

## **Consulate General of Bangladesh**

Dubai, United Arab Emirates www.dubai.mofa.gov.bd

## **Bangladeshi Visa Application Procedure and Requirements**

Application must be initiated at the website www.visa.gov.bd and be submitted with the following documents: (1) a duly signed hard copy of the application, (2) one passport-size photograph with white background, (3) the original passport of the applicant, (4) a copy of the passport, (5) a copy of Emirates ID/residence visa with other documents mentioned in each category of visa.

IMPORTANT: The application must be submitted at least 05 (five) working days prior to the intended travel date. Failing to do so may result the application to be rejected/returned. Submission of an incomplete application will result in a visa refusal.

Bangladeshi Visa applications are received and delivered ONLY at the following service centre:

## **Foshwa Global**

03 Reem Residency, Um Hurair, Karama, Dubai Telephone: +971 45 701 650, 045 701 648 www.foshwaglobal.ae

Submission Hour: Monday - Friday [08:00 am - 04:00 pm] (Appointment required)

Delivery Time: 12:00 pm - 04:00 pm (Monday to Friday)

SI.	Visa Category	Purpose and Eligibility	Requirements of Applications
1.	(AII) Applicable for Any Category of Visa	Purpose: Any Purpose: Mandatory Documents for All Categories of Visa Applications  Five documents mentioned in column 3 are mandatory to be submitted with any category of Bangladeshi visa applications if not otherwise mentioned/instructed	<ol> <li>Application duly singed by the applicant</li> <li>One passport-size colour photograph with white background</li> <li>Original passport of the applicant</li> <li>A copy of the applicant's passport</li> <li>Copy of Emirates ID/Residence Visa</li> </ol>

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2.	A (State Representatives/ Delegations)	Purpose: Government and official duty  Eligibility:  - Head of State/Government  - Cabinet Minister/State   Minister/Deputy Minister and   persons of equivalent posts  - Member of the parliament  - And accompanying spouse and   other dependent members of their   family	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +</li> <li>Note Verbale</li> </ol>
3.	A1 (Government officials, their family members, member of government delegations)	Purpose: Government and other official duties  Eligibility: Government/semi-Government/ autonomous body officials/member of government delegation and accompanying spouse and dependent family members	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Note verbale
4.	A2 (UN Officials)	Purpose: Employment and other official assignments  Eligibility: Officials of UN Organisations, international and regional organisations	Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 +     Note verbal/recommendation letter of concerned organisation
5.	FA2 (Dependent family members of A2 visa holder)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent family members of the principal A2 Category visa holder	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Copy of passport of principal visa holder 3. Recommendation letter of concerned organisation 4. Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for dependent children

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6.	A3 (Professionals)	Purpose: Employment/consultation in development project  Eligibility: Specialist/consultant/officer/employee/ worker employed in the project under bilateral/multilateral agreement between Government of Bangladesh and its development partners	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Recommendation letter from Economic Relations Division/concerned government organisation/Bangladesh Embassy
7.	FA3 (Dependents of Professionals)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent family members of the principal A3 Category visa holder	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +</li> <li>Recommendation letter from Economic Relations Division/concerned government organisation/Bangladesh Embassy</li> </ol>
8.	B (Business)	Purpose:  - Analysing investment potential, participating in business related board/general/technical meeting etc  - Recruiting manpower from Bangladesh  - Participating in trade fair, exhibition and for discussion  - Quality verification of Bangladeshi products  - Negotiation with suppliers for placing orders  - Tour conducts  - Enhancing academic network  - Foreign partners/directors of Bangladeshi company  Eligibility:  Business visitors visiting for the abovementioned purposes	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         2. Original Recommendation letter from concerned chamber of commerce or     </li> <li>Nomination/recommendation letter from the employer and Invitation letter from business organisation incorporated in Bangladesh with latest tax payment certificate</li> </ol>

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9.	C (Crew)	Purpose: Discharging professional duty  Eligibility: Crew of aero plane/ship/other transports travelling in international routes	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +     </li> <li>Recommendation/appointment letter of appointing authority</li> </ol>
10.	D (Diplomatic)	Purpose: For official appointment and other official purposes  Eligibility:  - Ambassador/High Commissioner/ Consular Officer of Foreign Missions  - Spouse and dependent family members of the above-mentioned persons  - Honourary Consuls of Bangladeshi Missions abroad	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         <ul> <li>Copy of passport of principal visa holder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Recommendation letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh/Note verbale from the respective missions</li> <li>Visa page of principal applicant (for spouse and family members)</li> </ol>
11.	ND (Non-diplomatic Staff)	Purpose: Accompanying or arriving afterwards with A, A1, A2 and D Category Persons  Eligibility: Non diplomatic, personal staff assigned to missions, their spouse and dependent family members and domestic aide to diplomatic/consular officials	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Note Verbal or Appointment letter and letter of recommendation from concerned diplomatic mission 3. Proof of relation (registered marriage certificate, birth registration certificate etc.) and visa copy of the principal applicant (for spouse and family members) along with reference letter
12.	DA (Domestic Aide)	Purpose: Assist A, A2, D category visa holders as domestic aide  Eligibility: Domestic aides of A, A2 and D category visa holders	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Note Verbale or Appointment letter and letter of recommendation from concerned diplomatic mission

