

## Regular/Paper visa

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Foreign nationals travelling to India are required to carry a valid visa. A visa is a travelling permit granted by an Indian Mission, and it allows the holder to visit India. The visa type is determined by the purpose of travel. Even if a visa application is accepted for processing at the Indian Embassy, it does not automatically follow that a visa will be granted. The validity of visa will begin on the day of issue, not on the day of travel.

#### General document requirements:

- Printout of online filled Visa application form duly signed by the applicant (<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>)
- Passport with at least six months' validity at the time of travel and at least two blank pages (please note that visa can only be issued till the date of expiry of passport)
- One recent colour photo pasted on the application form (size 5 x 5 cm, white background, front view)
- Other than Estonian nationals: A copy of a valid residence permit or some other document confirming the period of stay of the applicant in Estonia
- For Minors:
  - Written permission from parents (in English) in own words.
  - Document confirming the relationship with the minor
  - Passport copies of parents
  - In addition to documents mentioned above, the Embassy may request additional documents, if necessary. The applicants are required to provide the documents requested in the same form as determined by the Embassy.

#### Application submission and Visa Collection timings:

Visa Application submission: 0900 hrs. to 1200 hrs. on all working days

Visa collection: 1500 hrs. to 1630 hrs. on all working days.

**Note: No prior appointment is required.**

#### Other requirements as per visa type:

##### Tourist visa

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- No need of Biometric enrolment for visas less than 5 years.

- A copy of visa fee payment receipt
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand, if applied for more than one year.

### **Business visa**

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- Hard copy of Guarantee letter from the sending company (the letter must mention the requested visa duration and indicate who will be financially responsible for the applicant)
- Hard copy of personal invitation from the receiving company
- No need of Biometric enrolment for visas less than 5 years.
- A copy of visa fee payment receipt
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand, if applied for more than one year.

**Note: Guarantee letter and personal invitation letter are required even if the two companies belong to the same corporation.**

### **Employment visa**

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- Employment contract in English
- Personal invitation from the Indian employer
- Certificate of Incorporation of Employing company
- Biometric enrolment is mandatory. The applicant has to visit the Embassy for biometric enrolment on the day given by the Embassy.
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand.

### **Conference visa**

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- Personal invitation from the conference organizers
- No objection certificates/clearance issued by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) to the conference organizers
- Biometric enrolment is mandatory. The applicant has to visit the Embassy for biometric enrolment on the day given by the Embassy.
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand.

## **Student visa**

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- Acceptance/Admission letter from the recognized Indian School/College/University
- Letter from the Estonian School/College/University (under student exchange programme)
- Biometric enrolment is mandatory. The applicant has to visit the Embassy for biometric enrolment on the day given by the Embassy.
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand.

## **Transit visa**

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- If you are travelling to another country via India, you can apply for a Transit visa. Transit visa can be issued for a maximum period of 15 days. It allows continuous stay up to 72 hours in India. When applying for a transit visa, a copy of flight tickets must be attached to the application. If the return flight also goes via India, transit visa may not be enough and a regular tourist visa must be applied for instead.
- Biometric enrolment is mandatory. The applicant has to visit the Embassy for biometric enrolment on the day given by the Embassy.
- Additional documents at the discretion of Embassy

## **Film visa (Multiple Entry with 1 year Validity)**

Film visa will be issued to cast and crew members of international productions and official coproductions shooting a Feature Film, TV/Web commercial show/series and TV/Web Reality show/series. The permission for shooting these categories of production is granted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MoI&B), Government of India. The proposals are accepted and processed by the Film Facilitation Office (FFO). The application is to be submitted online on [www.ffa.gov.in](http://www.ffa.gov.in). The detailed step by step guide is available on the website.

For further assistance please write to [ffa@nfdcindia.com](mailto:ffa@nfdcindia.com).

After the shooting permission has been granted by the MoI&B, the cast and crew members of the approved project are required to apply for Film Visa.

Step 1 - Apply online on [www.indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in).

Step 2 – Submit the required documents to Embassy of India, Tornimäe Street 5, 10145, Tallinn

Email: [cons.tallinn@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.tallinn@mea.gov.in)

Tel: +372 (0) 6888000

Checklist of documents to be submitted for Film Visa

## **Other visas**

Regular online application link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

- Please contact the Embassy for document requirements of other visa types
- Do not pay the visa fee beforehand.

## **Electronic Visa (e-Visa)**

Electronic visa link: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

Applicants may apply for electronic visa for short trips. The application form is online. The applicant has to pay the visa fee online for e-Visa using a credit/debit card. The form must be filled completely, and the payment made at least 4 days before the expected date of journey. e-Visa applications are being processed in India. The applicant will receive the decision via e-mail. e-Visa can be applied only twice in one calendar year.

For more information on e-Visa, including eligibility and requirements:  
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html>

## **Restricted Area Permit**

Certain regions in India require a special permit in addition to the visa (e.g. Sikkim and the Andaman Islands). Indian Embassy can grant this permit for a maximum of 14 days. The application form for the permit can be downloaded from the Embassy website, and there is a separate fee charged for the permit. For the Andaman Islands and other nature resorts, it is usually possible to obtain the permit in India, where it can be issued for a longer period and for a lower fee.

**Note: The applications and supporting documents are not returned to the applicant. Keep originals and provide the Embassy with copies.**

## **Visa validity**

The validity and number of entries are determined by the Embassy. Applicant may apply as per their requirement but the decision of the Embassy would be final.

## **Photo requirements**

The photo must be a recent colour photo, 5 x 5 cm and with white background. The height of the face should be about half of the height of the photo. Self-printed photos can only be used if they are sharp enough. More detailed photo requirements here.

## **Visa fee**

Use bank transfer to pay the visa fee. A receipt of the payment must be attached to the application. The receipt must show the recipient account number, amount paid, date of payment, archive ID and all the data entered in the message field.

**Embassy bank details:**

**Recipient:** Embassy of India

**Account number:** EE752200221078480334

**Swift:** HABA22X

**Message:** Applicants' full name and the service applied for

**Biometric data**

Applicants will be required to enroll for Biometric data (fingerprints and an extra photo) based on type of Visa applied and duration required. Applicants below the age of 12 years and above 70 years of age are exempted from Biometric enrollment.

**Processing time**

The processing will begin after the applicant has submitted all required documents to the Embassy. A visa can be applied 8 weeks before the trip at the earliest, and it is advisable to apply no later than 4 weeks in advance. Processing time may differ from what is stated below.

- **Estonian Nationals:** 3–4 working days (From the date of submission of application at the counter of the Embassy), 3–4 weeks (for applications submitted by post)
- **Other than-Estonian Nationals:** At least one week