



Sultanate of Oman

Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

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Oman: Visa Options for Bangladeshi Nationals

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and

[Source: <https://visathing.com/country/oman/>]

General Check-list:

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).
- c. If any visa request was refused, details of original letter issued by the authorities of that country would be preferred.

2. Oman 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, 60-80% 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. Covering-Letter:

Covering Letter from applicant name, designation, Passport Number, purpose and outlining who will be responsible for the full costs of the trip – travel, accommodation, expenses etc. Addressed to – The Visa Officer, Embassy of Oman, Dhaka.

5. Invitation Letter:

(If Any)

6. 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)

7. 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.

8. Financials:

- a. Company's or Personal Bank Statement for last six months mentioning the Bank's name, Bank's Telephone Number clearly.
- b. Salary slip for the last six months. (If Any)

9. Ticket & Hotel Reservation:

Ticket Itinerary & Hotel Booking.

[Source: <https://visathing.com/country/oman/>]

Omani major visa options for Bangladeshi Passport holders are:

- Work Visa
- Employment Contract Visa
- Temporary Work Visa
- Student Visa
- Multiple Entry Visa
- Investor Visa

Link for the Online Visa Application: <https://www.rop.gov.om/OnlineServices/eVisa/en/>

Work Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_pr_visas_employment.html

- It is granted at the request and on the responsibility of an employer to a foreigner who is coming to Oman for employment.
- Unless the foreigner is invited by a government organization, a labour permit from the Ministry of Manpower is needed.
- The visa is valid for staying in the country for 2 years as of the date of stamping on the passport.
- This is a multiple-entry visa.

The conditions for obtaining a Work Visa:

- The sponsor must be local (Omani National) and fully qualified, and should be responsible for the correctness of the data provided in the application.
- The age for whom the work visa is requested should not be less than twenty-one (21) years and not be more than sixty (60) years.
- The sponsored person must be of the same sex specified in the "authorized" work permit issued by the Ministry of Manpower of Oman.
- The occupation mentioned in the visa application shall be the same as in the labour permit.

Required Documents:

Application should be done through the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website, and signed by the employer or an authorized signatory. The application should be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs. and should have the following documents enclosed:

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- A copy of the passport, valid for at least six months;
- Work permit issued by the Ministry of Manpower with a copy of it for each application;
- The original and copy of the medical certificate for nationals of certain countries including Bangladesh. The certificate has to be attested by the Ministry of Health;
- Attach a copy of the approval of the concerned authority for some professions such as: teaching professions, religious professions, media and medical professions, etc. ;
- Attach a letter from the Ministry of Manpower for the conditional professions such as engineers and others;
- If the applicant worked previously in Oman and did not complete two years from the date of his last departure, a release letter from the previous employer which is approved by the Directorate General of Passports and Residence is required; and
- Where the application is for the transfer of sponsorship, a release letter from the previous sponsor which is approved by the Ministry of Manpower is required. Offenses including delay fines must be settled.

Fees: Twenty (20) Omani Rials (4475 BDT apporx.). Fines for delaying renewal are (50) fifty Rials for each month.

Employment Contract Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dq_pr_visas_empcontract.html

- It is granted at the request and on the responsibility of an employer to a foreigner whose nature of work involves initial testing by some government organizations prior to employment.
- An approval of the government organization concerned must be provided.
- The visa is valid for stay in the country for 2 months as of the date of entry.
- It is renewable for one more month.
- This is a Single-entry visa.

Required Documents:

Application should be done through the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website, and signed by the employer or an authorized signatory. The application should be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs, and should have the following documents enclosed:

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- Copy of the passport, valid for a period not less than six months;
- Copy of the specimen signature sheet of the authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
- Copy of valid membership card of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and copy of valid commercial registration;
- Letter of approval of the government organization concerned.

Fees: Twenty (20) Omani Rials (4475 BDT apporx.). The fine in case of the visa expiry is (10) ten Rials for each day.

Temporary Work Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dq_pr_visas_tempemployment.html

- It is granted at the request and on the responsibility of an employer to a foreigner who is coming to Oman for temporary work.
- Unless the foreigner is invited by a government organization or the employer is a government organization, a labour permit from the Ministry of Manpower is needed for the Temporary Work Visa.
- The visa is valid as of the date of stamping on the passport for the period as specified in the permit e.g. 4 months, 6 months or 9 months.
- This is a Multiple-entry visa.
- The person for whom the visa is requested shall not be below 21 years.

