- <u>Declaration of Picture Authenticity Form</u>
- Form for Investigation Report on Lost ID Card
- <u>Amendment Application Form</u>

GCC Countries Allowed to Enter Kuwait without Visa

GCC stands for Gulf Cooperation Council. <u>Citizens from its member countries are not required</u> <u>to obtain a Kuwait Visa</u> and undergo formalities when they visit Kuwait. The member countries of GCC are:

- Kuwait
- <u>Kingdom of Bahrain</u> (Bahrain)
- <u>United Arab Emirates</u> (UAE)
- <u>Sultanate of Oman</u> (Oman)
- Qatar
- <u>Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</u> (KSA or Saudi Arabia)

Countries from which nationals can get online visas in Kuwait

The Ministry of Interior of Kuwait declared that citizens from the following countries can **<u>obtain entry online visa to travel Kuwait</u>**. Countries not in the list are required to undergo formalities and are subject to strict entry rules and regulation as visitors under a sponsorship of a Kuwait citizen.

<u>Andorra</u>	<u>Australia</u>	<u>Austria</u>	<u>Belgium</u>
<u>Bhutan</u>	<u>Brunei</u>	<u>Bulgaria</u>	<u>Cambodia</u>
<u>Canada</u>	Czech Republic	<u>Denmark</u>	<u>Estonia</u>
<u>Finland</u>	<u>France</u>	<u>Georgia</u>	<u>Germany</u>
<u>Greece</u>	Hong Kong	<u>Hungary</u>	<u>Iceland</u>
<u>Ireland</u>	<u>Italy</u>	<u>Japan</u>	South Korea
<u>Laos</u>	<u>Latvia</u>	<u>Liechtenstein</u>	<u>Lithuania</u>
<u>Luxembourg</u>	<u>Malaysia</u>	<u>Malta</u>	<u>Monaco</u>
<u>Netherlands</u>	<u>New Zealand</u>	<u>Norway</u>	<u>Poland</u>
<u>Portugal</u>	Republic of Cyprus	<u>Romania</u>	<u>San Marino</u>
<u>Singapore</u>	<u>Slovakia</u>	<u>Slovenia</u>	<u>Spain</u>
<u>Sweden</u>	<u>Switzerland</u>	<u>Turkey</u>	United Kingdom
United States	Vatican City	<u>Vietnam</u>	

Kuwaiti Airlines in Operation

There are two Kuwaiti-owned airlines operating in Kuwait - Kuwait Airways and Jazeera Airways.

Kuwait Airways

Al-Khutout Al-Jawwiya Al-Kuwaityah

Kuwait Airways is the national airline of Kuwait. It is the first operating airline founded in 1954. Its head office is located in **Kuwait International Airport**, Al Farwaniyah Governorate, Kuwait. Its

international operations cover Middle East, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Europe and North America.

Basic information: Website: <u>http://www.kuwaitairways.com/</u> Country Destinations: 39 Company Slogan: Earning Your Trust Aircrafts: 18 CEO: Hamad Abdullatif Al-Falah Frequent Flyer Program: Oasis Club Airport Lounge: Dasman Lounge in Kuwait International Airport

Jazeera Airways

Jazeera Airways is the second national airline in Kuwait founded in 2005. It is a low-cost airline with office located in the Kuwait International Airport in Al Farwaniyah Governorate, Kuwait. The operations of Jazeera cover Middle East and Europe.

Basic information: Website: <u>http://www.jazeeraairways.com/</u> Parent Company: The Boodai Group Country Destinations: 18 Company Slogan: Wings of Freedom Aircrafts: 6 (+4 orders) Chairman: Marwan Boodai CEO: Stefan Pichler

Kuwait Airport Arrivals

Here are the top 10 websites that gives you information regarding Kuwait airport arrivals.

