

Travel Information

Provisional Visa Arrangements And Fee	
Visa Issuing, Regularizing and Renewing Authority	
The following visa shall be issued and granted by the following authority Category of Visa and its issuing and renewing authority-	
Category of visa	Visa Issuing, Regularizing and Renewing Authority
Diplomatic visa	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Provided, however, that the mission or the Immigration Office at the entry point may issue the diplomatic visa (as an entry visa) for a period of up to 30 days.
Official visa	The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Provided that the mission or the Immigration Office at the entry point may issue the official visa (as an entry visa) for a period of up to 30 days.
Tourist visa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Immigration Officer of the entry point or the mission for fifteen days, thirty days, and ninety days entry visa in visa year. 2. The Director General for renewal the validity of visa and regularize to the tourist who have already entered into Nepal by obtaining entry visa. But the immigration officer of the entry point may regularize the visa for fifteen days at departure time if the total stays period in a visa year not exceeding 150 days.
Study visa	Better to contact with Nepalese embassy.
Non tourist visas	Better to contact with Nepalese embassy.
Business visa	Better to contact with Nepalese embassy.
Transit visa	The Immigration Officer of the entry Point
Residential visa	<p>For first one year the Department by obtaining approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs and The Department for renewal.</p> <p>Provided that the Department shall issue visa on the recommendation of the Department of Industries to the foreign investor as per clause (1) of sub-rule (1) of rule 11 and their dependant family.</p>
Non-Residential Nepalese visa	For the first time, the Mission or the Department by obtaining approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department for renewal.

Power to refuse to issue visa or to grant permission to enter into Nepal:

Notwithstanding anything contained elsewhere in these Rules, the Immigration Officer may, at the every entry point, refuse to issue a visa to, or to grant permission to enter into Nepal , to the following foreigners:

1. Whose passports and visas have been found doubtful,
2. Who have been expelled for the commission of any acts contrary to the Act or these Rules, or who have been prohibited from entering into Nepal.
3. Who have already expended the period of stay according to this regulation.
4. The traveling documents of the foreigner willing to enter, seems doubtful



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Power to prohibit the departure from Nepal:

The Department or Immigration Office may prohibit the following individuals from departing from Nepal:

1. Who have not valid passport and visas to enter into the country which they have intended to enter into,
2. About whom information, with the reason therefore, has been received from any authorized official for the prohibition of the departure from Nepal.

Points of entry or exit:

The point of entry and exit for the purpose of the foreigner entering into or departing from Nepal by obtaining a visa shall be as follows:

1. Immigration Office, Tribhuvan International Airport, Kathmandu
2. Immigration Office, Kakarvitta, Jhapa (Eastern Nepal)
3. Immigration Office, Birganj, Parsa (Central Nepal)
4. Immigration Office, Kodari, Sindhupalchowk (Northern Border)
5. Immigration Office, Belahia, Bhairahawa (Rupandehi, Western Nepal)
6. Immigration Office, Jamunaha, Nepalgunj (Banke, Mid Western Nepal)
7. Immigration Office, Mohana, Dhangadhi (Kailali, Far Western Nepal)
8. Immigration Office, Gaddachauki, Mahendranagar (Kanchanpur, Far Western Nepal)

Arrival and Departure form to be filled up:

Every foreigner entering into or departing from Nepal has to fill-up Arrival and Departure form and submit such form to the immigration office.

Certification of arrival and departure:

Every person entering into or departing from Nepal shall get his entry and departure certified at his entry or departure point. In the case of the person who has not got so registered his arrival or departure, if he submits an application, along with the reason therefore, the department may, if it deems reasonable after investigation thereabout, certify the arrival or departure.

Documents to be produced:

In cases where the officials of the Department or the Offices there under and the authorized Officers of the District Administration Office in such places where such personnel are not available, the police officials and border administration officials require any foreigner to show his passport, visa, trekking permit and documents relating thereto, such foreigner has to show such documents immediately.

Notice of change in address:

1. If a foreigner except in tourist visa, permitted to stay in Nepal more than six months, makes change in his Nepal based residential address mentioned in the application submitted for the issuance of visa or the extension of the term of visa, such foreigner shall compulsorily furnish the Department, Office or local police office with a notice containing his name, passport number and new address as well, within seven days.
2. If a foreigner has stayed in Nepal for more than 120 days goes to any other place of Nepal for spending more than 24 hours, he has to register with the local Police Office of such place his presence along with the detail showing his name, passport number and address as well.