Required Documents:

Application must be made on the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website, and signed by the employer or by an authorized signatory. The application shall be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs, and should have the following documents enclosed:

- Two photographs (6X4) cm.;
- Copy of the passport, valid for not less than 6 months;
- The Ministry of Manpower's labour permit and copy thereof for every individual application;
- The original and copy of the medical certificate for nationals of certain countries including Bangladesh, which has to be attested by the Ministry of Health;
- Copy of approval of the relevant organization for certain occupations: teaching, religious, media, and medical occupations etc.; and
- If the applicant worked previously in Oman and did not complete two years from the date of his last departure, a release letter from the previous employer which is approved by the Directorate General of Passports and Residence is required.

Fees: Twenty (20) Omani Rials (4475 BDT apporx.).

Student Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dq_pr_visas_student.html

It is granted to a licensed educational / training institution on its responsibility to a foreigner who is coming for study. The visa is as follows:

- Valid for use within 6 months from the date of issuance;
- Valid for staying in Oman for a period of 1 to 2 years as of the date of entry;
- Renewable for a similar period if the holder is to continue his/her studies, which must be supported with a confirmation letter from the educational / training institution; and
- This is a Multiple-entry visa.

Required Documents:

Application must be made on the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website and signed by the employer or an authorized signatory. The application is to be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs, and the following documents should be enclosed:

- Two photographs (6X4) cm;
- Copy of the passport, valid for not less than 6 months;
- Copy of the specimen signature sheet of the authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
- Original and copy of a medical certificate for those coming from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Syria and Nepal;
- Copy of the competent authority's approval for the educational / training institution to host students from abroad;
- Covering letter from the educational / training institution explaining the nature and period of the study course; and
- Copy of the commercial registration, from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, copy of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry membership card, and copy of the specimen signature sheet.

Fees: Thirty (30) Omani Rials (6663 BDT apporx.)

Multiple Entry Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dq_pr_visas_multientry.html

It is granted by the Competent Authority (the Directorate General of Passport and Residence of Oman) to a foreigner who wishes to visit Oman more than once. The holder can enter and stay in the country for a period as specified in the visa. It is granted to the following categories:

- **Un-sponsored** businesspersons who are nationals of countries as specified by the Competent Authority (which changes from time to time). The visa is available at all ports of entry and at Oman's missions abroad in coordination with the Competent Authority where necessary. It is valid for use anytime within a period not less than six months and not more than one year, and the holder is eligible to stay in the country for a period of not more than 3 months in each visit. The applicant is required to substantiate that he/she is a businessperson. This visa can be obtained at an entry port, or through an Omani mission abroad in coordination with the Competent authority.
- **Sponsored** businessperson at the request of a company or a business and under their responsibility as a local sponsor. The visa is valid for use anytime within a period not less than six months and not more than one year, and the holder is eligible to stay in the country for a period of not more than 3 months in each visit. The applicant is required to substantiate that he/she is a businessperson.
- A foreigner who has purchased a land plot or a built plot in an integrated tourist complex but has not completed the registration procedures. The visa can also be granted to any of their first-degree family members, and to the legal representative (maximum two natural persons) of the judicial person, who is the purchaser of the facility. It is valid for a period not less than six months and not more than one year, extendable for a similar period and the holder is eligible to enter the country within the period of its validity. The visa is valid for stay in the country for a period of not more than 3 months in each visit.
- Bangladeshi nationals who hold dual-nationality as Citizens of the United State of America and hold a US passport, can avail a special visa provision for US citizens for a one-year multi-entry tourist visa for fifty Omani Rials (R.O. 50). This visa allows its holder to stay in Oman for 30 days on each visit. It is available either online or upon arrival at a legal port of entry.
- Bangladeshi nationals who hold dual-nationality as Citizens of the United State of America and hold a US passport, can avail a special visa provision for US citizens for a 2-year multi-entry visa for tourism or business for fifty Omani Rials (R.O. 50). This visa allows its holder to stay in Oman for three months on each visit. It is available upon arrival at any legal port of entry.