- FlightStats.com Kuwait International Airport information <u>http://www.flightstats.com/go/Airport/airportDetails.do?airportCode=KWI</u>
- Directorate General of Civil Aviation –
 DGCA.gov.kw <u>http://www.dgca.gov.kw/AxCMSwebLive/ArHome.cms</u>
- 3. KuwaitBusiness.net Flight information service from Kuwait Business <u>http://www.kuwaitbusiness.net/pages/airport.htm</u>
- 4. UK Airport Information Kuwait Airport Arrivals <u>http://www.ukairportinformation.com/arrivals-1038-kuwait - kuwait airport.htm</u>
- 5. BahrainFlights.com Bahrain Flights <u>http://www.bahrainflights.com/Flights_Arrivals.aspx</u>
- 6. Flights <u>http://www.bahrainflights.com/Flights_Arrivals.aspx</u>
- Airport Guide Kuwait International Airport Flight Arrivals <u>http://airportguide.com/flight-arrivals/Kuwait/Kuwait-OKBK-KWI/</u>

- Khaleej Times Online Kuwait Airport Arrivals / Departures <u>http://www.khaleejtimes.com/kuwait_city_airport_arrivals_departures.asp</u>
- iFly.com Kuwait International Airport Flight Status Arrivals <u>http://www.ifly.com/kuwait-KWI-airport/KWI-airport-flight-status-arrivals</u>
- CheapFlights.com Airport Guide to Kuwait <u>http://www.cheapflights.com/airports/kuwait-KWI/</u>

Kuwait Entry Restrictions

Weblink: <u>https://kuwaitvisa.com/travel-restrictions/</u>

Travelers going to Kuwait may face certain restrictions depending on where they come from and when they go. This is especially true as of the 2019/2020 outbreak of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Usually, there are not many travel restrictions to Kuwait. Most travelers are required to have either a **Kuwaiti electronic visa (eVisa)** or consular visa. There are also long-standing bans for citizens of just 2 countries, who are not permitted to enter Kuwait.

The COVID-19 outbreak has led many countries around the world to introduce restrictions on travel to and from certain places and Kuwait is no exception.

Transport and visas have been suspended between Kuwait and a number of countries, with nationals of certain sovereign states being temporarily banned from entering. Any traveler who has visited affected regions face similar restrictions.

Restrictions on Travel to Kuwait Due to Coronavirus

Kuwait has been steadily increasing its travel restrictions in an effort to control the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and prevent more cases of the disease in its population.

There have been over 60,000 confirmed cases of coronavirus in Kuwait so far.

On Saturday 7 March 2020, all flights were suspended to the following 7 countries:

- Bangladesh
- Egypt
- India
- Lebanon
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Syria

Kuwait also introduced an entry ban on **anyone who has been in any of these 7 sovereign states within the last 2 weeks**, apart from its own citizens. Kuwaiti nationals who have visited the banned countries may return to Kuwait, but must be quarantined.

On March 13, all commercial flights to and from Kuwait were suspended.

Kuwait has also **stopped issuing visas** to foreign nationals in an attempt to curb the spread of COVID-19.

As of August 1st, **commercial flights have resumed** to the country. At present, however, most international passengers are still not allowed to enter Kuwait. The only exceptions made for arriving travelers are the following cases:

- Kuwaiti nationals or first-degree family members of a citizen resident holding an OK TO TRAVEL Authorization from a Kuwaiti embassy
- Passengers that hold a resident permit for the country issued by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health (unless they have visited Bangladesh, India, Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan or the Philippines less than 14 days before arrival)
- Travelers who hold an expired resident permit that is sponsored by the Kuwaiti Ministry of Health (unless they have visited Bangladesh, India, Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan or the Philippines less than 14 days before arrival)
- Domestic workers who hold an OK TO TRAVEL from a Kuwaiti embassy and who are accompanied by a Kuwaiti national
- Diplomatic and UN passport holders and UNESCO members who hold prior approval from governmental authorities.

In addition to these restrictions, all travelers that are permitted to enter must also hold a **negative COVID-19 PCR test** certificate. This must have been issued no more than 96 hours before arrival in Kuwait.

Furthermore, passengers arriving in the country will undergo mandatory medical screening. They will also be required to **isolate for 14 days** and sign a declaration agreeing to follow quarantine measures imposed by the Kuwaiti health ministry.

