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Visa regimes

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# **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Visa Categories:**

# **List of Visa Categories:**

- 1. Hajj
- 2. Umrah
- 3. Business (Commercial) Visit
- 4. Family Visa
- 5. Government Visa
- 6. Personal Visit Visa
- 7. Business Visa
- 8. Tourist Visa
- 9. Work Visa
- 10. Working Visit Visa
- 11. Temporary Work Visa
- 12. Seasonal Visa
- 13. Diplomatic Visa
- 14. Special Visa
- 15. Visit Organizations and Diplomatic Mission Visa
- 16. Transit Visa
- 17. Product Delivery
- 18. Student Visa
- 19. Treatment Visa
- 20. Escort Visa
- 21. Extended Return Visa
- 22. Resident Visa
- 23. Expert Visa
- 24. Businessman Visa

## **Introduction to the Visa Category;**

Saudi Arabia KSA has more than a million Pakistani expats, who are working and living there. Every year thousands of people from Pakistan visit them from Pakistan. The visa process of Saudi Arabia on Pakistani Passport is very simple. All applicants have to fill the form, and submit them at the Etimad visa centers across Pakistan. Biometrics is also required for all visa applicants from Pakistan, and the biometrics are also taken at the Etimad visa centers.

## **HAJJ VISA:**

## Introduction:

Hajj visas/ permits for entry into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are issued to pilgrims of Islamic religion for the purpose of performing Hajj. This visa is free of cost and is valid for entry only in to Jeddah, Makkah and Madinah.

Upon arrival into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, pilgrims are required to submit their passports to the Unified Agents Office representatives for processing the travel formalities for Makkah and Madinah.

#### **Process:**

- Each applicant for a Hajj visa must apply through a licensed travel agency
- Please check the document requirements for applying for a Hajj Visa and submit these to the licensed travel agent prior to the visa issuance period mentioned in the table above
- All pilgrims are required to submit their biometrics data at the VFS Tasheel Visa Service Centre.
- Schedule an appointment with the VFS Tasheel Visa Service Centre yourself, through your travel agent or through the call centre at Call centre no.
- Refer to the How to apply section for further details on the application procedure and list of documents to be carried to the Visa Service Centre
- Children below the age of 5 years are not required to submit their biometrics data.
- The Hajj committees and agents have direct access to the Hajj applications in the MoFA system and the Mission will review the applications and make the decision on visa issuance.

#### **Guidelines:**

- All non-resident and non-GCC travelers require a visa for traveling within the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Applicants from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries do not require a visa to enter into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the purpose of Hajj, however a Hajj Permit is necessary.
- During the three weeks of Hajj period, travellers holding a Hajj visa must enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia only through Jeddah or Madinah and shall not be allowed entry through Riyadh and Dammam by the Immigrations department.
- The above term shall apply to travellers from all nationalities except the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) who shall be accepted without any restriction.
- All UAE nationals are required to carry their passports to travel to/ from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and GCC ID cards will no longer be accepted by Saudi Authorities
- Travellers are required to carry vaccination certificates with them for inspection by the Saudi Authority at port of entry. Adding-Newborn-to-Saudi-Residence-Card

For further information, kindly visit the following website:

#### **UMRAH VISA:**

- Umrah visas for entry into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are issued to pilgrims of Islamic religion for the purpose of performing Umrah.
- This visa is free of cost and can be applied for all around the year.
- The Umrah visa is valid for a period of 30 days; however pilgrims are required to perform Umrah and exit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia within two weeks of the date of entry.
- During the period of Ramadan, the Umrah visa cannot exceed the last day of Ramadan and pilgrims are required to exit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia prior to Eid-ul-Fitr.In accordance with international agreements and special legal provisions, the following are exempted from this provision:

# **Payment and Appointment:**

[For Individuals]

**Step 1.** Schedule an appointment on the website following by entering your details: https://www.etimad.pk/etimad/opsys/auth/login

**Step 2.** Print an appointment letter and visit the Visa Service Centre bringing all the documents along with passport on the appointment date.

## **Steps for Application:**

- The necessary documents must be obtained by the applicant prior to submission of visa application.
- Visa application can thereafter be submitted by the applicant at the Visa Service Center
- Schedule an appointment for Application submission with the Etimad Visa Service Centre.
- Carry the documents required on the day of the appointment, to the Etimad Visa Service Centre for verification
- Submit your documents and provide your Biometrics information at the Etimad Visa Service Centre.

## **Document Required:**

- 1. Passport
- 2. Biometric Only

**Note:** During the Hajj and Umrah Season and commercial visits, the applicants are requested to bring the Air Ticket and obtain Biometrics.

## **Processing Time:**

For applications received in the same city as the Mission, the documents are sent to the Mission on the next working day and for applications received at the VSC different from the

city of the Mission, the documents reach the Mission in 2 working days. The likely processing time for a Saudi Arabian visa will depend on the completeness and accuracy of the documents provided by the applicant. Etimad takes no responsibility on the accuracy and completeness of the documentation. We recommend that you check the status of your application through the link provided below.

