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

Bangladeshi citizens require ensuring visa prior to entering Mauritius. As there is no Embassy or Consulate of Mauritius in Bangladesh, application has to be made at the Mauritius High Commission in India.

### **Address:**

Mauritius High Commission

EP 41, Jesus & Mary Marg,

Bapu Dham, Chanakyapuri

New Delhi-110021, India

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### **Visa**

Weblink:

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Visa-Requirements-in-Mauritius.aspx>

A visa is an official acknowledgement issued by the Immigration Office/Embassy/Consulate of Mauritius, indicating that your application to enter Mauritius has been reviewed by an Immigration Officer and that the officer has determined that you are eligible to enter or transit in Mauritius for a specific purpose.

A visa, therefore, simply allows the bearer to travel to Mauritius up a port of entry and does not implicitly guarantee right of admission into Mauritius. The final decision to admit a non-citizen rests with the Immigration Officer after examination at the point of entry in Mauritius. He/she decides how long the person can stay for any particular visit.

### **Fees**

Visas and Extensions of stay are issued free of charge.

### **Categories of persons who are exempted from Visa**

The following persons are exempted from Visa Regulations:-

- (a) Citizens of Mauritius;
- (b) Persons who are residents of Mauritius under the Immigration Act;
- (c) The Spouse of a citizen of Mauritius;
- (d) The child or step child or lawfully adopted child of persons referred to at (a) and (b) above;
- (e) Holders of Diplomatic Passports other than those issued by the Government of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Yemen;

(f) Crew of a vessel travelling on duty or in transit to join another vessel;

(g) Holders of Laissez-passer issued by the United Nations, SADC or from other internationally recognized organizations, and

(h) Persons who intend to remain in Mauritius only during the stay of a vessel by which they arrive and depart.

### **Who Needs a Visa?**

All persons need a visa coming from countries which are not exempted from visa requirements.

**All persons coming to Mauritius for purposes other than Tourism, Visit or Business need to apply for a visa/permit before undertaking any travel.**

### **General Information**

- Non-citizens travelling to Mauritius without a visa (if required) may be repatriated to their country of origin or residence at the transporting carrier's cost.
- Any person who stays in Mauritius after the expiry of the period for which he obtained a visa or entry permit as the case may be, shall commit an offence and shall be liable for prosecution by a Court of Law.
- Non-citizens travelling to Mauritius as tourists/visitors are not allowed to engage in any gainful activities or apply for extension of visa to follow studies/training courses.
- Any person who wishes to seek employment or to engage in any gainful occupation in Mauritius will not be allowed to enter Mauritius unless he is the holder of valid residence permit and a work permit issued by the Mauritian Authorities.
- Prospective students are advised to travel to Mauritius only after their application for study/training in Mauritius has been approved.
- Non-Citizens coming to celebrate their marriage in Mauritius should comply with the requirements of Civil Status Act.
- A non-citizen coming to get married to a Mauritian should fulfill the requirements under the Civil Status Act.
- Non-citizens coming to Mauritius for business may apply for an Occupation Permit to Passport and Immigration Officer through Board of Investment as Investor, Self-Employed and Professional.

### **Any person entering Mauritius must:**

Weblink:

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Passport-Requirements-and-Travel-information.aspx>

- Hold a valid Passport or any other recognized travel document, with expiry date beyond the intended period of stay
- Hold the appropriate Visa or Entry/Residence Permit as applicable.
- Hold a valid return/onward passage tickets to his/her country of origin or residence.
- Have sufficient funds to meet the costs of stay in Mauritius (A minimum of 100 U.S Dollars per day).
- Have a confirmed booking for accommodation in Mauritius.
- Be eligible to re-enter his/her country of origin or residence.

### **Documents to be submitted for Visa application**

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<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Documents-to-be-Submitted-for-Visa-application.aspx>

The following documents should be submitted for a Visa to enter Mauritius:

- Visa Application Form duly filled and signed by applicant. [click here](#)
- Two recent passport-size photos of the applicant.
- Photocopy of the data pages of applicant's passport.
- A copy of the Residence Permit. (Applicable for applicants not residing in their country of origin). Same to be valid for at least three months after proposed date of departure from Mauritius.
- In case of business visa, applicant should also submit a letter from local sponsor/company.

