

## **Business Visa:**

Business Visa is granted to a foreign national who wants to visit India to establish an industrial/business venture or to explore possibilities to set up industrial/business venture, or wants to purchase/sell industrial products in India. This Visa is granted subject to following conditions:

- The applicant is a person of assured financial standing and expertise in the field of the intended business;
- The applicant is not visiting India for the business of money-lending or petty-trading, or for a full time employment in India involving payment of salary in India etc;
- The facility of Business Visa is also extended to senior executives of firms, experts, tour conductors and travel agents, etc., visiting India in connection with work related to projects of national importance, including those undertaken by public sector undertakings, and conducting business tours of foreigners or business relating to it, etc;
- A foreign national will have to comply with all other requirements like payment of tax liabilities etc;
- The grant of Business Visa is subject to any instructions issued by the Government of India on the basis of reciprocity with other foreign countries from time to time;
- The Business Visa must be issued from the country of origin, or from the country of domicile of the foreigner provided the period of permanent residence of that applicant in that particular country should be for more than 2 years. The minimum processing time for Non-UAE Passport holders (resident in the UAE for less than 2 years) is minimum 4 working days.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR BUSINESS VISA**

- Foreign nationals who want to visit India to establish industrial/business venture or to explore possibilities to set up industrial/business venture in India;
- Foreign nationals coming to India to purchase/sell industrial products or commercial products or consumer durables;
- Foreign nationals coming to India for technical meetings/discussions, attending Board meetings, general meetings for providing business services support;
- Foreign nationals coming to India for recruitment of manpower;
- Foreign nationals who are partners in the Business and/or functioning as Directors in the company;
- Foreign nationals coming to India for consultations regarding exhibitions, for participation in exhibitions, trade fairs, business fairs, etc;
- Foreign buyers who come to transact business with suppliers/ potential suppliers at locations in India, to evaluate or monitor quality, give specifications, place

orders, negotiate further supplies etc., relating to goods or services procured from India;

- Foreign experts/specialists on a visit of short duration in connection with an ongoing project with the objective of monitoring the progress of the work, conducting meetings with Indian customers and/or to provide some high level technical guidance;
- Foreign nationals coming to India for pre-sales or post-sales activity not amounting to actual execution of any contract or project;
- Foreign Trainees of multinational companies/corporate houses coming for in-house training in the regional hubs of the concerned company located in India;
- Foreign students sponsored by AIESEC for internship on project based work in companies/industries;

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Visa Applicants need to apply online at <http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> and submit duly filled in and signed print out of the application form, at the BLS (<http://www.blsindiavisa-uae.com/>) along with:

- The applicant should be a resident of UAE;
- Two 51 x 51 mm recent passport size photographs in white background;
- Passport in original and a photocopy of the passport including UAE residence visa page (The foreign national must have a valid travel document and a re-entry permit, if required under the law of the country concerned);
- A letter from the sponsor company certifying that the applicant is employed in their organization and is proceeding to India on a business trip and trade licence copy;
- Proof of financial standing and expertise in the field of intended business;
- An invitation letter from the company/ organization based in India inviting the applicant for this business trip;
- Trade Licence, Company registration certificate copy of the Indian Company that is inviting the applicant.
- The passport should have at least six months validity and UAE residence visa.

## **DURATION OF BUSINESS VISA**

A Business Visa with multiple entry facilities is granted for a period up to 5 years or for a shorter duration as per the requirement depending upon nationality. A stay stipulation will be prescribed for each visit by the concerned Indian Mission. For 5 years Business Visa, biometric capturing is a pre-requisite and can be done at the time of submission of application at the notified BLS centre <https://www.blsindiavisa-uae.com/>

**Note: Citizens of Afghanistan, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia and Foreigners of Pakistan origin may apply for the said visa well before 60 days of their scheduled journey to enable the mission to process their visa in timely manner.**

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