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Restriction to work:

1. (1) A foreigner having obtained a visa as a tourist or his family member pursuant to these Rules shall not be allowed to work, with or without receiving remuneration, in any industry, business, enterprise or organization during his stay in Nepal .
2. A foreigner having obtained a visa pursuant to these Rules shall not be allowed to carry out any work other than that for which purpose he has obtained the visa.

Recommendation for and issuance of visa provisionally:

1. In cases where it takes time to make recommendation for the study, non-tourist and business visa, the concerned Ministry may, upon assigning the said reason, make recommendation for the provisional study, non-tourist and business visa for a period not exceeding three months.
2. In cases where it take time for the foreigner referred to in sub-rule (1) (h) of Rule 8 to submit the marriage registration certificate, the Department may, on the basis of the recommendation of the authority or the embassy of the concerned country, issue the non-tourist visa for a period not exceeding three months.

Issuance of travel permit:

The Department may issue the travel permits to those foreigners who are not able to obtain new passports due to the loss, deface or expiry of the term thereof or due to any other reasons, in order to enable them to depart outside from Nepal. Provided, however, that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs shall issue such permit in the case of the person holding diplomatic and official passport.

Transfer of visa:

In case where any foreigner has obtained the travel permit or a new passport due to the loss or expiry of the term of old passport, the Ministry of Foreign affairs for diplomatic and official visa or the department for other visa may transfer the visa to the travel permit or to the passport.

Application for extension of the term of visa:

An application has to be submitted in the format as referred to in Appendix 8 for the extension of the term of a visa except a diplomatic and official visa.

Circumstances in which a visa may be cancelled:

The Department may cancel a visa of any foreigner in the following circumstances:

1. If he fails to produce an international health certificate as and when required to do so.
2. If he becomes insane or goes mad.
3. If he is found to have absconded after committing any serious criminal offence.
4. If he is found to be suffering from any contagious or communicable disease.
5. If his presence seems to cause detrimental effect in peace and security of Nepal or in the mutual fraternity of the people of Nepal.
6. If his conduct is found to be suspicious or if he carries out, or causes to be carried out, any undesirable activities.
7. If his presence seems to result in adverse impact on the social and culture environment in Nepal.
8. If he violates, or causes to violate, the Act, these Rules and other prevailing law.
9. If he carries out any other acts or things not in consonance with the purpose for which the visa has been issued or the purpose of visa ends before the provided visa period.
10. To cancel his last visa, if he receives recommendation to provide another category of visa from the concerned institutions.



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In the case of cancellation of a visa pursuant to sub-rule (1), the fees paid therefore shall not be refundable.

Visa Fees:

1. The visa fees or other fees to be charged for the issuance of a visa for the entry into or presence in Nepal, for the extension of the visa or the regulation of the visa of the foreigner who has overstayed or the issuance of the travel permit or the transference of the visa shall be prescribed in Appendix -9.

Provided, however, that the children below the age of ten years shall be exempted from visa fees.

2. The visa fees chargeable for the citizens of the countries which charge fee higher or lower than the fees prescribed under sub-rule (1) shall be based on reciprocity.

1. Fees to be levied while issuing tourist visa by the Mission or entry point:

1. US Dollars 25 or other convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto for 15 days multiple entry visa.
2. US Dollars 40 or other convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto for 30 days multiple entry visa.
3. US Dollars 100 or other convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto for 90 days multiple entry visa.
4. Notwithstanding anything written in clause (a) and (b), no visa fee shall be applicable to the passport holder of member states of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) for 30 days.

2. Fees to be levied for renewal or regularization of tourist visa

1. Nepalese currency equivalent to 2 US dollars per day to renew the validity of tourist visa.
2. In case where request has also been made for the facility of multiple entry, just valid for the renewal period an additional amount in Nepalese currency equivalent to U. S. Dollars 20 to the fee as referred to in Clause (a).
3. In regularizing visa of any foreigner stayed without renewal of validity of the tourist visa, Nepalese currency equivalent 3 US dollars per day shall be levied in addition to the normal amount to be paid for renewal of the validity of visa as per these Regulations.
4. Foreigners, who have already been overstayed more than 150 days without renewing the tourist visa shall be levied the fees referred in clause 2(c) and penalty amount as referred to in section 10(4) of Immigration act in addition.
5. Notwithstanding anything written in clause 2(a), the period of visa fee shall be levied, for the purpose to renew tourist visa for up to 15 days if the visa be of a period less than 15 days and as referred to in clause 2(a) for more than this.