### **Immigration Requirements/Conditions to be fulfilled for considering the grant of visa:**

Applicant should:

- Hold a valid Passport or other recognized travel document, where expiry date is beyond the date of stay.
- Hold a valid return or onward passage tickets to his/her country of origin or residence.
- Have sufficient funds to meet the cost of stay (a minimum of 100 U.S Dollars per night to stay in Mauritius).
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- Have a confirmed booking for accommodation in Mauritius. If sponsored by a Mauritian citizen, latter to submit:
  - A Letter of Sponsorship stating:
    - (i) Name and address,
    - (ii) Telephone number,
    - (iii) Profession of the sponsor, and

- (iv) Relationship with the applicant.
  - National Identity Card, and
  - A Utility Bill.
- Be eligible to re-enter their country of origin or residence.
- Do not engage in any gainful activities without a valid work permit.

**Notes:**

- Application should be made on the prescribed form "Application for a Visa for Mauritius" ( [Click Here](#) ).
- An average of five working days is required for the processing of an application for a visa after all documents have been submitted.
- A visa does not guarantee admission into Mauritius. The final decision to admit a passenger rests with the Immigration Officer after examination at the point of entry in Mauritius.
- Applicants should wait for the outcome of their application before undertaking any travel to Mauritius.

**DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR EXTENSION OF STAY / VISA**

Weblink:

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Passport%20and%20Visa%20Requirement%20in%20Mauritius/Pages/Documents-to-be-Submitted-for-extension-of-stay.aspx>

The following documents should be submitted for the Extension of a Visa:

- Visa-Extension Application Form duly filled and signed by applicant ( [Click Here](#) );
- Photocopy of the data pages of applicant's passport + Page on which Arrival Stamp has been affixed
- Copy of confirmed Return Ticket (Original to be produced);
- Bank statement;
- Hotel booking or Letter from sponsor. If sponsored by a Mauritian citizen, latter to submit:
  - (a) A Letter of Sponsorship stating:
    - (i) Name and address,
    - (ii) Telephone number,
    - (iii) Profession of the sponsor, and
    - (iv) Relationship with the applicant.
  - (b) National Identity Card, and
  - (c) A Utility Bill + copy (To confirm the address of the sponsor).

## **1. Employment Visa**

Weblink:

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Residence%20Permit/Pages/Employment.aspx>

### **APPLICATION FOR RESIDENCE PERMIT - FOR EMPLOYMENT IN MAURITIUS**

Any person who wishes to seek employment or engage in any gainful occupation in Mauritius **may not be allowed to enter Mauritius unless he/she is the holder of a Residence Permit** issued by the Passport Immigration Office and a **Work Permit** issued by the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and employment.

### **Documents to be submitted**

Application Form to Enter Mauritius is to be filled and signed by the applicant or by representative on his/her behalf and the following documents need to be submitted:

- Two recent passport size photographs of the applicant and his dependents;
- Photocopy of the data pages of applicant's passport;
- Letter of sponsor from the company or local counterpart;
- Documentary evidence that work permit has been applied for;
- Applicant to produce documentary evidence of family relationship, if accompanied by family or any dependent i.e. birth and marriage certificates; and
- Applicant's children, who have attained the age of 18 years, should apply for residence permit separately with sponsoring letter from parents.
- Applicant who has entered the country on tourist visa will not be entitled to work in Mauritius.

### **Notes:**

- In case applicant is overseas, he should ensure that approval has been obtained from relevant authorities (work and residence permit) before undertaking any travel to Mauritius.
- Application should be made on the prescribed Form "Application to Enter Mauritius" which is also available at the Passport and Immigration Office and on Internet - <http://passport.govmu.org>".
- All the above mentioned documents should be submitted in original and a legible Photostat copy of each for consideration(original will be returned after verification).

## **2. Wedding Visa**

### **DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR WEDDING VISA/EXTENSION OF WEDDING VISA MALE APPLICANT**

1. Application form to enter Mauritius filled and signed by applicant;
2. Letter from applicant certifying his intention to marry a Mauritian citizen including:- (i) Occupation and earning of to ensure his financial support to the would-be spouse; (ii) Lodging /accommodation facilities; (iii)Family status/background; and (iv)Whether he knows

the would-be spouse and for how long they know each other indicating how they got acquainted and since when;

3. Two recent passport size photographs of applicant;
4. Full Birth certificate of applicant;
5. Full certificate of Morality or Casier Judiciaire or Certificate of Previous Convictions which should bear the names and forenames of the applicant;
6. Copy of valid return passage ticket (in case Extension of Wedding Visa)
7. Photocopy of data pages of passport of applicant and of arrival stamp of Mauritius;
8. Confirmation letter from citizen of Mauritius certifying intention of civil marriage with the non-citizen and undertaking of responsibilities;
9. Birth certificate of Mauritian citizen + National Identity Card;
10. Divorce decree of both parties (where applicable);
11. Death certificate of ex-spouse (where applicable); and
12. Documentary evidence of latest financial means of the foreigner – a rate of USD 50 per Day

