

Bangladesh Visa Policy

| Sl. No. | Visa Category | All who are eligible | Purpose of visit/travel | Indicative list of required documents |
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| 1 | A | Head of State / Head of Government / Ministers / State Ministers / Deputy Ministers /Member of Parliament / Provincial Assembly Members / Mayors / or persons with equivalent status and their entourage, accompanying spouse and dependant members of their family | Official visit | Note Verbale from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the sending government. |
| 2 | A1 | Officials of government / semi-government / autonomous bodies / members of government delegation and entourage, accompanying spouse and dependant children | Official tour / duty | Note Verbale from the sending government department/ Ministry |
| 3 | A2 | Officials and staff members of UN and its affiliated organizations, international / regional organizations / bodies | Employment / official duty | Letter of request / recommendation of the relevant international organization |
| 4 | FA2 | Spouse and other dependant family members of the Principal traveling on A2 category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Letter of request / recommendation of the relevant international organization |
| 5 | A3 | Experts / advisers / officials / staff members / labors working in any project under the bilateral / multilateral agreement between Bangladesh government and development partner agencies | Employment / Official duty | Recommendation of the concerned Ministry / ERD of the Ministry of Finance / relevant government agency of Bangladesh |
| 6 | FA3 | Spouse and other dependent members of the Principal visiting with A3 category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Letter of recommendation of the relevant agency / organization |
| 7 | B | Businessmen / Business Representatives | Trade and Commerce | Recommendation from recognized chambers of commerce OR recommendation of the local sponsor in Bangladesh and statement of good standing / business credentials. |
| 8 | C | Crew members of airlines / ships / vessels / other transports in international route | Professional duty | Recommendation of the appointing authority |

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| 9 | D | Ambassadors / diplomats / consular officers and officers of equivalent status and their spouses and their dependant family members | Official duty (and accompanying /joining principal) | Note Verbale from the sending government |
| 10 | ND | Personal staff of Principal visiting with A, A2 and D category visa and Non-diplomatic staff members and their spouses and dependent members of their family | Accompanying/ joining the Principal (and official duty) | Note Verbale from the sending government |
| 11 | DA | Domestic aide of Principal traveling on A, A2 and D category visas | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Note Verbale from the sending government |
| 12 | E | <p>a) Experts / advisers / employees / Individuals appointed in government / semi-government/ autonomous bodies / projects and equivalent organizations</p> <p>b) Individuals employed in local/ foreign government / semi-government/ liaison / Industrial / commercial organizations or other equivalent organizations</p> <p>c) Individuals appointed under local / foreign government / semi-government contractor ship and in equivalent organizations</p> | Employment /service | Letter of Appointment and Letter of recommendation from the concerned Ministry in Bangladesh / Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI) / Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) |
| 13 | FE | Spouse and other dependent members of the Principal traveling on E category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth/ marriage certificates / letter from recommending authority |
| 14 | E1 | Individuals visiting for supply / installation / maintenance of equipment and software / supervision of project etc. | supply/ Installation / maintenance / training / supervision / project visit etc. | Invitation from local sponsor, copy of agreement , recommendation of Bangladesh Board of Investment (BOI) / Bangladesh Export Processing Zones Authority (BEPZA) / relevant Ministry / department / agency |

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| 15 | J | Journalists of newspapers / magazines / TV or radio networks / news agencies / representatives of print, electronic or satellite media / freelance journalists etc. | Professional duty | For issuance of J category visa, a clearance from External Publicity Wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka is required. This usually takes 21 days to process after submission of application. The applicant also has to submit duly filled in FF-I and FF-II forms along with the visa application form |
| 16 | FJ | Spouse and dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on J category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate or letter from recommending authority |
| 17 | M | Missionaries / Priests | Social service | Recommendation/ appointment letter from concerned Missionary /organization and a letter of concurrence from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Bangladesh |
| 18 | FM | Spouse and other dependant members of the family of the Principal visiting on M category visa | Accompanying/ joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |
| 19 | N | Individuals appointed in NGOs registered in Bangladesh | Employment / Service | Letter of appointment and certificate / letter of recommendation from the NGO Affairs Bureau of Bangladesh. |
| 20 | FN | Spouse and other dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on N category visa | Accompanying/ joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |
| 21 | P | Sports organizers / players /coaches /members of cultural troupe/ artists / writers and individuals of equal status | Professional duty / Employment | Recommendation of the concerned organization and concurrence of the concerned Ministry in Bangladesh |
| 22 | FP | Spouse and dependant members of the family of the Principal traveling on P category visa | Accompanying/ joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |

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| 23 | PI | Investors in existing / new/ under construction/ upcoming industrial / commercial entity in the private sector under joint venture or 100% foreign owned company | Investment / management of established business / commercial organization | Certificate / Letter of BOI / BEPZA (if applicable) certifying that the applicant is a genuine investor |
| 24 | FPI | Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on PI category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth/ marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |
| 25 | R | Individual participating in research/ training / Internship program in any government approved agency / organization | Research / training / Internship etc. | Recommendation of the concerned agency/ organization and concurrence of the relevant Ministry in Bangladesh |
| 26 | FR | Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on R category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |
| 27 | S | Regular students / students seeking admission / researchers in any government-approved educational institution | Study / research | Proof of admission / approval of admission in a government-approved educational institution, sponsorship and bank guarantee |
| 28 | FS | Spouse and dependent members of the Principal traveling on S category visa | Accompanying / joining the Principal | Relevant documents e.g. birth / marriage certificate / letter from recommending authority |
| 29 | T | a) Citizen of any country having diplomatic relations with Bangladesh b) Individual attending seminar / symposium / study tour | Travel / tourism / visiting relatives / religious purpose/ unofficial seminar / workshops / symposium/ study tour etc. | Letter of invitation / flight itinerary |
| 30 | T1 | Individual participating in Tablig Jamaat | Religious purpose | Recommendation letter from concerned Tablig Markaz / Tablig Jamaat of the sending country |

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| 31 | TF | a) Spouse and children of Bangladesh citizens b) Spouse and children of Foreign nationals of Bangladesh origin | Travel and stay in Bangladesh | Proof of Bangladesh citizenship Affidavit confirming relationship as spouse/ children Birth / marriage certificate |
| 32 | TR | Individuals transiting through Bangladesh on way to a third country on appointment. | Transit | Recommendation of the appointing authority certifying the appointment in the third country and confirmed ticket (Transit visa is restricted to 72 hours for each entry) |
| 33 | W | Individual traveling under “ <i>Work and Holiday</i> ” Agreement, Development & Volunteers program and under bilateral / multilateral agreements; their spouses and children | As per the Agreement with the Bangladesh Government | Recommendation/request from concerned authority |

General instructions:

- UN and UN Agencies mean, WHO, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO, IMF, WORLD BANK, WFP, IDB etc. and International and Regional Organizations mean, USAID, JICA, JBIC, DFID, CIDA, SIDA, DANIDA, PEACE CORPS, NORAD, FINNIDA, ICDDR, ADB, RED CROSS/RED CRESENT and similar organizations.
- Application for extension of visa should be submitted before expiration of the existing visa. Penalty for over-stay will be imposed if application for extension of visa is submitted after the date of expiry of the visa.
- Visa category can not be changed after entering into Bangladesh.