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Embassy in Pakistan

The Royal Danish Embassy is located in Islamabad, Pakistan. The honorary 'Consulate General of Denmark' is in Karachi.

Pakistani nationals are required to have a visa in order to enter Denmark and other Schengen States. A visa must be obtained before departure from Pakistan. The same rules apply for Afghan nationals. Pakistani citizens with diplomatic and service passports travelling to Denmark are exempt from this requirement.

For more information embassy website can be reached from this link <http://pakistan.um.dk/> On this website you can find information on the requirements for visa permit, residence permit, application procedures, fees, and the Embassy's office hours. Please note that the Embassy in Islamabad also handles visa applications to **Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands.**

Contact hours

Embassy is open from Monday to Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afghan speaking applicants may call to inquire every Thursday between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Visits to the Visa Section are by appointment only through e-mail at isbambvisa@um.dk or send an e-mail to the Embassy at isbambvisa@um.dk. Telephone Hours Consulate General of Denmark in Karachi. Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 13:00 p.m.

Embassy encourages all applicants not to contact the agents. Applicants are requested to inform the Embassy of any agents that they may know of.

Visa processing time

The processing time varies and it is advisable to submit applications well in advance before the intended journey. Please note that the processing time on the part of the Embassy and the Danish Immigration Service only starts from the point when a fully and completed application has been accepted.

Note: As a citizen of a country in Group 5, Pakistanis are subject to a number of restrictions and as a starting point you only qualify for visas if there are extenuating circumstances, such as the death or terminal illness of a family member living in Denmark.

In certain instances, a visa can be granted if you as a citizen of a country in Group 5 are seeking to visit a spouse or cohabiting partner in Denmark and you previously have applied for family reunification with that person and the application was refused due to the fact that you have never been in Denmark (visitation requirement). In order to qualify for family reunification, all the other requirements for family reunification must be met.

Types of visa offer

Pakistani nationals are required to hold a residence and work permit to live and work in Denmark. The same applies to Afghan nationals. The specific requirements are outlined by the Danish Immigration Service.

Highly qualified professionals can - under certain conditions - apply for a work permit in Denmark.

To work in Denmark interested applicant must apply for a residence and work permit. One also needs to apply for a work permit if you will be doing unpaid work or seek side-line employment. Click the following link <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Work>

1.1 Work Permit, Fast-track scheme

The Fast-track scheme makes it faster and easier for certified companies to recruit foreign employees with special qualifications to work in Denmark. This means that individual, as a highly qualified employee, can have a quick and flexible job start in the certified company. In addition, the scheme allows you to alternate between working in Denmark and working abroad.

Eligibility

You must have the skills to fill a position nominated by an approved business for an approved occupation. It is a requirement that the employer is certified by the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI). List of certified employers can be accessed through this link

<https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/Words-and-concepts/SIRI/Certified-companies/?anchor=A7B9394A9C0E45639B8FFF29A686D959&callbackItem=B9144367D2334F96846AFDE18478DEEC&callbackAnchor=45858563538B41608C9872058AD4A87D>

For each profession, the educational requirement is mentioned along with the associated code within the official classification of professions – DISCO-08. You can read more about DISCO-08 on the website of Statistics Denmark. (<https://www.dst.dk/da/Statistik/dokumentation/nomenklaturer/disco-08>) and also on Ministry of Higher Education Website. Here is the direct link <https://ufm.dk/en/education/recognition-and-transparency/regulated-professions/list-of-regulated-professions>

How to apply?

An application for certification is processed by the Danish Agency for International Recruitment and Integration (SIRI). Before submitting your application, you must create a case order ID for your application and pay a fee to cover SIRI's case processing expenses. You can do this on the "How to apply" tab on website. There you also find the relevant application form, FT1. The application form is an online form.

If the application has been submitted and the applicant is residing legally in Denmark, since the applicant

- is holding a valid visa,
- is exempt from the visa requirement or
- already holds a valid residence permit.

the applicant can appear in SIRI's Citizen Centre and ask for a temporary permit in order to begin working immediately. You must book an appointment via a link in the receipt the employer receives after submitting the application or by contacting the employers contact person at SIRI. It is not possible to book an appointment for this meeting here on newtodenmark.dk.

Length of stay

One to four years – depending on your nominated occupation, the visa stream and your circumstances. If you are employed for a shorter period than 4 years, your residence and work permit will normally be valid for the period of your employment. If you wish to continue working in Denmark after this time, you must apply for an extension of your residence and work permit. In addition, you will automatically be granted a 6 month job seeking permit allowing you to look for a new job in Denmark.

What you can do

This visa allows you to work in Denmark with travel to other Schengen states and bring your family along.

