**Entry Visa:**

An Entry (X) Visa can be given to:

Persons of Indian Origin and could cover:

1. Former Indian nationals;
2. Spouses of persons of Indian origin;
3. Dependent children of person of Indian origin;
4. Spouse of person holding OCI or PIO card;
5. Dependent children of person holding OCI or PIO card.

**Exceptions:** Not for Pakistani nationals, who should apply for Visit Visa.

**Validity:** Entry Visa is generally issued for one year or less. In some cases (mostly for persons of Indian origin) Entry Visa can be issued for up to five years. Please note the validity of the visa is effective from the date of issue.

**Requirements**

Documentary proof in support of any of the categories shown above should be attached with the visa application. For instance, (I) persons of Indian origin should attach copy of previous Indian passport/ OCI card/ PIO card/ Marriage Certificate etc., as the case may be. For spouses of Indian nationals or of Indian origin, legalized/ Apostilled Marriage certificate is required. (II) Spouse and dependent family members of person holding long term visa should attach copy of visa of person holding long term visa for India, and proof of relationship with that person. (III) Foreign nationals who own property in India should attach proof of ownership of property along with RBI’s permission to purchase/ hold property, and registration of the property with the concerned authority in India. (IV) Others should attach documents supporting purpose of visit.

**Note:** Citizens of Afghanistan, China, Iraq, Sudan 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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