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR WEDDING VISA/EXTENSION OF WEDDING VISA FEMALE APPLICANT**

1. Application form to enter Mauritius filled and signed by applicant;
2. Letter from applicant certifying her intention to marry a Mauritian citizen;
3. Two recent passport size photographs of applicant; 4. Full Birth certificate of applicant;
5. Full certificate of Morality or Casier Judiciaire or Certificate of Previous Convictions which should bear the names and forenames of the applicant;
6. Copy of valid return passage ticket (in case Extension of Wedding Visa);
7. Photocopy of data pages of passport of applicant and of arrival stamp of Mauritius
8. Confirmation letter from citizen of Mauritius certifying his intention of civil marriage with the non-citizen and undertaking of responsibilities including:- (i) Occupation and earning of to ensure his financial support to the would-be spouse; (ii) Lodging /accommodation

facilities; (iii) Family status/background; and (iv) Whether he knows the would-be spouse and for how long they know each other indicating how they got acquainted and since when;

9. Birth certificate of Mauritian citizen + National Identity Card;

10. Divorce decree of both parties (where applicable);

11. Death certificate of ex-spouse (where applicable); and

12. Documentary evidence of latest financial means of the Mauritian minimum Rs. 45,000 for one month.

### **3. Student visa and Residence Permit (Trainee):**

Weblink:

<http://passport.govmu.org/English/Documents/passport%20Documents/Guidelines%20Student%20Visa.pdf>

#### **i. PART I**

##### **i.A. What is a Student Visa?**

A Student Visa is a permit that allows an eligible non-citizen to enter and stay in Mauritius to study full-time or part-time in a tertiary educational institution registered with the Tertiary Education Commission, or in a Technical and Vocational Educational and Training (TVET) institution registered with the Mauritius Qualifications Authority, or to follow a practical training course which forms part of higher studies.

**Notes:** The list of registered tertiary educational institutions, and Technical and Vocational Educational and Training (TVET) institutions are posted on the respective websites of the Tertiary Education Commission and the Mauritius Qualifications Authority at the following URLs: <http://www.tec.mu> and <http://www.mqa.mu> .

##### **i.B. Eligibility for Student Visa**

A non-citizen wishing to study in Mauritius should in the first instance secure a seat in a tertiary educational institution or TVET institution registered respectively with Tertiary Education Commission or the Mauritius Qualification Authority, hereinafter referred to as recognized tertiary educational institution or TVET institution.

**The following categories of persons are eligible for Student Visa:**

1. A non-citizen enrolled on one or more programmes in a recognised tertiary educational institution or TVET institution to follow on a full-time basis specific modules for one



semester or two, a course leading to a certificate or diploma for a duration of a least one academic year.

2. A non-citizen enrolled in a recognised tertiary educational institution to follow full-time or part-time degree course at under-graduate level.

3. A non-citizen enrolled in a recognised tertiary educational institution to follow full-time or part-time course at postgraduate levels (including Masters, MPhil or Doctoral level).

4. A non-citizen carrying out post Doctoral research.

5. A non-citizen coming to Mauritius on an exchange programme not exceeding one year with a recognised tertiary educational institution.

### **i.C. Application for Student Visa**

Application for Student Visa should be made to the Passport and Immigration Office by the respective tertiary educational institution or TVET institution where the student is enrolled.

Application for visa to follow practical training course which forms part of higher studies should be made directly to the Passport and Immigration Office by the trainee or by the Original letter of admission in a recognized educational establishment or TVET institution.

### **Documents to be submitted for Student Visa:**

- Form *Application to Enter Mauritius* duly filled in and signed by the applicant;
- Two recent passport size photographs of the applicant;
- Photocopy of the bio-data pages of the passport of the applicant;
- Original letter of admission in a recognized educational establishment or TVET institution;
- Details of duration of the course and confirmation from the Tertiary Education Commission or Mauritius Qualifications Authority that the chosen course is a full time or part time;
- Documentary evidence of availability of funds or financial capacity to meet costs of study and stay in Mauritius; and
- A medical certificate certifying that the applicant is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease. A test for HIV, Hepatitis B and a chest X-ray should be done at any private medical laboratory/clinic/hospital in Mauritius and the tests results and Chest X ray report should be submitted to the Passport and Immigration Office not later than one month after arrival.