Cost of visa and processing time

DKK 3,280 is the cost and it takes 1 months processing time.

1.2 Short Term Visa

There are different types of short visa offered to under short term visa to Denmark. If you wish to visit Denmark for a short period of time a visa normally grants you the right to stay in the entire Schengen region for up to 90 days. If you wish to stay in Denmark for a longer time, you must apply for a residence permit.

Eligibility:

You can normally get a visa if the authorities assess that you undoubtedly intend to return home before your visa expires and that you will also comply with the conditions for your visa. This applies regardless of which country with a visa requirement you come from. However, if the authorities assess that there is doubt whether you will travel home or leave the Schengen countries before your visa expires - or whether you will otherwise comply with the conditions for your visa - the authorities will investigate your case further. When the authorities then decide whether you can get a visa, the authorities will emphasize which of the 5 main groups of countries with a visa requirement, you belong to.

How to apply?

Application should be submitted at Gerry's Visa Service Center along with a non-refundable visa application fee. A person applying for a short-term visa for Schengen will as a minimum be required to submit the following documentation together with an application form. (Electronically typed in or hand written application/form with capital alphabets is preferred.)

Valid national passport or other valid travel identification.

One passport photo. The photo must be 35 mm x 45 mm (size of head 30-36 mm from the bottom of the chin to the top of the head). You must be facing the camera directly.

A fully filled-in online invitation form along with Invitation ID or originally signed invitation form from your reference in Denmark, with information about the person(s) you will visit, as well as name and address, purpose of your visit, and a description of the relationship between you and your reference in Denmark.

For more details and to download the forms click the following link <http://pakistan.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/Going-to-Denmark/visa-for-short-stays/>

Length of stay:

Up to 90 days only.

What you can do:

You can travel in Denmark and Schengen states.

Cost of visa and processing time

Applications are admissible along with a non-refundable visa application fee equivalent to DKK 445 - PKR 7,500 at the Gerry's Visa Service Center.

1.3 Visa for the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland

The Embassy of Denmark in Islamabad processes visa applications on behalf of the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland.

All applications for short term visitor's visas (up to 90 days) for the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland must be submitted personally at Gerry's Visa Service Centre.

To learn more about visa permits for Iceland, please visit the official website for the Icelandic Directorate of Immigration.

Here is the link: <http://pakistan.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/Going-to-Denmark/visa-for-short-stays/application-fees/>

Processing time is 15 days and fee is PKR 7,500

1.4 Green Card Scheme

The Green card applications are no longer accepted with effect from 10 June 2016.

Note: Applications for a residence permit under the Green card Scheme submitted before 10 June 2016 will be processed as normal. To follow up click the following link

https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/work/greencard-scheme/greencard-scheme.htm

1.5 Study in Denmark

As a foreign national, you can be granted a residence permit in order to study in Denmark. The Danish Immigration Service lays out the requirements for obtaining such a permit.

Link: <http://pakistan.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/Going-to-Denmark/residence-permits/study-permit/>

Eligibility:

If you have been admitted to a higher educational programme in Denmark, you can be granted a permit to stay and study in Denmark. You can either complete a full educational programme or do part of your education as a guest or exchange student. You can also be granted a residence permit to complete a preparatory course for a higher educational programme. The educational institution must be publicly accredited.

The educational programme must be approved by a state authority or by the Danish Evaluation Institute, EVA. An educational programme is considered to be a higher educational programme if the admission requirement is to have completed a high school programme. However, this does not apply to programmes where admission is based on an entrance examination. The educational programme must be a full-time study.

How to apply?

If you have applied online, your application has already been submitted. The application can be submitted to a Danish diplomatic mission or an application centre in the country where you are residing. If you apply online, you must choose the application form ST1 online.

In the ST1 online form your educational institution must complete the first of the two parts of the form. When your educational institution has completed their part, a reference number and password will be shown, which the educational institution must pass on to you. You are then able to open the online application and complete your part.

Make sure you have all documents ready in digital form, in order to attach them as you complete the application form.

Here is the following link: <https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Study>

Length of stay:

Depending on your programme enrolled from 3 months to 4 years.

What you can do?

A residence and work permit based on studies in Denmark allows your family to come with you to Denmark. A permit can be granted to your spouse, registered or cohabiting partner as well as children under the age of 18 living at home.

Cost of visa

PKR 25,500 has to be paid in cash, along with Gerry's Service charges. Processing time is 2 months.