Residents of Kuwait however, currently may not enter the country under any circumstances if they have been in Bangladesh, India, Iran, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Pakistan or the Philippines in the **past 14 days** before their arrival.

Who Requires a PRC Medical Certificate

The news about the aforementioned travel ban came shortly after an announcement on March 3 that all nationals of the following 10 countries would have to undergo a medical examination and be given a PCR Certificate from a health center approved by a Kuwait Embassy.

- Azerbaijan
- Bangladesh
- Egypt

- Georgia
- India
- Lebanon
- Philippines
- Sri Lanka
- Syria
- Turkey

The PCR medical certificate requirement began on 8 March 2020.

However, since **travel has now been banned from 7 of these countries**, this requirement now only affects Azerbaijani, Georgian, and Turkish travelers, as well as citizens of the other nations who have not visited their home country in the past 2 weeks.

When flights are resumed between Kuwait and India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, and the Philippines, nationals of these countries will have to obtain the PRC certificate to prove they are free of COVID-19 infection.

As of the resumption of commercial flights to the country from August 1st, **all arriving travelers** must hold a negative PCR test certificate. This must be issued under 96 hours before flying to Kuwait.

Previously Announced Travel Restrictions Due to COVID-19

Prior to the latest announcements regarding restrictions on travel to Kuwait, **all travel had been banned between Kuwait and the following countries**:

- China
- Hong Kong
- Iran
- Iraq
- Italy
- Japan
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Thailand

All citizens of China, including Hong Kong, are currently prohibited from entering Kuwait and will not have their visa applications approved until this decision is reversed. This will likely be when the COVID-19 outbreak is considered to be under control.

General Travel Restrictions to Kuwait

Under normal circumstances, there are **few restrictions on traveling to Kuwait**. Travelers of most nationalities cannot enter the country without the following:

- A Kuwait visa
- A passport with at least 6 months' validity and at least one blank page for stamps

Citizens of the other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states can normally visit Kuwait without a visa and passport, using only their National ID Cards.

However, as of February 2020, as part of the precautionary measures against COVID-19, GCC nationals can no longer use their National ID Cards and **must travel with a valid passport**.

Nationals of 54 sovereign states and territories (including the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, and the majority of European countries) can apply online for a Kuwait eVisa. Similarly, foreign residents of GCC member states can obtain the eVisa, regardless of their nationality. Eligible travelers can acquire this by completing the Kuwait eVisa online application. This is quick and simple to complete and means that the applicant does not have to go to a Kuwaiti embassy. Instead, they can apply from the comfort of their own home or office.

Who Is Not Allowed to Visit Kuwait?

Citizens of Israel and Ethiopia are not permitted to enter Kuwait.

Kuwait's ban on travel from the former stems from the **Arab League boycott on Israel**. A number of Arab states impose a similar ban on Israeli citizens.

Kuwait's ban extends to **any foreign national who has visited Israel** and officials will check visitors at border control for signs that they have crossed the Israeli border. If the traveler's **passport has been stamped by Israel**, they will be refused entry to Kuwait.

Kuwait has also been known to introduce **temporary visa bans**, as it did against Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Yemen in 2011, for example.

In 2016, it banned visas temporarily for religious personalities deemed "controversial".

Due to COVID-19, there are a number of other countries whose citizens are temporarily banned from entering Kuwait, including China, Hong Kong, and Italy.

Restrictions on Individual Travelers

Sometimes, Kuwait will impose a **travel ban on certain individuals**. This may be because they have previously committed an infraction on Kuwaiti soil, have been involved in a financial dispute, or are deemed a security risk by immigration authorities.

Travel advice for Kuwait to avoid picking up a travel ban include the following:

- Do not overstay the terms of your visa
- Abide by Kuwaiti law while in the country
- Avoid altercations with the police
- Do not take employment unless you have the relevant permission and paperwork

One reason why an individual may be denied entry to Kuwait is that **on a previous visit they did not pass through Kuwaiti exit control** (e.g. if they departed via military air), which can give the appearance that they have overstayed their visa.