Required Documents:

Application must be made on the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website and signed by the employer or an authorized signatory. The application is to be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs, and the following documents should be enclosed:

- Two photographs (6X4) cm;
- Copy of the applicant's passport, valid for not less than 6 months;
- Copy of the signature specimen of the authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (for applications made by local sponsors);
- Copy of valid commercial registration and copy of membership card of Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (for applications made by local sponsors); and
- Covering letter signed and stamped by the sponsor stating the purpose of the visit.

Fees: Fifty (50) Omani Rials (11038 BDT approx.)

Investor Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_investor.html

It is granted to a foreigner who wishes to invest money in Oman, based on a certificate issued by the competent authority stating that in the event that the person wishes to reside and work in the company in which the money has been invested, the person must obtain a work permit from the Ministry of Manpower. The visa must be used within six months from the date of issue. The visa shall remain valid for the period specified in the license issued by the competent authority. This is a Multiple-entry visa.

Requirements:

- That the age of the applicant is not less than (21) twenty-one years; and
- The investor or partner must obtain approval from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry to invest in the Sultanate of Oman.

Required Documents:

The application should be filled out in the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the authorized person to sign for it and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities and in English for non-Arab nationalities. The following documents should be enclosed:

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- A copy of the investor's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months;
- Original partnership certificate issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with a copy;
- A copy of the signature form for authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
- The Labour license issued by the Ministry of Manpower, provided that it is stamped with an investor's seal;
- A copy of a valid membership card for the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- A copy of the valid commercial register; and
- For Bangladeshi applicants, original and copy of the medical examination card certified by the Ministry of Health.

Fees: Fifty (50) Omani Rials (11038 BDT approx.)

Other possible visa options are as below:

Family Joining Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_pr_visas_familyjoining.html

The family joining visa is granted to an expatriate employee's spouse and children, below 21 years. It is granted also to a foreign wife of an Omani citizen at his request and according to a Ministry of Interior's certificate validating their marriage. The visa shall be as follows:

- Valid for two years from the date of stamping on the holder's passport; and
- This is a Multiple-entry visa.

Requirements:

- The expatriate spouse of the applicant must be in a senior job according to the GCC standards;
- Living in a residence rented in their name or in the name of their employer;
- Paid a monthly salary of not be less than OMR 600; and
- For an Omani national's foreign wife, a copy of the marriage certificate authenticated by their respective country's embassy, Oman Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and a Ministry of Interior's certificate validating their marriage.

Required Documents:

Application must be made on the electronic form available on the Royal Oman Police website and signed by the employer or an authorized signatory. application should be typed in Arabic for Arab nationals, and in English for non-Arabs, and should have the following documents enclosed:

- Two photographs (6X4) cm;
- Copy of the applicant's passport, valid for not less than 6 months;
- Copy of the specimen signature sheet of the authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, for the private sector;
- Original and copy of a medical certificate approved by the Ministry of Health FOR adults coming from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Syria and Nepal;
- Copy of a form approved by the Ministry of Manpower indicating the employee's details including their job title and salary, or a bank statement of the monthly salary transfers for not less than six months;
- Where the foreign employee wants to bring in their spouse, copy of the marriage certificate authenticated by Oman Ministry of foreign Affairs;
- Copy of the residential lease agreement or document confirming his place of residence; and
- With regard to the wife of an Omani national, copy of the Ministry of Interior's approval, the authenticated marriage certificate and copy of the valid identity card.

Fees: Thirty (30) Omani Rials (6663 BDT approx.) A fine of RO 50 will be charged for delay in the renewal or the registration of the residence permit.

Residential unit owner visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_ownerhouse.html

The competent authority grants it to a foreigner who owns a built unit in one of the integrated tourism complexes in Oman, and it may also be granted to two natural persons who legally represent the owner of the built unit whenever the owner is a legal person. This visa is for two years from the date the visa was stamped into the passport, renewable as long as the property is still in the name of the foreigner. This is a Multiple-entry visa.

