

# **Information on obtaining study visa for international students coming to Nepal for higher studies.**

All international students who are interested in pursuing study of any level in Nepal are required to obtain a visa. Apart from Indian nationals, all other nationals need a visa. It is to be noted that obtaining a tourist visa is the first and foremost step. After obtaining tourist visa, international students can apply for other visas, in this case a study visa.

## **How do I get a Tourist Visa?**

There are many ways of obtaining a tourist visa. The most appropriate and easy way of obtaining visa for Nepal is by applying on your arrival. Alternative to applying upon arrival is to apply in advance. Given below are four ways to obtain visa for Nepal.

- a) Apply upon your arrival at Kathmandu's international airport(TIA)
- b) At any of the land border crossings open to foreign nationals ( each of these land border has an immigration office)
- c) Apply at one of Nepal's foreign consulates from abroad, in advance.
- d) Apply on-line

## **How do is apply on-line for Tourist Visa?**

We advise you to visit the web-site <http://www.nepalimmigration.gov.np/> . This web-site is the property of Government of Nepal, Department of Immigration. After the web-site opens check for Online Application tab. Please click this tab. Upon clicking the tab, you will see the following advice:

### **Advice for Online Visa Applicants**

In order to avoid long queues and unnecessary problems, kindly submit a complete Online Visa Application form to the Immigration Authority of Nepal in your first attempt! To do that, here are few things you need to prepare:

1. Please keep your valid passport at hand.
2. Ready a recent digital photograph (size: 1.5" x 1.5") in your removable device to upload your photograph for the application.
3. Gather beforehand
  - a. a detailed permanent residence address, and
  - b. detailed address in Nepal.
4. You need to provide telephone numbers—land-line and mobile.
5. You need to provide your email address too.
6. The submitted application will remain in the system for 15 days. After 15 days, the application will be deleted automatically from the system.
7. Once the application is successfully submitted, a receipt will be sent to your email immediately.
8. Print the receipt and keep it with you as you need to produce it before the Immigration Authority.
9. For your convenience, the deadline to contact the Immigration Authority will be mentioned in the receipt.
10. The receipt also mentions about the documents you need to produce before the Immigration Authority.

11. Please contact the Immigration Authority within 15 days after the submission of application.
12. For example, if you submit your extension application today, and your visa is expiring the next day, on the third day if you visit the Department of Immigration, you will have to pay late fee of that day. In order to prevent this sort of hassle, please submit your extension application on time and get your visa renewed before crossing the expiry date.
13. When you contact the Immigration Authority, please make sure you have the receipt and proper documents with you including the necessary fee.
14. No on arrival visa for country list - AFG,IRQ,CMR,GHA,SOM,SWZ,PSE,ZWE,NGA,ETH,LBR

Close this advice page, and, look for Tourist Visa tab. You will come across Tourist visa application page. Proceed by fill in the required information.

### **How much does the Tourist Visa cost?**

The price of tourist visa varies with duration and type. Given here are the three options for the length of a tourist visa. However, for all those who belong to SAARC countries, first 30 days are free of cost.

Option	Duration of Visa	Cost of Visa
1	15 days	\$25 USD
2	30 days	\$40 USD
3	90 days	\$100 USD
	Multiple Entry option	Extra \$20 , this is useful for going back-and- forth between India and Tibet.

Following this process, you will have in-hand a tourist visa, and during the period of your status as a tourist , you are required to take following steps will towards receiving a full 1 year study visa.

### **How do I apply for study visa?**

Study visa is issued to foreign students pursuing academic /non academic degree and research in Nepal. It is issued by the Department of Immigration upon the recommendation of line agency (Ministry of Education, Science and Technology). It is also issued to teachers/professors involved in academic work (teaching) in Nepal upon recommendations from the concerned agencies of Nepal Government. It is issued for maximum of one year as per the recommendation or length of study.

You need to have certain documents in hand before applying for study visa. Given below are the necessary documents.

### **Necessary Documents**

- Recommendation letter from [Ministry of Education, Science and Technology](#)
- University /College Admission Receipt (original)
- Bank Statement (latest one week) with sufficient funds.
- Online Application form ( [Link to Online Study Visa Application](#))
- Copies of passport and latest Nepali Visa
- Marriage Certificate and Birth Certificate ( for those applying their spouse and children as dependents)
- Progress report Card (for renewal of Student Visa)

For Researcher applying for student visa, following additional documents should also be produced;

- Offer/Appointment letter from Academic Institution of Nepal (eg -University)
- General Agreement between two Academic Institutions (of Nepal and abroad)

### **How much does study visa cost ?**

Given below are the different categories of study visa and the cost associated with it in dollars (USD). The visa fees also differences across nationality. If you do not belong to any of the country mentioned on this list, please refer to the standard cost of academic or non-academic costs stated in this table. We also advice you to visit the following link: <http://www.nepalimmigration.gov.np/page/study-visa>

S.No	Study Category /Nationality of Passport holder	Rate (USD)/per month
1	Academic	20
2	Non Academic	50
3	Research	40
4	Bangladesh	15
5	Bhutan	10
6	Maldives	25
7	Pakistan and Srilanka	Gratis

**Single Re-entry facility** : 20 USD extra in addition to monthly Visa Fee

**Multiple Re-entry facility** : 60 USD extra in addition to monthly Visa Fee

### **Please prepare following documents**

1. No Objection Letter .
2. Bank Statement at least of US dollar 3000 for a student.
3. Student's admission receipt from the college/ university
4. Bio data of Students
5. College recommendation letter to University for Visa Process
6. University's recommendation letter to Ministry of Education for visa with decision
7. Valid Passport
8. Students with tourist visa should apply within 60 days of commencement of tourist visa.