



# INDIA VISA INSTRUCTIONS

## FAQ:

### WHAT IS A VISA?

A visa is an endorsement by a foreign government allowing you to enter and stay in that country for a specified period of time. After applying online, you will receive an e-visa. Your e-visa provides authorization to travel to, and enter India, and is electronically linked to your passport. You will also need to print your e-visa and carry it with you in your carry-on luggage on travel day.

### DO I NEED A VISA?

**If you have a U.S. passport:** Yes! All U.S. passport holders traveling to India are required to obtain a visa prior to departure.

**If you have a passport from another country:** Many other countries are also eligible for a visa for traveling to India. Please consult the Government of India's official visa website for a complete list of countries. If your country of citizenship is not listed, we recommend contacting the embassy of your country of citizenship for visa instructions. You should also contact the nearest district office of the USCIS, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service, for information on the documents necessary for you to leave and reenter the United States. This is your responsibility.

### HOW DO I APPLY FOR MY VISA?

You can apply for your Indian visa online by visiting <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>. You will need to upload an ID Style color photo as well as the photo page of your passport, and pay the visa fee. The current visa fee for US passport holders is \$100.00 plus a 2.5% bank fee. Please visit [https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/eTV\\_revised\\_fee\\_final.pdf](https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/eTV_revised_fee_final.pdf) for current fees for non-US passport holders.

### Helpful Tips:

- You cannot apply for your visa more than 120 days or less than 4 days from your arrival date.
  - For session 1 (arrival date June 9, 2019) you can apply starting on February 9, 2019
  - For session 2 (arrival date July 7, 2019) you can apply starting on March 9, 2019
- The following formats are accepted for your uploaded documents: .JPG (for photos) and .PDF (for scans). Documents must be a minimum size of 10 KB, and cannot exceed 1MB each.
- Check your Photo Identification reading for instructions on taking an ID style photo.

- Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months after your program end date.
- You must write your name exactly as it appears in your passport.
- When you start your online application, you will receive a Temporary Application ID number via email. If you log out of the application before completing it, you will need to use your Temporary Application ID in order to restart where you left off. Your Temporary Application ID is only valid for 30 days.
- Once you receive confirmation of your e-visa – be sure to upload a screenshot or scan to your CIEE Online account. You will need to print a paper copy of your e-visa to bring with you on travel day. Be sure to pack it in your carry-on luggage!

## Application Answers:

**Port of Arrival:** Hyderabad Airport

**Visa Service:** eTOURIST VISA; RECREATION/SIGHT-SEEING

In the Family Details section – don't miss this question (it is easy to skip over and defaults to a "yes" answer):

The screenshot shows a form field for 'Applicant's Marital Status' with a dropdown arrow. Below it, a yellow message box contains the text: 'Were your Parents/Grandparents (paternal/maternal) Pakistan Nationals or Belong to Pakistan held areas. Please select a value Yes No'.

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For additional instructions, visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html> and click on "Instructions for Applicant" in the left hand navigation bar.

If you have any questions, please email us at [hssummerabroad@ciee.org](mailto:hssummerabroad@ciee.org) or call us at 207-553-4292.



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