Foreign soldiers and military contractors who are stationed in or temporarily in Kuwait are advised to **go through the proper entry and exit procedures** for Kuwait and notify the relevant authorities.

Most common Kuwait visa refusal reasons:

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/most-common-kuwait-visa-refusal-reasons/

Unless you are a passport holder of one of 6 exempt nations, travelers who wish to visit Kuwait are required to apply for a electronic visa.

Before the Kuwait eVisa was introduced, visitors had to travel to an embassy or visit a consulate in person in order to request a traditional visa for Kuwait. Alternately, another option was to queue at the border and apply for a visa on arrival.

That has been solved with the online eVisa Kuwait. This eVisa allows citizens from eligible countries to apply online without going through the time-consuming hassle of having to visit an embassy or consulate, nor queue at the border when they arrive.

Foreign nationals except for passport holders from the countries that belong to the Gulf Cooperation Council, otherwise known as GCC, do need to file for a Kuwait visa. The GCC is a political and economic alliance comprised of 6 Middle Eastern countries: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman.

All other foreign nationals requesting a Visa for Kuwait are advised to carefully review all forms and requirements prior to submitting them. Any errors or inaccuracies in the forms or documents submitted to support your Kuwait visa application may result in delays, and, on occasion, even in a rejected Kuwait visa.

Why Would a Kuwait Visa Be Denied? Weblink: <u>https://kuwaitvisa.com/most-common-kuwait-visa-refusal-reasons/</u>

The most common reasons why a Kuwait visa may be rejected are generally:

- There is an error in the visa application forms.
- There is an inconsistency within the information supplied.
- The Kuwaiti Immigration authorities' visa requirements have not been met.
- Incomplete Information or Missing Requirements as Grounds for Kuwait Visa Denial.

- A visa application for Kuwait may be rejected simply because the applicant has failed to submit all the necessary information or accompanying documentation required for their visa to be approved.
- It is for that reason that applicants are duly advised to double-check as they fill in their application form for a Kuwait eVisa, as well as make sure that every required document included is valid before submitting their request.
- Past and Present Criminal Associations or Records as Grounds for Kuwait Visa Refusal.
- The past and current inclinations, actions, and records pertaining to a foreign national applying for a visa are decisive when immigration officials consider an applicant's Kuwait visa request.
- In the event that the foreign visitor requesting a Kuwait visa is considered a threat to the public security or public health of Kuwait and its inhabitants, the individual's visa request is extremely likely to be denied.
- Some examples of this scenario that may cause a failure to obtain a Kuwait visa may include ties to terrorist organization and individuals, drug abuse, child abuse, different addictions, amongst other serious crimes.
- False or Altered Identities or Documentation as Grounds for Kuwait Visa Being Denied
- Foreign nationals presenting altered or false identity documents such as fake IDs or passports, false sponsorship letters, etc. along with their visa application for Kuwait are highly likely to be denied a Kuwait visa.
- Individuals misrepresenting their identities whether in an embassy or consulate, while requesting a Kuwait visa in person, or, on the internet, while requesting a Kuwait eVisa online, will undoubtedly have their visa refused.
- Damaged Documentation as a Reason for Kuwait Visa to be refused.
- Another reason Kuwaiti Immigration officers may deny a visa application could be due to an applicant's passport not being in good condition. It is for this precise reason that travelers applying for a Kuwait visa, or for any other visa, are highly advised to keep their passports in a safe place, and, in mint condition.
- Presenting a partially or completely torn passport, a passport missing all or part of its cover, a passport with a completely or partly detached cover, a passport with one or more pages missing or detached could result in a refused visa, whether it is being requested for Kuwait, or any other nation.
- Passport Invalidity as a Reason for Kuwait Visa Application Denied.
- Kuwaiti authorities, as do many other countries' immigration officials, are highly likely to deny visa applications for which individuals have presented a passport that does not have a minimum remaining validity period of six months.
- Immigration authorities usually require that a foreign national's passport have at least 2 blank pages left in order to issue a visa. Therefore, in the event that yous fullr passport i or nearly full, so much so that you do not have 2 blank pages remaining, you are advised to request a new passport before applying for a visa for Kuwait.

