

Embassy of Bangladesh

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Circular regarding On Arrival Visa

In view of the ongoing global COVID situation, the Government of Bangladesh has decided to extend Visa on Arrival (VoA) facility for the following categories of passengers, until further notice:

- a) Bangladeshi origin foreign nationals and their spouse/children;
- b) Foreign nationals who possess diplomatic or official passport;
- c) Foreign Investors and Business persons;
- d) People who need to visit Bangladesh at the invitation of the Government of Bangladesh to attend meetings/ seminars/ conferences/ any other event organized by any government entity.

Some other important existing procedures regarding issuance of on arrival visa:

- Foreign investors/businesspersons must furnish an invitation letter from the interested/required organization which has been attested by the Board of Investment (BOI) of Bangladesh/ Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA). In this case, interested/inviting organization must inform the immigration and passport authority in advance of the arrival of the foreign visitor(s);
- The staff/officials of the foreign Missions, UN or its affiliated organizations located in Bangladesh may be issued VoA after verification of the documents of their appointment/ other related documents. Visa fee will not be applicable to UN passport holders.

Other issues regarding Visa:

- In case the foreign visitors require extension of their visa after arriving in Bangladesh under VoA, their visa may be extended by the Department of Immigration and Passports in accordance with the existing Visa Policy.
- Visa fees are to be paid in foreign currency (US dollar/GB pound, Euro, etc.); Visitors must possess minimum US\$ 500 or its equivalent amount of foreign currency in cash or credit card;
- Visitors must have a return ticket;
- Visitors must have necessary documents to justify his/her visit.

Wishing you all a safe journey.