Required Documents:

Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the employer and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities and in English for non-Arab nationalities. The required documents are:

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- A copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months;
- A copy of the passport of the foreigner residing in the country wishing to join his family with a copy of the resident card;
- Attach a copy of the property ownership registered in the name of the visa applicant; and
- A letter from the project developer approved by the Ministry of Tourism confirming that the person has purchased a property inside the tourist complex.

Fees: Fifty (50) OMR (11038 BDT approx.)

Owner joining visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_ownerhousejoining.html

The competent authority grants it to the spouse of the foreigner who owns the built unit who has owner's residency in the Sultanate, and to first-degree family members. The visa is valid for two years, renewable, unless the residence of the owner of the housing unit they are enrolled in is revoked. It is a multiple-entry visa.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the property owner and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- A copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months;
- A copy of the passport of the foreigner residing in the country wishing to join his family with a copy of the resident card; and
- Original and copy of the medical examination for arrivals from some countries specified by the Ministry of Health (including India, Pakistan, Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, and Nepal) provided that it is approved by the Ministry of Health.

Fees: 50 OMR (11038 BDT approx.)

Fast Visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_express.html

It is granted by the competent authority upon the request of a local employer for those with higher professions and businessmen, and it is also granted by the Sultanate's representatives abroad in coordination with the competent authority - General Administration of Passports and Residence. It is valid for three weeks from the date of entry into the Sultanate. And it can be extended for (1) for one week and one only.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the employer or authorized to sign for it and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities. and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- A copy of the applicant's passport, provided that it is valid for a period of not less than six months;
- A copy of the signature form for authorized signatories issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry;
- A copy of the valid membership card of the Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry with a copy of the valid commercial register;
- Attach a printed and sealed letter from the employer explaining the purpose of the applicant's presence in the Sultanate; and
- Approval of the competent authorities for some professions such as the medical, media, and religious professions, etc.

Fees: 30 OMR (6663 BDT approx.)

Entry visa in case of emergency

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_emergency.html

It is a visa granted by the competent authority at the port in emergency situations to a foreigner with the intention of performing an urgent task required by the public interest. The visa is granted upon the request of a local sponsor and under his responsibility, provided that the application is submitted sufficiently before the possible date of the foreigner's entry into the Sultanate. The visa entitles its holder to enter the country and reside there for a period of seven days, which can be extended for a similar period. It is for one trip only.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling in the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is signed by the applicant and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- The application is submitted by a local sponsor and under his responsibility, to submit the application sufficient time before the possible date of the foreigner's entry into the Sultanate; and

- Attach a copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months.

Fees: 15 OMR (3332 BDT approx.)

Visas to visit relatives and friends

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_relativevisit.html

It is granted to the relatives and friends of the Omani at his request and under his responsibility. It is also granted to the relatives of the foreigner residing in the country at the request of the employer and under his responsibility. It is valid for three months as a maximum from the date of entry, and it can be extended for a period not exceeding one month and it is for one trip only.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the employer and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm) ;
- A copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months;
- A copy of the identity card for Omanis, the commercial registry certificate, the affiliation certificate, and the signature form for companies and commercial establishments;
- Documents that prove the relationship of kinship;
- A copy of the passport of the resident foreign person to be visited (to verify the degree of kinship); and
- A letter of commitment from the sponsor to bear a guaranteed responsibility during his visit to the Sultanate, indicating the degree of kinship in it.

Fees: 20 OMR (4475 BDT approx.)

Official visit visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_officalvisit.html

This visa is granted to a foreigner who wishes to enter the Sultanate for an official visit based on a request submitted by the government agency. It is valid for three months from the date of entry, and it can be extended for a similar period. It is for one trip only.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is signed by the concerned employee of the government unit and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities;

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- Bring a copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months; and
- A letter from the sponsoring government agency explaining the purpose of the visit.

Fees: 20 OMR (4475 BDT apporx.)

Technical band visa:

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_troupe.html

It is granted at the request of a local business owner and under his responsibility. It is valid for three months from the date of entry. It can be extended for a similar period, provided the license is renewed, provided that the extension period does not exceed the validity period of the license. It is for one trip only.

The conditions for obtaining a visa:

The employer must obtain approval from the competent authorities.