Kuwait Visa Requirements for Bangladeshi Nationals in GCC Countries

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/requirements-for-bangladeshi-citizens/

Bangladeshi Nationals who hold a **residency permit for a GCC country** are eligible to **apply for a Kuwait visa**. The travel **eVisa can be easily obtained via online application**.

The GCC countries consist of six countries: **Oman**, **Saudi Arabia**, **Qatar**, **Bahrain**, the **United Arab Emirates** and Kuwait.

This guide explains the **requirements for applying for a Kuwait travel visa** and how to apply for it.

How to Apply for a Kuwait Visa for Bangladeshi Citizens in GCC Countries?

The following points list the requirements for Bangladeshi nationals applying for a Kuwait travel visa online:

- In order to obtain a travel eVisa for Kuwait, it's necessary to **possess a residence permit** for a GCC country which is valid for at least 6 months upon your date of entry to Kuwait.
- Applicants must have a **Bangladeshi passport** which is valid for a minimum of 6 months upon entering Kuwait.
- Once your visa is **sent to you by email**, it should be printed off, ready for your visit to Kuwait and presentation at the Kuwaiti border. It should also be carried on your person at all time throughout your trip in Kuwait.

It is always necessary to ensure other documentation, such as your **Bangladeshi passport and GCC residence card** are on your person at all times during your visit in Kuwait, as well.

Online application for the Citizens from Bangladesh:

Weblink: https://application.kuwaitvisa.com/application?option=BD

The Kuwait eVisa Application Process for Bangladeshi Nationals

The process for **applying for a visa online** is as easy as completing an application form with your passport details, personal details and details of your planned visit to Kuwait.

Upon entering your personal details, ensure that they are correct, as failure to provide accurate information could result in an invalid visa. It is also necessary to check the expiration dates on both your Bangladeshi passport and GCC residence permit, as both must be valid for at least 6 months upon entering Kuwait.

The application also requires a passport copy of the biometric page.

Once the travel eVisa has been processed by the Ministry of Interior of the State of Kuwait, your **approved travel eVisa for Kuwait** will be sent to your via email. You should print your visa

and present it at border control upon entering Kuwait. As mentioned above, the Kuwait travel visa should be carried with you at all times.

Traveling to Kuwait from GCC Countries with a Bangladeshi Passport

The **Kuwait eVisa permits** a stay of up to 90 days and is a single entry visa only. It cannot be used past its expiration date.

The Kuwaiti Embassies located in the GCC countries are listed below with contact details:

Kuwaiti Embassy in Doha, Qatar

West Bay – Al Dafna, Diplomatic Area, P.O. Box 1177, Doha, Qatar Tel: (+974) 4483 2111 (+966) 4483 2112

Kuwaiti Embassy in Muscat, Oman

Khuwair Street, League of Arab States, Diplomatic Quarter, Muscat, Oman Tel: (+968) 246 99626 (+968) 246 99627

Kuwaiti Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Diplomatic Quarter, P.O. Box 94304, Riyadh 11693, Saudi Arabia Tel: (+966) 11 488 3500 (+966) 11 488 3201

Kuwaiti Embassy in Manama, Bahrain

Villa 76, Road 1702, Block 317, P.O. Box 786, Manama, Bahrain Tel: (+973) 17 534 040

Kuwaiti Embassy in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Airport Road, Street 23,

Almushref Area, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates Tel: (+971) 2 447 7146

Everything you need to know before you travel to Kuwait:

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/travel-to-kuwait/

Kuwait is an intriguing, fascinating destination and there is a number of reasons why **Kuwait tourism** is on the rise. The unique architecture, interesting museums, stunning beaches, and rich culture are just a few.

Before you **travel to Kuwait** there are some important things to be aware of. It is a conservative country and many things which are a part of everyday life in the west which are illegal in Kuwait. It is essential to have the right travel documentation before **going to Kuwait** (**most people need an online visa**). Choosing the right time to go is also key as it can be unbearably hot in the summer.