## **Visa Fees:**

S No.	Fee Type	Charges (PKR)
1	Service Fee - Regular appointment	0
2	Sales Tax for Regular appointment	0
3	Lounge Service Fee	1456
4	Sales Tax for Lounge Service Fee	219

## **Disclaimer:**

- Etimad is not responsible for the turnaround time of your Visa Application from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mission / Consulate.
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mission / Consulate will approve / reject your visa Application at their sole discretion.
- Your Visa Application processing time at the KSA Mission/ Consulate takes the same amount of time and has no relationship with your choice of Normal or Lounge.
- Duration of Visa (number of days) / (Single entry / Multiple entry) is at the discretion of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Mission / Consulate.
- All other services (other than Visa Charges for the relevant visa category, Enjaz Fee, Visa Service Charges) acquired by an applicant are optional, none of which are mandatory to obtain a visa to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- A Service fee is levied on each visa application submitted at the Etimad Visa Service Centre. This is a non- refundable fee and will be levied even on applicants who are exempted from paying the Visa or Enjaz fees.
- Visa Fees, Enjaz IT Fees & Medical Fees are collected on behalf of Saudi MoFA.
- Fees are subject to change as per exchange rate. If there is a change in fees at the date of appointment, then the difference in fees will be collected in the center.
- The above visa fees, does not apply for American Nationals applying under a visit visa category.
- If applicant selects 'any' fee as already paid, they have to come with proof of payment at the time of appointment in the center.

# **Mode of Payments**

S.No	Payment Mode
1	Bank Deposit
2	Cash

# **Procedure to collect Passport:**

If you have submitted your passport to the Visa Service Centre for processing, you may visit the <u>Status of Application</u> link at any time post submission to check the status of your application. After the application is processed and a decision has been made on the visa by the Mission, the passport is returned to the Visa Service Centre for delivery to the applicant.

If you have opted for the SMS service while scheduling your appointment or submitting your application at the Visa Service Centre, you will additionally receive SMS updates on the status of your application.

# To collect your passport:

- Visit the Visa Service Centre Reception at the appropriate timing for Passport Collection. Check the timing for your center in the <u>Visa Service Center</u> section of this website.
- Please bring along the original Invoice- cum- Receipt provided to you at the time of submission of your application
- If a representative or travel agent is collecting your Passport, they are required to carry an authorization letter signed by you in addition to the original Invoice cum Receipt. You may download the format of the Authorization letter from the <a href="Download">Download</a> forms section
- On presenting the above documents, you will be directed to the Delivery section of the Visa Service Centre to collect your passport
- If you have opted for the Courier service while scheduling your appointment or submitting your application at the Visa Service Centre, your passport will be delivered to the address provided by you during the submission process

Please note that if your Passport has not been collected within 30 days from the Visa Service Centre and/ or has been returned after 02 unsuccessful attempts by the Courier Company of delivering the passport at the address provided, your Passport will be returned to the Mission.

For further information, kindly visit the following website:

## **WORK VISA:**

#### **Visa Information and Guidelines:**

- This Visa is for long term workers to work in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- The necessary documents should be issued by an employer in Saudi Arabia prior to submitting the application
- The Ministry of Labour (MOL) provides approvals for (unnamed) worker positions electronically and directly into the MoFA system, which are associated with names once the application is submitted at the mission
- Separate Wagala/ Visa copy are issued to individuals.
- The Agent will issue a MoFA number after the Wakala is issued and this will be used as reference for the Medical examination.
- Medical examination is mandatory for this visa category.
- When the workers reach the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, they obtain a supporting residency permit, called 'Iqama' (an identity document for work visa), from the Ministry of Interior (MOI).

# **About Enjaz Registration:**

Enjaz registration is mandatory for entry into the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Enjaz registration process will be completed by the Visa Service Center staff for the applicant. Applicant must acknowledge the correctness of the information before signing the Enjaz form.

## **Steps for Application:**

- The necessary documents must be obtained by the applicant prior to submission of visa application.
- Visa application can thereafter be submitted by the applicant at the Visa Service Center
- Schedule an appointment for Application submission with the Etimad Visa Service Centre.
- Carry the documents required on the day of the appointment, to the Etimad Visa Service Centre for verification
- Submit your documents and provide your Biometrics information at the Etimad Visa Service Centre.

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## **STUDENT VISA:**

International students who want to study at any educational institution in Saudi Arabia must apply for a student visa. Students after being accepted by the institution must apply for the Saudi student visa.

Pupils who are nationals of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries do not require a visa in order to study in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. All other pupils require a visa in order to study in Saudi Arabia.

The student visa holders are also give access to scholarships.

## **Student Visa Application Procedure**

Students must apply for the Saudi student visa at the <u>Saudi Arabia embassy</u> in their place of residence. Students must fill out a visa application form and submit it along with the necessary documents. You can take the form from your nearest Saudi Arabia embassy.