Required Documents:

Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the employer or authorized to sign for it and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities with the following documents attached:

- Two personal photos (4 x 6 cm);
- The license issued by the Ministry of Tourism indicates the names of the members of the technical band;
- A copy of the applicant's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months;
- Bring a medical examination stating that the sponsored person is free from contagious diseases certified by the Ministry of Health and includes all nationalities without exception; and
- Approval of the General Department of Operations at the Royal Oman Police in the event of holding parties.

Fees: 20 OMR (4475 BDT apporx.)

Truck or bus drivers visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_truckdriver.html

It is granted to foreign truck or bus drivers and their assistants, in accordance with the controls specified for this by the competent authority (General Directorate of Passports and Residence). It is valid for (60) sixty days, and it allows its bearer to stay in the country for one week for drivers residing in one of the GCC countries and one month for drivers of

vegetable trucks coming from the Levant, and it is also granted to truck drivers coming from Turkey and Jordan to the markets of the Sultanate. It is a multiple entry visa. The period of stay may be extended when necessary and for a similar period.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form to the port of entry;
- He must have a valid passport for a period of not less than (6 six months);
- To have residency in one of the Gulf Cooperation Council states for residents of the GCC countries; and
- To have a heavy driving license authorizing him to drive within the Sultanate in accordance with the Traffic Law.

Fees: 20 OMR (4475 BDT apporx.)

Air transit visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_airtransit.html

It is granted by the competent authority at airports to the foreigner based on an application submitted by the carrier airline, and it authorizes its holder to enter the country for one time and stay there for a maximum period of (72 hours). It is valid for (72) hours from the date of entry. It is for one trip only.

The conditions for obtaining a visa:

To have enough money to cover expenses and to have a valid ticket to continue travel.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form to the port of entry signed and sealed by the relevant employee of the airline company;
- To have a passport valid for a period of not less than six months; and
- To have a valid travel ticket to continue travel.

Fees: 5 OMR (1120 BDT apporx.)

Land transit visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_transit.html

It is granted by the Sultanate's representations abroad in coordination with the competent authority (the General Administration of Passports and Residence). It may be granted from the land ports specified by the competent authority with the controls and procedures it sets, and it authorizes its bearer to cross the Sultanate's lands to and from neighboring countries through the land ports specified by the competent authority. The visa can be used for a period not exceeding six months. It is valid for five days from the date of entry. It is for only one trip, or the residents' round-trip.

The conditions for obtaining a visa:

In order to obtain this visa, the foreigner must be a national of the neighboring country, or hold an entry visa.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form to the entry port or to the Sultanate's representatives in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, after filling in information therein;
- The person must have an entry visa to the neighboring country or a valid residence in one of the neighboring countries; and
- To have a passport valid for a period of not less than six months.

Fees: 5 OMR (1120 BDT apporx.)

Seafarers' transit visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_seatransit.html

It is granted upon the request of the ship's agent and under the agent's responsibility to the ship crew members who wish to leave the Sultanate through the air ports. It is also open to the ship crews who wish to enter the Sultanate through the air ports to join their ships. The application needs to be submitted sufficient time before the departure of the ship they are arriving on or wanting to join. It is valid for a period not exceeding seven days from the date of entry. It is valid for only one trip.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is approved and certified by the employer and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- Attach a copy of a valid sailors' license in addition to a copy of the passport;

Fees: 5 OMR (1120 BDT apporx.)

Scientific research visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_research.html

The competent authority (the General Directorate of Passports and Residence) grants it, upon the request of a competent local authority and under its responsibility, to the foreigner coming for the purposes of scientific research, provided that the requesting party attends the approval of other competent government agencies according to the type of research, and the Sultanate's representatives abroad in coordination with the competent authority. It enables its holder to stay in the country for a period of one month. It can be extended for a period not exceeding two months. It is for one trip only.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application by filling out the electronic form on the Royal Oman Police website, provided that it is signed by the requesting party and printed in Arabic for Arab nationalities, and in English for non-Arab nationalities;
- To have a copy of a valid passport for a period of not less than six months; and
- Approval of the competent government agencies according to the type of scientific research to be performed.

Fees: 50 OMR (11038 BDT approx.)