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13.	E (Employment)	Purpose: Employment/service in Bangladesh  Eligibility:  Expatriates experts/consultants/ professionals appointed in Bangladeshi/foreign government/ semi-government/autonomous bodies/similar industries  Expatriates appointed in Bangladeshi/foreign government/ non-governmental/liaison offices/industry/commercial organisation  Expatriates appointed in Bangladeshi/foreign government/non-government contracting farm/similar organisation	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Appointment letter 3. Recommendation letter from a. Bangladesh Investment Development Authority (BIDA) or b. Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA) or c. Bangladesh Export Processing Zone Authority (BEPZA) or d. Hi-Tech Park or e. PPP Authority and other applicable authorities
14.	FE (Dependent family Member of E visa holder)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent family members of the principal 'E' category visa holder	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page 3. Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for dependent children 4. Recommendation letter from concerned organisation (optional)

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15.	E1 (project related development partners of Bangladesh)	Purpose:  Equipment/software delivery/ installment/maintenance/training/ supervision/project inspection etc.  Eligibility:  - Expatriates of development partners (agencies or countries) involved in development projects under agreement between Government/semi-Government/ autonomous bodies of Bangladesh and development partners  - Agreement implies grant/loan/technical cooperation/G2G agreement  - Agreements with contractors or work agreements shall NOT be included in this category	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Recommendation letter from the concerned Ministry of Bangladesh Government/organisation/autonomous bodies
16.	J (Journalist)	Purpose: Collecting news on current affair/ shooting films, documentaries Performing professional duties  Eligibility: Representative or journalist of foreign newspaper or media or freelance journalist willing to visit Bangladesh to collect news on current affairs or to discharge a special duty only once/for a short duration	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         Detailed proposal about the task in Bangladesh     </li> <li>Recommendation letter from external publicity wing of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh</li> </ol>
17.	FJ (Dependent family member of J)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category 'J'	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         <ul> <li>Registered marriage certificate for spouse</li> </ul> </li> <li>Birth registration certificate for kids</li> </ol>

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18.	M (Religious)	Purpose: Providing religious service  Eligibility: Missionaries /religious maestros	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         Request letter from authorised organisation     </li> <li>Consent letter from the Ministry of religious Affairs (MoRA), Bangladesh</li> </ol>
19.	FM (Dependent family members of M visa holders)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category 'M'	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         <ol> <li>Consent letter from the MoRA issued in favour of the principal applicant</li> <li>Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder</li> <li>Request letter from the concerned organisation</li> </ol> </li> <li>Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children</li> </ol>
20.	N (NGO)	Purpose: Job/Service delivery  Eligibility: Individual appointed under registered NGO of Bangladesh	Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1     +     Appointment letter attested by NGO     Affairs Bureau     Appointment letter
21.	FN (Dependent family members of persons of category N)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/ legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category 'P'	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder 3. Request letter from the concerned organisation 4. Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children

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22.	P (Performer on contract)	Purpose: Foreign nationals participating in professional sports/cultural activities on contract or on invitation  Eligibility: Sportsperson, coach, sports organizer, cultural performer, artist performing in Bangladesh on contract	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         <ol> <li>Invitation letter from employer/organisation/club</li> </ol> </li> <li>Undertaking on tax payment by inviting organisation</li> </ol>
23.	FP (Dependent family members of persons holding 'P' visa)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category 'P'	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder 3. Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children
24.	PI (Private Investor)	Purpose: Investment/established business/commercial agency in Bangladesh  Eligibility: Foreign investor in non- Government/joint venture sector or to be established commercial organisation with fully foreign investment	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Certificates from BIDA/BEZA/BEPZA/HiTech Park/concerned ministry/PPP Authority and other applicable authorities that the investor is the bonafied investor 3. Detailed business plan with proposed business activities, amount of investment, generation of local employment & local establishment etc.
25.	FPI (Dependent family members of persons of category PI)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons of category PI)	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder 3. Recommendation letter from the concerned organisation 4. Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children