## **Documentation:**

- A valid copy of passport: It must be valid for a period of minimum 12 months and have two adjacent blank pages
- Invitation letter and electronic authorization from the Saudi higher education institution
- Local police clearance certificate
- Medical reports: It must be stamped and signed by a doctor; and must indicate that you are free from any contagious disease.
- Educational credentials: High school diploma, degree or certificates (as applicable to the level of education)
- Birth certificate- Original and a photo copy
- Notarized written consent/authorization letter from the parents: This is for students whose age is below 18
- Recent passport-size color photographs with a white background: At least three
- Visa fees

For further information, kindly visit the following website:

## **BUSINESS VISA:**

#### **Visa Information and Guidelines:**

- This visa is issued to business men who want to visit the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for market analysis, to explore business opportunities in the country for investments and/ or partnerships.
- This is the only visa issued without the need for a sponsor and is only meant for senior C-Level officials and heads of established businesses.
- The Visa duration is of 12 months and the applicant is entitled multiple entry.
- Businessman Visa holders are allowed to apply for Escort visas for their wives/children/husband.
- Polio & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) Vaccinations are mandatory for all visitors travelling to Saudi on Visit Visas.

## **About Enjaz Registration:**

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# **Steps for Application:**

- The necessary documents must be obtained by the applicant prior to submission of visa application.
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## **Documents Required:**

- 1. A copy of the membership certificate issued for the company by the Chamber of Commerce in Pakistan.
- 2. Introduction letter by the company that he owns.
- 3. Attach the vaccination card for Polio & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella).

## In Addition to Above, below are also required for Islamabad Mission:

- 1. Original passport (Minimum Six (06) months validity and having at least two blank pages).
- 2. Complete Visa Application Form (Embassy Form).
- 3. Two (02) passport size photograph. (white/blue).

## **Processing Time:**

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# **Visa Fees:**

S No.	Fee Type	Charges (PKR)
1	MoFA Visa Fee (Business Man Visit)*	77620
2	MoFA Visa Fee (Business Man Visit Multiple Entry One Year)*	194050
3	MoFA Visa Fee (Business Man Visit Multiple Entry Six Months)*	116430
4	MoFA Visa Fee (Business Man Visit Multiple Entry Two Years)*	310460
5	MoFA Enjaz Fee*	1530
6	MoFA Medical Fee (If applicable)*	1530
7	Service Fee - Regular appointment	3655
8	Sales Tax for Regular appointment	549
9	Lounge Service Fee	9129
10	Sales Tax for Lounge Service Fee	1371

# **Photograph Specifications:**

# The photograph must be:

- 2 x 2 inches in size
- Not more than 06 months old
- Coloured with plain white background
- Full face view of the applicant, facing the camera directly- Side or angled views are not accepted
- Identical, where more than 01 photograph is required to be submitted
- On good quality paper

# The photograph must not:

- Be torn, creased or marked
- Be trimmed or cut down from a larger photo to the size of the photograph size requirement detailed above
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# **Security Regulations:**

Only applicants will be admitted to the visa service center, with the exception of children (below 16 years) who should be accompanied by a responsible adult and elderly applicants (above 60 years), caretakers of applicants with physical disability and interpreters for the hearing impaired.

Due to security reasons the following items will not be permitted inside the Visa Service Centre or stored in the premises. Other items may be prohibited based on the discretion of security staff:

- All battery operated or electronic gadgets such as cameras, audio / video cassettes, compact discs, MP3's, floppies, laptops, or portable music players
- All bags such as travel bags, back packs, briefcases, suitcases, leather, jute or cloth bags and zip folders. Only a plastic bag containing your application related papers would be permitted.
- Sealed envelopes or packages.
- Any inflammable item such as matchboxes / lighters / fuel etc.
- Any sharp objects such as scissors, pen knives or nail filers.
- Weapon or weapon like objects or explosive material of any kind.

**Note:** There is no facility at the Visa Service Centre to store prohibited items. Applicants are requested to make alternate arrangements to safeguard their belongings.

For further information, kindly visit the following website:

## **FAMILY VISA:**

#### **Visa Information and Guidelines**

- Family Visit Visa is a short term visit visa issued to family members and relatives of residents and people working in Saudi Arabia.
- Applicants applying for a visa under this category will be required to provide the details of the sponsor residing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia including the below:
- Electronic Waqala (Visa slip)
- Passport copy of the sponsor (first & last page) with spouse name amended on the passport and original and photocopy of birth certificate attested for children (if applicable) is required.
- Polio & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella) Vaccinations are mandatory for all visitors travelling to Saudi on Visit Visas.

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## **Documents Required:**

No attestation on proof relationship required.

- 1. Copy of pre-approval for family visit permit issued by Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Saudi Arabia.
- 2. Proof of relationship (e.g. marriage certificate for married ones, and birth certificate for children).
- For all agamas which do not have an expiry date on them and instead have an issue date, must be accompanied by a Jawazat print which alternatively shows the expiry of the person's agama.
- 4. Original Passport of Applicant
- 5. 2 Passport Size Pictures
- 6. Attach the vaccination card for Polio & MMR (Measles, Mumps & Rubella).

7. For cases where a son in law has sent visa for his in-laws, original attested marriage certificate is required which clearly mentions names of both the son in law and daughter

## In Addition to Above, below are also required for Islamabad Mission:

- 1. Marriage certificate and B' form attested by Foreign Office.
- 2. Sponsors valid Passport and ID card Copy
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