Tourist visit visa

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_tourist.html

The competent authority grants it to the foreigner who wishes to enter the Sultanate for the purpose of tourism, and the visa entitles its holder to enter and reside in the country for a period not exceeding (one month), according to the foreigner's request. This type of visa can be extended for a period similar to the period of the granted visa, and it can be obtained from the legal outlets according to the list of specific countries by the competent authority. It can also be granted under the sponsorship of tourism companies that have a license to practice tourism activity for all nationalities, according to the terms and controls. It is valid for thirty days. It will be extended for a similar duration.

Procedures for issuing a tourist visa other than the list of countries No. (1) [Bangladesh is not included in the list of countries No. (1)]

[please see: <https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/countrylist1.html>]

This type of visa is issued by the General Administration of Passports and Residence or one of its branches at the request of a local sponsor and under its responsibility (one of the tourism companies or national hotels in the Sultanate that has a tourist permit).

Required Documents:

- Submitting the electronic visa application form through a local sponsor and under his responsibility (one of the tourism companies, tourist offices or hotels that have a tourist permit);
- Attach a letter submitted by the sponsor to the foreign sponsorship application approved by the sponsor or the authorized signatory and sealed with the institution's seal;
- Attach a copy of the valid commercial register, the membership certificate in the chamber and a copy of the signature form;
- Attach a copy of the foreigner's passport, valid for a period of not less than six months; and
- Attach two personal photos (4X6) cm.

Fees: 20 OMR (4475 BDT approx.)

Joint visa with the State of Qatar:

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_qatar.html

In implementation of the efforts of the government of the Sultanate and the sisterly State of Qatar to revitalize the tourism sector between the two countries, it was agreed to facilitate tourism exchange by issuing joint tourist entry visas according to a list approved by both sides, so that a foreign tourist with a tourist visa issued by the State of Qatar can enter the Sultanate without paying any Fees provided that he does not enter another country before the Sultanate under that visa and vice versa. It is valid for one month, extendable. It is for only one trip.

Required Documents:

If the visa is granted by the Sultanate, the foreigner must fill in the form designated for that and put a stamp on his passport with the phrase "allowing him to enter the State of Qatar." The presence of a visa granted to him by the State of Qatar and sealed in the passport of the foreigner if he is coming from Qatar with a stamp containing the phrase allowing him to enter the Sultanate of Oman.

Fees: Free of charge if he is coming from Qatar, provided the stamp indicates that it is a joint visa, and an amount of 20 OMR (4475 BDT apporx.) if the visa is granted from the Sultanate

Visit visa for passengers and navigators of cruise ships

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dq_pr_visas_shipcrew.html

It is granted by the competent authority to the passengers and navigators of cruise ships with following provisions:

1. Passenger and navigator visa for cruise ships for a period of (48) hours or less, while;
 - The competent authority grants it upon the request of the cruise ship's agent and under the agent's responsibility to the passengers and navigators of the cruise ships who wish to visit the country with the intention of tourism. The visa entitles its holder to enter and stay in the country for a period not exceeding (48) forty-eight hours (paid for free);
 - A visit visa for the passengers and navigators of cruise ships for a period of more than forty-eight hours and not exceeding ten days; and
 - The competent authority grants it at the request of the cruise ship's agent and under the agent's responsibility to the passengers and navigators of the cruise ships who wish to visit the country with the intention of tourism. (5) Five OMR fee is applicable for each visa.
2. A one-month visitation visa for cruise ship passengers: -
 - The competent authority grants it upon the request of the cruise ship's agent and under the agent's responsibility to the passengers and navigators of the cruise ships who wish to visit the country with the intention of tourism. The visa entitles its holder to enter and stay in the country for a period of one month;
 - Validity : According to its type, as mentioned above; and
 - Number of trips: only one trip.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form at the port of entry; and
- To have a passport valid for a period of not less than six month.

Resident visa in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_aqcc.html

It is granted from all outlets and from the Sultanate's representatives in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf for foreigners residing in the Gulf countries and wishing to visit the Sultanate for the purpose of tourism for those with professions approved by the competent authority (the General Administration of Passports and Residence). It is valid for twenty-eight days from the date of entry into the Sultanate, and it is renewable for one week only. It has only one trip.