1.6 Au-Pair Permit

The term au pair means 'on equal terms'. The idea of an au pair stay is for a young person to stay with a host family with children under the age of 18 'on equal terms' with the other members of the family. The purpose is for the au pair to improve language and/or professional skills as well as broaden his/her cultural horizon by becoming more acquainted with Denmark. In return, the au pair participates in the host family's domestic chores (e.g. cleaning, washing clothes, cooking, babysitting) for a maximum of five hours a day, and no more than six days a week.

Eligibility

The agreement between you and the host family must be set by a binding au pair contract which establishes the framework for your stay as an au pair with the family. When you apply, you must meet the following requirements in order to be granted a residence permit as an au pair:

- You must be at least 18 years old, but you must not have turned 30.
- You must not have started a family
- You must not be or have been married, be or have been in a stable cohabiting relationship or be or have been in a civil partnership.
- You must not have children.
- You must not be expecting a child unless you are already staying in Denmark as an au pair and wishes to change your host family.

How to apply

You must contact and make an agreement with a Danish family about being an au pair with them. Moreover, there are a number of conditions to meet before you can obtain a permit as an au pair. When SIRI assesses whether your stay as an au pair is in accordance with your life story, or whether there is a reason to assume that your purpose for applying differs from the intention behind the scheme, SIRI will look at the following:

- Whether you have completed a youth study programme equivalent to the Danish 9th grade.

- Whether you are able to communicate with your host family and manage yourself in Denmark. Thus, you must be able to speak and understand either Danish, Swedish, Norwegian, English or German on a moderate level.
- Your reason for applying to stay as an au pair in Denmark.
- Any previous residence permits or applications for residence permits in Denmark.
- Any previous stays as an au pair in other western countries.
- Any previous stays with host families in Denmark.
- Whether you are related to your host family, or whether you are of the same nationality as one or more of the family members.
- Your education and any vocational experience, including whether a stay as an au pair has a natural connection to your life, career and development so far.

Length of stay

Depending on the agreement. As an au pair, you can be granted a residence permit valid for a maximum of 2 years. In addition, the residence permit is limited to the validity period of the au pair contract or to the day when the youngest child in the family turns 18.

What you can do?

The purpose of your stay in Denmark must be to engage in cultural exchange. You must help your host family with their daily chores. In return, they will give you an idea of the everyday life of a Danish family. You must not begin taking part in doing daily chores before you have been granted a permit.

The residence permit does not allow you to take paid employment. Therefore, you are not allowed to work outside of host family's home – unless you undertake voluntary unpaid work in an organisation or an association.

The work must be connected to the key tasks of the organisation or association. The work should be of benefit to persons that neither you, nor your host family is related to.

Cost of visa and processing time

It can take 3 months' time visa cost is DKK 2,755 or PKR 25000 approx. For more information following link shall be followed.

<https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Au-pair?anchor=canyouapply>

1.7 Family Reunification Permit

If you have close relatives in Denmark, you can apply for a residence permit on the grounds of family reunification. On 4 June 2018, the Danish Parliament passed new rules for family reunification for spouses. You can also adopt a child, foster a child, invite refugees under this permit.

Eligibility

You can be granted a residence permit in Denmark under the rules for family reunification if the residence permit is granted for the purpose of:

- Adoption
- Residence as part of a foster-family relationship, or
- Residence with a close family member

More detail on types of re-unification can be accessed through this link

<https://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-GB/You-want-to-apply/Family/Family-reunification/Adopted-child-etc,-when-the-person-in-Denmark-is-a-refugee->

How to apply?

You can apply directly through Danish immigration website and/or through local mission in Islamabad. For more detail the link can be accessed

<http://pakistan.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/Going-to-Denmark/residence-permits/family-reunification-permit/requirements/>

Length of stay

If your application for family reunification is approved, you will initially be granted a temporary residence permit, typically valid for one year. If you and the person in Denmark still meet the requirements for residency, your residence permit can be extended. When you turn 18, it may be possible for you to obtain a permanent residence permit by meeting lenient requirements.

What can you do?

You will be allowed to live in Denmark with various rights depending on under which category you have applied.

Cost of visa and processing time

For all applications for Residence Permit a fee is required to be paid directly to the Danish Immigration Service. If applicants' hand in their application at the Gerry's/VFS Visa Service Centre in Islamabad, Lahore or Karachi an 'application processing fee' of PKR 25,500 has to be paid in cash, along with Gerry's Service charges. If the application is processed directly with the Danish Immigration Service by the references in Denmark and applicant only wishes to proceed for Biometrics, the applicant may approach the Gerry's Visa Service Centre.

Link to all application forms:

[All the applications forms can be downloaded via this link](#)

<http://pakistan.um.dk/en/travel-and-residence/Going-to-Denmark/residence-permits/application-forms/>

The information on the latest fees and biometric rules is attached below