This **Kuwait travel guide** will explain everything you need to know before you **visit Kuwait** including the laws, the weather, the necessary documentation, the costs, and **Kuwaiti tourist information.**

Travel to Kuwait: visa requirements

Do I need a visa to travel to Kuwait?

There are only five nationalities which are visa-exempt (Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE). Everyone else needs a visa to enter Kuwait.

People from 52 countries including the **US**, all EU countries, **Canada**, **Australia**, and **Japan**, **can apply online by completing the eVisa form**. Citizens from other countries need to go to an embassy or consulate to apply for various different types of visas.

The **application form** for the electronic visa is straightforward. Applicants just need to enter some basic information, pay the fee, and then the eVisa is sent to them by email. Make sure you don't **overstay your Kuwait visa**.

When is the best time to travel to Kuwait?

The **weather in Kuwait** is generally hot and dry. The summers are hot, humid and run from April to October. It is not the ideal time to go as the temperatures are so high and you have to spend much of the day inside (most buildings are air conditioned).

The **best time to travel to Kuwait** is either in the spring (between March and May) or during autumn (September and October). The temperatures are milder and there is little rain and these are **the best months for enjoying Kuwait's beaches**.

The **winter months** are also pleasant times to go to Kuwait. The daytime is generally warm but the evenings are chilly and there is more rain.

Kuwaiti law and customs

Kuwaiti culture is conservative. The majority of Kuwaitis are Muslim and Islam largely dictates the law as well as customs.

Before **visiting Kuwait** it is important to keep in mind that alcohol, pork, homosexuality, heterosexual sex outside of marriage, cross-dressing, and pornography are illegal.

The holy month of Ramadan is very important and locals must follow a number of strict rules. Although visitors are not expected to fast, **it is illegal to eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum in public** and those who can be fined or even imprisoned.

Is it safe to travel to Kuwait?

Yes it is. As long as visitors carry their passports and **respect the culture** there generally are not problems.

How expensive is visiting Kuwait?

Kuwait is an expensive country to visit. Accommodation ranges from US\$100 to US\$450 and relatively cheap eating options cost around US\$20. The currency in Kuwait is the Kuwaiti Dinar (KD).

Are there many ATMs in Kuwait?

Yes, ATMS are widespread and taking money out generally is not a problem. Most major credit and debit cards are accepted.

Tipping in Kuwait is generally only expected in restaurants where a 10% service charge is often already added to the bill. 10% is a suitable tip for a taxi driver.

Kuwait travel: getting around Kuwait

The two most typical ways of **traveling around Kuwait** are by bus or taxi. Kuwait has a cheap local bus network but the routes are designed for residents, not tourists. The points of interest are normally about a 10 minute walk from the nearest bus stop so it is not a major problem.

Taxis are relatively expensive, especially when traveling outside of city areas. If you want to explore or go on a long journey, it is better to agree on the rate in advance.

Kuwait: key facts

Currency: Kuwaiti dinar (KD) Population: 4 million Capital city: Kuwait City Spoken Languages: Arabic, English Major religion: Islam Life expectancy: 74 years (men), 76 years (women)

What happens if you overstay your Kuwaiti Visa in Kuwait?

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/overstay-kuwaiti-visa/

The **Online Kuwait Visa expires after 30 days**. If a visitor stays in the country for longer than this duration they will have overstayed and will **need to pay a fine**.

Thankfully, the **consequences of exceeding the time limit of stay in Kuwait are not criminal**. You would not spend time in prison or face deportation. However, you would not be allowed to leave the country until the fine was paid.

There are numerous reasons why **overstaying a Kuwait Visa** might be necessary. If this is the case it is important to be aware of how much this will cost you. In addition, there are **alternatives which allow you to avoid the fine**.

Visitors can renew their Kuwait Visa either online (if they are outside the country) or do it from within the country by submitting an application to the immigration department. This allows you to avoid the **fine for visa expiry in Kuwait**.

The Kuwaiti Visa overstay penalty

The fine for **overstaying your tourist visa in Kuwait is KD10 (roughly \$US33) per day**. You cannot leave the country until the fine is paid. The overstay fine in Kuwait needs to be paid at the Immigration Department in Shuwaikh.

