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Visas are issued by Bangladesh missions located throughout the world or, if applicable, on arrival in Bangladesh. Foreigners require a valid Bangladeshi visa to enter Bangladesh. Most diplomats can get a Visa on Arrival (VOA) in Bangladesh if travelling with a diplomatic passport.

Where is Bangladesh Visa on Arrival provided?

You can get visa on arrival on all the international airports. Also from the recent change in the visa policy, it is now possible to get on arrival visa from the land borders too.

What is the Duration of Bangladesh visa on arrival?

You can get a visa on arrival for a maximum duration of 30 days, which is expandable once you are inside Bangladesh by applying to the Department of Immigration Authority.

What is the Entry type of Bangladesh visa on arrival

Visa on arrival provided in the international airports is single entry only. You cannot get any multiple entry visa on arrival.

Who are eligible to get Bangladesh visa on arrival?

- The nationals of those countries where there is no diplomatic mission of Bangladesh may be granted visa on arrival after examining the genuineness of their visit.
- If any foreign national arrives in Bangladesh from a country other than his/her own country where there is no mission of Bangladesh, may be issued visa on arrival.
- On the basis of invitation letters of interested/required body being attested by the Board of Investment/BEPZA, the foreign investors/businessmen may be allowed to issue visa on arrival. In this case, interested/inviting organization must inform in advance the arrival of the foreign visitor(s) to the immigration and passport authority.
- The following countries are specifically listed as countries whose citizens can obtain visa on arrival for the purpose of official duty, business, investment and tourism regardless of the Bangladeshi mission status:



- Citizens of certain countries may obtain a visa on arrival for the maximum stay of 30 days, except the following 26, unless they are residing in a country without a Bangladeshi representation.



- Bangladeshi origin foreign citizens, their spouses, and their off-springs may be issued visa on arrival, on the proof of their being Bangladeshi origin.
- The staffs/officials of the foreign Missions, UN or its affiliated organizations located in Bangladesh may be issued visa on arrival after examining their appointment letters or other related documents. Only UN passport holders will get such facilities gratis (free of charge).

What are the Requirements for Getting Bangladesh Visa on Arrival?

- Visa fees are to be paid in foreign currencies (USD/GBP/EURO).
- Visitor must possess minimum USD 500 or its equivalent amount of foreign currency in cash or credit card.
- Visitors must have return ticket.
- Must have necessary documents to justify his/her visit.
- No visa fee will be applicable for the visitors from these countries which are exempted from visa fee.
- On arrival visa fee (\$51 USD) will be applicable on the basis of reciprocity only.
- The concerned intelligence agency must collect complete information of visitors to take necessary action. The immigration authority at Airports and Land Ports will send a monthly report on this issue to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Department of Immigration and Passports.
- Visa on arrival shall be issued only after being satisfied about the purpose of visit. In case of foreign military or defense forces, prior approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs must be taken.

Bangladesh visa on arrival tips!

Some useful tips from the travelers who got Bangladesh visa on arrival before:



- Just as you enter the immigration hall, the VOA desk is on the right, before all the long queues in front of you at the desks. You pay the man in the bank booth, get a receipt, then fill out the form that the officer will give you.
- Make sure you have an address where you'll be staying. They are very strict about that. Even if you don't stay there, choose a well know hotel where foreigners normally stay. A phone number is needed too. No need for a photograph.

- The bank is about the first thing you see on the right just as you enter the building in a little cubbyhole. It saves a step just to get the payslip there on the way.
- There should be no problem at all obtaining a visa on arrival. It will cost you 51 USD in cash and it is valid for up to 30 days. You request how long you would like it for.
- Once you have the visa, use the queue at the far left to pass through immigration. It's the desk for airline crew and diplomats. No need to queue again under the VOA sign.

Exempt from Visa!

According to data provided by IATA, citizens of the following 23 countries are exempt from visa requirement:

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| ▪  Barbados | ▪  Grenada | ▪  Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| ▪  Bhutan | ▪  Guinea | ▪  Samoa |
| ▪  Botswana | ▪  Guinea-Bissau | ▪  Seychelles |
| ▪  Burkina Faso | ▪  Jamaica | ▪  Sierra Leone |
| ▪  Fiji | ▪  Lesotho | ▪  Tanzania |
| ▪  Gabon | ▪  Malawi | ▪  Tonga |
| ▪  Gambia | ▪  Maldives | ▪  Zambia |
| ▪  Ghana | ▪  Papua New Guinea | |

According to the Consulate General of Bangladesh in New York, citizens of Ireland   also do not require a visa.

What is the Statute for Non-Ordinary Passports:

Additionally, only holders of diplomatic and official passports of the following countries do not require visas for 30 days unless otherwise noted:

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| ▪  Belarus | ▪  Russia |
| ▪  China | ▪  South Korea |
| ▪  Estonia (diplomatic only) | ▪  Sri Lanka |
| ▪  India (45 days, diplomatic only) | ▪  Swaziland |
| ▪  Indonesia | ▪  Thailand (diplomatic only) |
| ▪  Japan (90 days, diplomatic only) | ▪  Turkey (diplomatic only) |
| ▪  Malaysia | ▪  Ukraine |
| ▪  Myanmar | ▪  United Arab Emirates. |
| ▪  North Korea | ▪  Vietnam |
| ▪  Philippines | |

A visa waiver agreement was signed with Brunei for holders of diplomatic and official passports in April 2019

On arrival assistance for the delegates and participants!

Local organizer will facilitate the entry of delegates and participations by fulltime presence of a representative to facilitate the visa process and access to hotel transportation. For any further support, necessary, will be provided within the applicable rules and regulations. Immigration police will also be notified with the total list delegates and participants of the program to facilitate the entry.