3. Fees chargeable while issuing, or extending the validity of the study visa:

1.
 1. If the study visa for 30 days has to be issued at the time of entry, 30 US\$ or other convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto.
 2. In issuing or extending the study visa to the student studying in Degree program and to their dependants, Nepalese currency equivalent to 20 US\$ per month, to the student studying in Non-Degree program and to their dependants, Nepalese currency equivalent to 50 US\$ per month.
 3. For the student from Bangladesh and to their dependants Nepalese currency equivalent to US\$ 15 per year with multiple facility, on the basis of reciprocity.
 4. For the students from Maldives and to their dependants Nepalese currency equivalent to US\$ 25 per year on the basis of reciprocity.
 5. For the students from Bhutan and to their dependants Nepalese currency equivalent to US\$ 10 per month.
 6. Notwithstanding anything written in clause 3(b), for the students from Sri Lanka and Pakistan should provide study visa without any fee on the basis of reciprocity. But the



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dependants of these students shall be levied Nepalese currency equivalent to US\$ 10 per month as visa fee.

7. For the dependants of foreigners, who are permitted to get study visa without fee in Nepal within the teachers exchange program with Nepal based Universities and foreign Universities shall be levied Nepalese currency equivalent to US \$ 10 per month.
8. Foreigners to come to teaching and to do research and to their dependants shall be levied Nepalese currency equivalent to US\$ 40 per month.

1. Fees chargeable while issuing, or extending the validity of, the non-tourist visa:

1. If the non-tourist visa of 30 days has to be issued at the time of entry, 30 American Dollars or convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto.
2. Nepalese currency equivalent to five (5) American Dollars per month for the foreigner of Nepalese origin and the foreign passport holding child of Nepalese father or mother.
3. Nepalese currency equivalent to ten (10) American Dollars per month for licensed journalists.
4. Nepalese currency equivalent to twenty (20) American Dollars per month for the foreigners who serve in an office or project of Nepal Government being directly involved in such office or project.
5. In issuing the non-tourist visa to a foreigner who gets married with a Nepalese citizen, Nepalese currency equivalent to ten (10) American Dollars per month.
6. Nepalese currency equivalent to fifteen (15) US Dollars per month for the father, mother, brother and sister of the foreigner who get marital relation with Nepalese citizen or other foreigner who come to meet their relatives.
7. Nepalese currency equivalent to twenty (20) US Dollars per month for the Chinese citizen residing in Nepal since before 1989 A.D. or serving under a bid contract with Nepal government or fully owned institutions of Nepal government.
8. Nepalese currency equivalent to Thirty (30) US Dollars per months for the foreigners and their dependents, who are working in Non-government organization directly funded by donor country under the agreement between donor country and Nepal government.
9. Nepalese currency equivalent to sixty (60) American Dollars per month for all other foreigners,

2. Fee to be paid for issuing or renewal of Business visa.

1. Nepalese currency equivalent to ten (10) US Dollars per month, hundred (100) US Dollars annually and three hundred (300) US Dollars for 5 years for multiple entry business visa for the foreigner and their dependents or authorized agent who is investing individually more than ten million Nepalese rupees.
2. Nepalese currency equivalent to thirty (30) US Dollars per month, three hundred (300) US Dollars annually and one thousand (1000) US Dollars for 5 years multiple entry business visa for the foreigner and their dependents or authorized agent who is investing individually ten million Nepalese rupees or less than that.
3. Same amount shall be levied for the foreigner who export goods manufactured in Nepal through purchase or who place a purchase order for export as written in clause (a)
4. Notwithstanding anything written in clause (a) and (b), no fee shall be levied for the foreigner and their dependent or authorized agent who is investing individually hundred million Nepalese rupees and more than that.
5. Same amount shall be levied for the foreigner expert and their dependents that come for the purpose of technology transfer as written in clause (b).

3. Fees chargeable while issuing the Transit visa:

Five American Dollars or convertible foreign currency equivalent thereto.