If you know the day you need to leave you **can pay the fine in advance**, saving the last minute rush on the day of your flight. The office is open during normal working hours. **You cannot pay fines at the airport**.

Alternatively, there are different ways to **extend your Kuwait Visa** which allow you to avoid the **fine for visa expiry in Kuwait**.

How to extend your Kuwait Visa?

If you know you are going to overstay your Kuwait Online visa, there are two different ways of **getting your Kuwait visa extended**. You can renew your Kuwait Online Visa or you can apply for an extension at the Immigration Department.

Weblink of online visa: https://application.kuwaitvisa.com/application

Applying for a Kuwait Online Visa renewal

Renewing a Kuwait eVisa is only possible if you are outside of the country. If you are in Kuwait it is possible to fly to Bahrain and back in the same day as the flight is **only 40 minutes**.

The process for renewing a Kuwait eVisa is as quick and straightforward as the original application. It can sometimes be even quicker as the security screening has already been performed. It takes just a few minutes and there are only a **couple of minor differences on the Kuwait Visa application form**:

- You must indicate that you have previously been to Kuwait when prompted (be selecting 'Yes').
- You must provide the reference number of your previous Kuwait eVisa when asked.

Overstaying your tourist visa in Kuwait: Visa extension from the Immigration Department

Applying for a visa extension in Kuwait is possible but not as simple as applying for the original visa. Visitors can apply for a one month extension of the Kuwait online visa by completing an application at the Immigration Department before their visa expires. Posted in: About the eVisa for Kuwait

Is it possible to extend Kuwait Online Visa while in Kuwait?

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/extend-kuwaiti-online-visa-in-kuwait/

The **Kuwaiti Online Visa** is valid for one month from its date of issue, after this period the visa is no longer valid. It is a single-entry visa meaning that it cannot be used to enter Kuwait for a second time, even if it is within the 30 day window.

There are countless reasons why a visitor may want or need to stay in Kuwait for longer than 30 days, if this is the case, it is necessary to apply for a **Kuwait visa extension**.

There are different ways of **getting your Kuwaiti visa extended**. The **online visa application can be quickly completed from outside the country**. If you are still in Kuwait it is more complicated. Weblink on extending a Kuwait visa: https://application.kuwaitvisa.com/application

How to get a Kuwait tourist visa extension?

Getting a **visa extension in Kuwait** is possible but it is not as straightforward as applying for the original visa. Visitors can apply for a one month extension of the Kuwait online visa by submitting an application to the Immigration Department before their visa expires.

From outside of Kuwait it is straightforward to apply for a **Kuwaiti visa extension**. One solution is to leave Kuwait, **obtain an eVisa renewal and then return**. It is possible to fly to Bahrain and back again in a single day as the flight is only 40 minutes.

If you stay beyond the 30 day validity without obtaining a **Kuwait entry visa extension**, you will have to pay a fine of KD10 (approximately \$US33) per day. You would not be allowed to leave the country until you pay the total fine.

Kuwait visa extension fines must be paid in the immigration department in Shuwaikh. The office is open during normal working hours and it is possible to pay your fines in advance if you know how long you need to stay

How to apply online for a Kuwait tourist visa extension?

Extending a Kuwait online visa is only possible if you are outside of the country. If you are, the **Kuwait visit visa extension procedure** is as quick and simple as the initial application. It is more or less exactly the same, except for a couple of small differences in the **visa application process**. On the form you must indicate whether you have previously been to Kuwait. This time you must select 'yes' when prompted.

In another part of the application form, you are asked to **provide the reference number of your previous Kuwait tourist visa**. The process of **extending a Kuwait visa** is often quicker that the original application as the screening process has already been completed before.

What happens if I enter the dates of my trip incorrectly on the application?

If you enter the dates of your trip incorrectly on the application and, as a consequence, your visa expires before you need to leave Kuwait, you will need to **extend your Kuwait eVisa.** Similarly, any trip which is postponed or changed, meaning that it no longer falls within the time frame, will require a renewal.