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26.	R (Research)	Purpose: Research/training/internship  Eligibility: Apprentice/researcher/participants of training in educational/research/training institution approved by the government	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         <ul> <li>Recommendation letter from concerned organisation as and when necessary</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consent letter from the concerned ministry</li> <li>Proof of admission/offer letter</li> <li>Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government organization</li> </ol>
27.	FR (spouse a dependent family members of persons of category R)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and Dependent Children, legal guardian of children/legal family members of persons in category 'R'	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder     </li> <li>Request letter from the concerned organisation</li> <li>Proof of relationship (registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children) and reference letter from the principal vis holder</li> </ol>
28.	S (Student)	Purpose: Pursuing an academic program or for fulfillment of an academic degree(internship)  Eligibility: Student/intern	1. Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1 + 2. Proof of admission/offer letter 3. Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government organisation
29.	FS (Dependent family members S visa holder)	Purpose: Staying with family  Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children of arriving person of 'S' category	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         <ul> <li>Copy of passport of principal visa holder</li> </ul> </li> <li>Marriage registration certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children</li> </ol>

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30.	T (Tourist)	Purpose: Recreation, tourism, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, for attending government conference, workshop, study tour and seminar  Eligibility: Persons arriving for above purposes	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         NOC from the employer (original)         Proof of hotel booking         Invitation from Bangladesh with invitee's NID copy (address proof)         NOC of the parents and copy of their passports (for minors)     </li> </ol>
31.	TI (Tableague ijtema)	Purpose: To attend tableague ijtema  Eligibility: Persons arriving for above purposes	Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1     +     Recommendation from the central tableague markus/tableague jamat of the concerned country
32.	TF (Family of Bangladeshi national/ Foreign nationals of Bangladeshi origin)	Purpose: Staying with family and travelling in Bangladesh  Eligibility:  - Foreign spouse and children of Bangladeshi citizen  - Bangladeshi descendent foreign citizen and his/her spouse and children	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         Proof of Bangladeshi nationality of applicant/affidavit declaring relationship with Bangladeshi citizen     </li> <li>Marriage registration certificate for spouse and birth certificate for children</li> </ol>
33.	TR (Transit)	Purpose: For traveling through Bangladesh for a destination outside Bangladesh/to sign in/sign off from sea vessels  Eligibility: Transit passengers, seamen, mariners, air crews	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         Proof of visa in third country         Ticket for a third country         Continues discharge certificate for sea man and mariners     </li> </ol>

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34.	No Visa Required (NVR) Facility	Purpose: Ensure long term access of Bangladeshi origin foreign nationals and their spouses Eligibility: Bangladeshi origin foreign nationals	<ol> <li>Mandatory documents mentioned in row 1         +         <ol> <li>Copy of Bangladeshi NID/valid passport/BRC of the applicant</li> <li>Copy of Bangladeshi NID/valid passport/BRC of the applicant's parent(s)/grandparents/spouse</li> </ol> </li> <li>Introductory letter from Bangladeshi parent(s)/grandparent(s)/spouse</li> </ol>
35.	Visa on Arrival (VOA)/ Landing Permit	Purpose: Visit Bangladesh for business, tourism or other purposes  Eligibility: Citizens of specific countries (list may be checked at www.immi.gov.bd/Land-Permit-Eligibility) Citizens/travelers from a country having no Bangladeshi mission	<ol> <li>Citizens of specific countries (list may be checked at www.immi.gov.bd/Land-Permit-Eligibility) are eligible</li> <li>Citizens/travelers from a country having no Bangladeshi mission may apply for VOA</li> <li>Investors may apply with letter of recommendation from BIDA or BEZPA</li> <li>Bangladeshi origin foreign nationals may apply with Bangladeshi NID/passport</li> <li>Officers/staff members of foreign missions and United Nations may apply with their appoint letters and employment ID</li> <li>Applicant must have at least US\$ 500 (five hundred) in hand</li> <li>Visa fees (US\$ 50.00) is to be paid in foreign currency only</li> </ol>

This guideline has been drawn summarising policies, circulars, office orders and letters issued by competent authorities from time to time. Original policies, circular and office orders will remain valid in case of if any confusion.

- The submission of a complete file does not guarantee the issuance of a visa. The passport will not be returned until the final decision is made. The Consulate reserves the right to ask for a personal interview and/or any additional document(s).
- Submission of an incomplete application will result in a visa refusal. Fees and documents (except original passports) submitted with visa applications are not refundable/returnable.
- Some visa applications including applications for NVR facilities are subjects to get clearance from the Security Services Division (SSD), Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka. A copy of the letter, sent in this regard to SSD, will be forwarded to the applicant's email address. Usually, the procedure takes longer time. The applicant will be contacted over mobile phone mentioned in the application upon receiving clearance from Dhaka.

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