4. Fee to be paid for Non-Resident Nepalese Visa:



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US \$100 (one hundred) or convertible foreign currency for one year, but 25% (percent) of above fee shall be charged for the students.

5. Fee to be paid for issuing or renewal Residential visa with multiple entry facility:

For the first time, Nepalese currency equivalent to 200 US dollars annually and in getting renewal Nepalese currency equivalent to US dollars 100 annually, provided that for foreigner as referred to clause (e) of sub-rule (1) of Rule 11, for the first time, Nepalese currency equivalent to US dollars 700 and in getting renewal Nepalese currency equivalent to US dollars 1200 annually shall be levied.

6. While regularizing the visas of those foreigners who have stayed without getting the validity of business, study and non-tourist visas extended:

1. In the case of those who have stayed without getting the validity of business, study and non-tourist visas extended upon getting recommendation from the concerned institutions for the same visa category, an additional fee at the rate of 100% of the fees chargeable pursuant to these Rules for the visas on which they have stayed for the period.
2. Same amount shall be levied for the foreigner as per written in clause (2c) and clause (2d) who cannot succeed to receive recommendation from the concerned institutions.

7. If single entry and multiple entry facility has to be obtained in other visa except the tourist and business visa:

Nepalese currency equivalent to 20 and 60 American Dollars respectively.

8. Other fees:

1. If the tourist visa or other visa has to be issued to the foreigner who enters without obtaining the visa from the entry point, Nepalese currency equivalent to the fees chargeable pursuant to these Rules plus an additional 50 percent fees thereof.
2. Nepalese currency equivalent to 30 American Dollars in issuing the travel document.
3. Nepalese currency equivalent to two American Dollar in certifying arrival or departure or transferring visa.

9. Computation of visa fees:

The fees shall be computed, in computing the period for purposes of the fees of the visas other than the tourist visa, so that visa fees shall be charged for up to 15 days if the visa be of a period less than 15 days and for one month if the visa be of a period more than 15 days but less than one month.

Provision relating to facility of single entry, multiple entries:

1. While issuing visas under these Rules, the facility of single-entry and multiple entries may also be granted.
2. The facility granted under sub-rule (1) shall remain valid only until the entrance validity period of the visa, in the case of the visa issued by the mission, and until the validity period of the visa in the case of the visa issued by the Office or Department.
Provided, however, the total period of stay of the foreigner having obtained such facility shall not, except in case of having obtained other facility or got the term extended, exceed the period of stay in Nepal mentioned at the time of issuance of the facility.

Important Information to Visitors:

- People of these countries do not get visa on arrival at the immigration entry points of Nepal: -
- 1) Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Cameroon, Somalia, Liberia, Ethiopia, Iraq, and Palestine, Afghanistan.



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- 2) All foreign visitors are requested to be mindful of the date of Nepalese visa and their passport number to avoid possible problems. As such, you are requested to apply for visa extension, if you wish so, apply within the valid period of Nepalese visa.
- 3) You are requested to get the arrival/departure stamps on your passport at the entry /exit points to avoid further legal complications.
- 4) Living in Nepal without passport or a valid visa is a punishable offence.
- 5) Deviation from the prescribed routes mentioned in the trekking permit will be treated as the violation of the law.
- 6) You are advised to be aware of brokers/cheaters or any counterfeit documents of visa/trekking permit to avoid legal complications.
- 7) Change of purpose of stay without permission is not allowed and employment or voluntary services while on a tourist visa is strictly prohibited. It will be a punishable offence.
- 8) Be sure to register at the police and Immigration check point along the trail. It will be wise for to register your trekking destination and schedule at your Embassy or Consulate.
- 9) If you encounter problems along the trails, inform immediately to the nearest police or Immigration post.
- 10) You are requested to change money with recognized dealers and do not forget to take formal receipts.
- 11) You are requested to inform the Immigration Office or Police Station for any changes in your address previously given in the visa application form.
- 12) You are advised to be mindful to contact the Dept. of Immigration for visa transfer in case of getting new passport or travel document from your embassy.
- 13) Passport and trekking permits should be kept by the trekkers while trekking.
- 14) Filming in restricted areas or notified areas without permission is strictly prohibited.
- 15) Please don't take out the visa stickers from your passport and do not try to change records printed in your passport.
- 16) We request for your co-operation to observe the following guidelines during your stay in Nepal. Respect local traditions, customs, values and sentiments, help to protect local culture and maintain local pride.
 - a) Respect privacy while taking photographs.
 - b) Respect holy places.
 - c) Refrain from giving money to the children since it will encourage begging.
 - d) Respect for local etiquette earns you respects.
- 17) If you make change in your address of residence mentioned in the visa application form or disembarkation card, must furnish to the Immigration Department, Immigration Offices or local police offices with a notice containing name, passport number and new address as well within seven days.
- 18) If your stay period as a tourist is more than 120 days in one visa year and wish to visit other places for spending more than 24 hours, you have to register in the local police office of such place with your name, passport number and address as well.