In addition, if you realize that any of the information on the approved Kuwait visa is incorrect, you may also need to go through the renewal process to **obtain a Kuwait visa** with the correct details.

What to do if you need medical care during a trip to Kuwait?

Weblink: https://kuwaitvisa.com/medical-care-trip-kuwait/

When you are in need of medical treatment on holiday in another country it can be stressful and confusing. Fortunately, the standard of **healthcare in Kuwait is excellent** and is comparable to that received in the US and Europe.

The topic of how much foreigners should pay for medical treatment in Kuwait is highly topical. In October 2017 the Kuwaiti Government introduced new charges for foreigners receiving medical care.

The government believe that their healthcare system has been exploited by foreigners looking for cheap and free medical services. The higher fees make it even more important for visitors to to get medical insurance **when traveling to Kuwait as well as a online visa**.

What to do in an emergency in Kuwait?

The phone number for emergencies in Kuwait is 112, like in many countries, and the operators can speak English. Ambulances are only used in genuine emergencies and most people make their own way to the hospital if they can. Ambulances are normally only used for road accidents, it is generally quicker to go by taxi or car.

Medical insurance for Kuwait

If you go on holiday there make sure you get private health insurance for Kuwait. The charges for receiving medical treatment are very high whereas the cost of a policy for a short trip is relatively low.

Do not take the risk of going there without Kuwait medical insurance. Unless you are from a non visa-exempt country it is also necessary to obtain **travel authorization to enter the country**. The Kuwait online **visa application only takes a few minutes to complete**.

Getting medical treatment in Kuwait

Healthcare in Kuwait is regulated by the Ministry of Public Health (MOH). There are public and private health care providers which offer excellent treatment.

Primary health care is provided by clinics which are usually found in community centers. For more serious cases or if you need a more specific type of medical test in Kuwait, the clinic doctors refer patients to the hospital. These clinics deal with routine matters, **for emergencies in Kuwait dial 112 or go directly to a hospital**.

Non-residents can visit any of the clinics. It is important to bring your passport and a copy of your insurance policy. For a list of clinics contact your nearest embassy or consulate.

Buying medicine in Kuwait

You can buy basic non-prescription medicines like cough syrup in supermarkets. However, other medicines and drugs which are widely available in the US and Europe, such as sleeping pills, are prohibited in Kuwait. **Visitors should bring the medicine they need with them**, along with a prescription and a letter from their doctor.

Medical tourism in Kuwait

As part of an effort to crackdown on medical tourism in Kuwait, the government has increased the costs of healthcare for foreigners. It is now much more expensive to pay for medical care if you need it while on a trip there.

Before October 1 last year it was possible to receive many treatments for free or for a small cost, it no longer is. Make sure you get medical insurance for Kuwait before you set off.

Watch out for the heat

Kuwait's climate is very hot and it can be dangerous. Try not to spend long periods in direct sunlight and stay hydrated. If you are not from a hot country, heat stroke and dehydration are real possibilities if you are not careful.

Refugee/Asylum Seekers in Kuwait:

Kuwait 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.

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As of 2019, the number of refugee population in Kuwait was 686. [Source: <u>https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/SM.POP.REFG?locations=KW</u>]

Demography, Migration, and the Labour Market in Kuwait:

Source: http://gulfmigration.org/media/pubs/exno/GLMM EN 2019 03.pdf

As of December 2018, 70 per cent of residents in Kuwait were expatriates. Most came from Asia and especially from India (31 per cent of all foreign residents) as well as from Egypt (21 per cent of all foreign residents). The total number of Bangladeshi nationals was 281,131 (8.7% of the total foreign resident population in Kuwait). Eighty-six per cent of expatriates aged 15 and more were economically active. They accounted for 85 per cent of the total active population and 96 per cent of the private sector's workforce. Asians are mainly involved in the services and craft sectors, while Arabs more often fill managerial posts. Recent flows suggest a shift in recruitment policies towards upgrading expatriates' level of qualifications and occupations, while policies aim to correct the country's "demographic imbalance" and nationalise the labour force. Kuwait also has a sizeable population of stateless residents (the Biduns).