### **i.D. APPROVAL AND ISSUE OF STUDENT VISA AND FEE**

- An application for Student Visa is determined by the Passport and Immigration Office within 2 weeks of its date of submission, subject to it being complete and accompanied by the by appropriate supporting documents.
- The Passport and Immigration Office notifies the outcome of the application to the tertiary educational institution or TVET institution where the student is enrolled.
- The receiving institution/enterprise where the trainee intends follow practical training course in Mauritius or the trainee as appropriate.
- The Passport and Immigration Office then issues a permission for provisional entry permit valid for three months to the student to enable him/her to travel to Mauritius/
- In case the medical certificate issued in Mauritius certifies that the student is suffering from HIV, Hepatitis B or chest infection, his/her provisional entry permit would be cancelled and he/she would be required to leave Mauritius within two weeks.
- In case the medical certificate does not reveal any contagious or infectious disease, the Passport and Immigration Office will advise the student to contact the Residence Permit Section for the issuance of a Residence Permit for the duration of the study programme.
- At the beginning of each subsequent academic year, the educational institution should submit documentary evidence to the Passport and Immigration Office to confirm that the student is pursuing his/her studies under the same programme.

## **ii. PART II**

### **ii. A. Eligibility for Residence Permit to undergo practical training, industrial placement (*Stage*) or internship in respect of foreigners**

- A non-citizen intending to undergo practical training or industrial placement (*Stage*) or internship in respect of foreigners or internship with a view to enhancing his/her skills and experience should produce to the Passport and Immigration Office evidence of acceptance from relevant He/she should not be remunerated in Mauritius.
- He/She should be holder of a degree.
- He/she should not be remunerated in Mauritius.

### **ii.B. Application for Residence Permit to undergo practical training or industrial placement in respect of foreigners**

The application for Residence Permit should be made to the Passport and Immigration Office by the sponsoring receiving institution/enterprise in Mauritius on behalf of the foreigner or by the foreigner himself/herself.

#### **Documents to be submitted for Practical Training/Industrial Placement**

- Form *Application to Enter Mauritius* duly filled in and signed by the applicant;

- Two recent passport size photographs of the applicant;
- Photocopy of the bio-data pages of his/her passport;
- Documentary evidence of acceptance/admission to follow practical training course or undergo industrial placement or internship within well known and reputed local firms/companies in sectors such as textile, banking, hotel, consulting firms, professional bodies, etc. as part of the requirements of a course of study in an educational abroad or as required by Head Office of a company based abroad;
- Details of duration of the practical training/industrial placement/internship and confirmation by the accepting local firm/company that the placement/training is a full-time one. The period of training /placement/internship should be for maximum duration of six (6) months.
- Documentary evidence from the foreign educational or training establishment or enterprise to the effect that the training to be followed in Mauritius forms part of a course of study being followed by the applicants or is a requirement to enhance the skills and experience of the trainee. A tripartite agreement involving the trainee, the educational institution or enterprise abroad, and the receiving organization in Mauritius should be submitted.
- Documentary evidence of availability of funds or financial capacity to meet the costs of traineeship and stay in Mauritius; and
- A medical certificate certifying that the applicant is not suffering from any contagious or infectious disease.

#### **ii.C. Approval and Issue of Residence Permit to Prospective Trainees**

- An application for Permit for Trainee is determined by the Passport and Immigration Office within 2 weeks of its date of submission, subject to it being complete and accompanied by appropriate supporting documents. Any application without all necessary documents will not be entertained.
- The Passport and Immigration Office notifies the outcome of the application to the receiving local organization /company/enterprise where the trainee intends to follow practical training course or the trainee abroad as appropriate.
- The Passport and Immigration Office then issues permission for provisional entry valid for one month to the trainee to enable him/her to travel to Mauritius.
- Within two weeks of arrival in Mauritius, the trainee should report to the Passport and Immigration Office (Residence Permit Section, 8th Floor, Sterling House, 9-11 Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis) to obtain Residence Permit (Trainee) for a maximum period six months.

#### **ii.D. Conditions applicable for grant of Residence Permit (Trainee)**

The trainee who has been granted a Residence Permit is not allowed to draw a salary or wages in Mauritius. However, the receiving organization in Mauritius may grant the trainee a stipend.

He/She is exempted from the requirement of a Work Permit.

### **iii. PART III**

#### **General Information**

**iii.A. TOURIST VISA DOES NOT ALLOW A NON-CITIZEN TO FOLLOW STUDIES/TRAINING COURSES:** Non-citizens travelling to Mauritius as tourists/visitors will not be issued any permit or extension of visas to follow studies/training courses. Prospective students /trainees are allowed to travel to Mauritius only after their application for study/training in Mauritius would have been approved.

**iii.B. CANCELLATION OF STUDENT VISA OR RESIDENCE PERMIT:** The Student Visa or Residence Permit for practical training/industrial placement may be cancelled if the holder no longer satisfies the criteria and conditions of the Visa or Permit or has acted in contravention to any laws of Mauritius or has given any false or misleading information at the time of application.