19) Let Himalayas change you - Do not change them, so remember, while you are on trekking.

- a) Leave the camp site cleaner than you have found it.
- b) No open fires.
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Once again, welcome to Nepal, we wish you a memorable holiday in this country, thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS

A.) Stamp to be affixed to passport at departure and entry point:

Every Nepalese citizen who departs from and enters into the Nepal with a passport shall have to get his passport endorsed by the Immigration Office at his departure and entry point

B.) Conduct and terms to be upheld by foreigners:

Every foreigner entering into, presenting in, trekking in or departing from, Nepal shall, in addition to the provisions laid down in the Act and these Rules, uphold the following conduct and terms:

1.
 1. Not to enter into any trekking area without the permit.
 2. Not to take part in politics.
 3. Not to keep or use such articles or to do such acts as are prohibited by the prevailing law.
 4. Not to carry out or cause to be carried out any activity contrary to local customs usages.
 5. To observe the directions given by the competent authority in the trekking area.
 6. To provide identity, Photo-graph, Thumb print and the document relating to arrival, presence or departure on the time of his/her arrival, presence or departure, requested by the office.

C.) Conduct and terms to be upheld by agency:

Each agency shall uphold the following conduct and terms, in addition to other provisions and terms laid down in the Act and these Rules:

1.
 1. Each Nepalese or foreign company or association or driver/pilot operating or handling aero plane or motor vehicle or similar other vehicle taking or carrying



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passengers from or to Nepal shall, while entering into and departing from, submit to the concerned office at the time in advance to the office, the name list of the Nepalese or foreign passengers being carried into or taken from Nepal by their vehicle, and crew as well as helpers.

2. The agency shall not carry such foreigners who do not have valid passports, who have been expelled, or prohibited from entering into.
3. If the persons having been prohibited from entering into under these Rules are carried in, it shall be the liability of the party carrying them to return them back at such time as directed by the Department or Office.
4. The agency shall not keep the foreigner without having passport, visa or permit at own hotel or house on rent or provide him with any service.
5. The agency has to submit to the Department a monthly list of the foreigners who are living with them or to whom service is being provided by them, within the first week of the next month.
6. The agency has to handover the person to immigration office with related documents, who have deported or entry refused by other countries.

D.) Special provision relating to mountaineers:

1. If the foreigners who have obtained expedition permit, while going toward the permitted snow pick and coming back require to go to the trekking region, the trekking permit shall have to be obtained. Provided that no fee shall have to pay for such permission.
2. The foreigners going out for mountaineering have to pay the visa fees also for the period of mountaineering Provided, however, that the period of mountaineering shall not be counted in the term of the tourist visa.

E.) To stay at the place specific by the Department:

1. A foreigner to whom to be departed or an order of expulsion to be issued under the Act or these Rules has to stay at such place as specified by the Department until he departs from Nepal and such a foreigner himself has to bear the expenses needed for him to get departed from Nepal.
2. The expulsion order shall be in the format as prescribed in Appendix 13

General Information:

Location, contact No. and Working Hours

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Application Hours

Sunday to Thursday: 10 a.m. - 15 p.m.

Friday: 10 a.m. -15 p.m.

Entry, presence and departure:

1. No foreigner shall be entitled to enter into and stay in Nepal without holding a passport and a visa.
2. The category and fees of visas and other provisions relating to visas shall be as prescribed.
3. A foreigner intending to trek in the prescribed area of Nepal has to obtain, in addition to a visa, the permit as prescribed.
4. Fees for trekking and other provisions relating thereto shall be as prescribed.
5. The provisions relating to the entry of any foreigner into Nepal and the departure and arrival of the citizens of Nepal who depart to a foreign country from or arrive in Nepal shall be as prescribed.



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