The conditions for obtaining a visa:

- The resident must come from one of the GCC countries.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form to the entry port employee or the Sultanate's representatives in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, after filling in required information therein;
- The person must have a valid residence in one of the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States;
- To have a passport valid for a period of not less than six months;
- Submit proof of his profession in the Gulf country granting residency; and
- Submit proof of coming from the country granting residency directly or through one of the Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States.

Fees: 5 OMR (1120 BDT apporx.)

Accompanying visa for citizens of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf

Weblink: https://www.rop.gov.om/arabic/dg_pr_visas_qcc.html

It is granted in all outlets of the Sultanate and the Sultanate's representations abroad to foreigners residing with citizens of the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf of the categories determined by the competent authority (General Administration of Passports and Residence) provided that their entry into the Sultanate is accompanied by their sponsor or a member of his family, and it may also be granted to a foreigner who is the wife of a citizen of a country The Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, provided that her entry into the Sultanate is accompanied by the husband or one of his family members. It is valid for one month from the date of entry into the Sultanate. It can be extended for a similar period. It is for only one trip.

Required Documents:

- Submit the application form to the entry port employee or the Sultanate's representatives in the countries of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, after filling in required information therein;
- That the person has a copy of the foreigner's valid residence permit in one of the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council for the Arab Gulf States;
- To have a copy of a valid passport for a period of not less than six months; and
- The foreigner must be accompanying a member of the GCC countries or a member of his family.

Fees: 5 OMR (1120 BDT apporx.), subject to the application of the principle of reciprocity in collecting the fee.

Refugee/Asylum Seekers in Oman:

Oman 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>]

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[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 Oman was 318.

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

Demography, Migration, and the Labour Market in Oman

[Source: https://gulfmigration.org/media/pubs/exno/GLMM_EN_2018_07.pdf]

As of November 2018, estimates of the Sultanate's total population stood at 4,655,366, of whom 2,047,690 (44 per cent) were foreign nationals. Foreign workers are overwhelmingly from the Asian subcontinent: Indians, Bangladeshis, and Pakistanis together make up 86 per cent of the total workforce and 93 per cent of the male workforce in 2018. Eighty-six per cent of all foreign workers were employed in the private sector that year, and 11 per cent were filling managerial and "white collar" posts. The flow of foreign workers to Oman rose over the 2000s up until 2016 but has been decreasing since then. High levels of youth unemployment and poverty spurred popular protests in 2011, which slowed down economic diversification and private sector's development process. New cases of unrest late 2017 prompted the government to enact bans on recruiting foreign labourers in several economic

sectors and to create government jobs. Omanisation quotas are also enforced and the hiring of Omani nationals in every business has become mandatory. Since 2010, frequent amnesty and deportations campaigns have also targeted foreign residents in irregular situation.

As of mid-2017, expatriates were estimated to number 2,054,594. Asian nationalities dominated numerically among them. Indian and Bangladeshi nationals alone made up almost three-quarters (72.3 per cent) of all resident expatriates that year (Table 1). Arab nationalities are much less numerous and the largest national group among them (the Egyptians) does not make up more than 2.3 per cent of all foreign nationals, with 47,000 residents in Oman. Also noteworthy is the diversification of nationalities residing in the Sultanate: nationals from African countries (Tanzania and Uganda) joined other, mainly Asian nationalities. Diversifying the source of recruitment of labourers is a strategy used in several Gulf countries to subvert claims of abuses and demands for better salaries from numerous national groups. Besides, demand for new, cheap and docile workforce in the Gulf States meets poor African countries' growing needs (or perception thereof) for emigration outlets.

Table 1:

Oman's foreign resident population by country of citizenship and sex ratio (selected nationalities, mid-2017)

	Total Foreign Residents		Sex Ratio (men/100 women)
	Number	%	
India	766,735	37.3	706
Bangladesh	718,856	35.0	1,654
Pakistan	268,868	13.1	1,166
Philippines	45,213	2.2	41
Indonesia	14,155	0.7	5
Sri Lanka	20,003	1.0	50
Nepal	16,580	0.8	166
Uganda	20,886	1.0	1
Tanzania	17,077	0.8	11
Ethiopia	13,572	0.7	1
Egypt	46,970	2.3	174
Other nationalities	105,679	5.1	135
Total	2,054,594	100.0	515

Source: NCSI, Population Statistics, Issue 7, 2017.