



VISA GUIDELINES

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- i. Applicants of Visa are strongly advised to read carefully the **Visa Guideline** before making an application;
- ii. Visa applicants are advised to make their applications through the Official Tanzania Immigration website (www.immigration.go.tz) **ONLY and Not** through any other links;
- iii. Any applicant of Visa is assumed to have **read, understood and agreed** to the terms and conditions stipulated in the **Disclaimer** and **Visa Guideline** ;
- iv. Applicants must ensure that their passports have a validity of at least six months and at least one unused visa page before submitting their application;
- v. Applicant is expected to apply for a right category of visa. If the applicant is not sure about the type of visa he/she requires, he/she is advised to seek guidance through the e-mail info@immigration.go.tz
- vi. Visitors who wish to come for **holiday or Tourism** are advised to apply for **Ordinary Visa**. However, holders of American passports who come for holiday or tourism will have to apply for Multiple Entry Visa;
- vii. Any visa wrongly applied or which lacks sufficient attachment may be rejected;
- viii. **No refund** will be made in respect of any rejected visa application;
- ix. The Visa applications will be processed within **ten days**, therefore applicants are strongly advised to observe the stipulated time frame while making their applications;
- x. After making payments, applicants are required to **wait for approval** of their Visa before they start their journey. Approval notification will be sent to their e-mail. Or they can access the **Visa Grant Notification** by checking the Status of their Visa online;
- xi. The Tanzania Immigration Services Department may give or withhold reasons for rejection of Visa to the applicant;
- xii. Applicants whose nationals fall under **Referral Visa category** are **not advised** to book flight tickets or make payments for any reservations in Tanzania before they get approval for their Visa. Applicants of Referral Visa are advised to apply at least two months before their date of travel;

- xiii. The list of countries which fall under **Referred Visa** *may change* at any time; therefore, applicants are advised to review our website from time to time.
- xiv. Visa regulations and conditions may be subject to change at any time without prior notification to the applicants.

Note:

It should be noted that the possession of Visa is not a final authority to enter the United Republic of Tanzania. The Immigration Officer at the Entry point may refuse a holder of visa to enter, if he is satisfied that the holder is unable to fulfil Immigration entry requirements or if the presence of such person or visitors in the United Republic of Tanzania would be contrary to the National Interests.

TYPES OF VISA

There are six types of visa valid for entry into Tanzania

ORDINARY VISA (SINGLE ENTRY VISA)

This visa is granted to foreign national for the purposes of Visit, Tourism, Leisure, Holiday, attending Conference, Humanitarian and charity activities, Family Visit, Health Treatment or any other purpose as may be determined by the issuing authority. Its validity does not exceed 90 days for a single entry.

BUSINESS VISA

Business visa may be issued for a period not exceeding 90 days to foreign nationals who wish to enter in the United Republic of Tanzania for one of the following purposes:

- To conduct special assignments such as fixing/repairing machines or to run short term training, etc.
- To conduct short time professional roles such as auditing accounts, making feasibility studies, establishing professionals and business contacts, making arrangements for investments during the startup period etc.
- To conduct any other short term lawful business-related task recognised by the laws of the country and as may be determined by the issuing authority.

MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA

This Visa may be issued to foreign nationals whose purposes of visits call for frequent visits to the United Republic of Tanzania. These may include Directors of Companies registered in Tanzania who do not reside in the country, Persons engaged in Bilateral Meetings, Spouses married to Tanzanians/Residents, Government Consultants, Representatives of international NGO's and any other person as may be determined by the Commissioner General of Immigration or Commissioner of Immigration Zanzibar.

This Visa (Multiple) is also issued to American citizens who wish to come for Holiday or Tourism purposes, as they are not entitled for Ordinary Visa. The maximum validity of this Visa is 12 months. However, the holder of the Multiple Visa cannot stay in the country for twelve (12) consecutive months. They are required to leave the country at most after every three months.

NB:

American nationals who wish to visit Tanzania for tourism or holiday purposes MUST select this type of Visa while applying Online.

TRANSIT VISA

This Visa may be issued to foreign nationals for the purpose of transiting through to another destination outside the United Republic for a period not exceeding seven days. The applicant of this visa may be required to provide proof of a Visa of the destination country and/or Onward ticket.

NB:

Transit Visa is strictly intended for those travellers whose purpose of entry is to pass through Tanzania, and cannot be used for tourism purposes.

GRATIS VISA

This visa may be issued for a single entry or Multiple entries to a holder of diplomatic, services or official passport or Travel Document of recognized International Organization who is on official duty and their Dependents. It can be also issued to a holder of ordinary passport or Travel document as it may be directed by the Commissioner General of Immigration and Commissioner of Immigration Zanzibar.

STUDENT VISA

Student visa is granted to foreign national who enters the Country for the purpose of Academic conducts such as Research Students, Intern, Volunteering, EAC Students, Exchange students (EAC and Exchange students are free of charge) and Prospective Students admitted in recognized and legally registered Institutions. This Visa may be issued for a period not exceeding two years.

Referral Cases

There are some countries which their nationals require special clearance from the Commissioner General of Immigration or the Commissioner of Immigration (Zanzibar) prior to issuance of the Visa. These countries fall under the Referral Visa Category.

Applicants whose nationals fall under this category are not advised to book flight tickets or make payments for any reservations in Tanzania before they get approval for their Visa. Applicants of Referral Visa are advised to apply at least two months before their date of travel.

Note:

Stateless persons and Refugees who hold Vienna Convention documents are also required to obtain referral visa prior to coming to United Republic of Tanzania.

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS REQUIRE REFERRAL VISA.

1. Afghanistan
2. Azerbaijan
3. Bangladesh
4. Chad
5. Djibouti
6. Ethiopia
7. Eritrea
8. Equatorial Guinea
9. Nigeria
10. Kazakhstan Republic
11. Kyigten Republic
12. Lebanon
13. Mali
14. Mauritania
15. Niger
16. Palestine
17. Senegal
18. Iraq
19. Somalia
20. Sri Lanka
21. Somali land
22. Sierra Leone
23. Tajikistan
24. Turkmenistan
25. Uzbekistan and
26. Stateless persons or persons with refugee status.

LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS DO NOT REQUIRE VISA.

1. Antigua & Barbuda
2. Anguilla
3. Ashmore & Certie Island
4. Bahamas
5. Barbados
6. Bermuda
7. Belize
8. Brunei
9. British Virgin Island
10. British Indian Ocean Territory
11. Botswana
12. Cyprus

13. Cayman Island
14. Channel Island
15. Cochoas Island
16. Cook Island
17. Christmas Island
18. Dominica
19. Falkland Island
20. Gambia
21. Ghana
22. Gibraltar
23. Grenada
24. Guernsey
25. Guyana
26. Heard Island
27. Hong Kong
28. Isle of man
29. Jamaica
30. Jersey
31. Kenya
32. Kiribati
33. Lesotho
34. Malawi
35. Montserrat
36. Malaysia
37. Madagascar
38. Malta
39. Mauritius
40. Macao
41. Mozambique
42. Nauru
43. Naue Island
44. Norfolk Island
45. Namibia
46. Papua new Guinea
47. Rwanda
48. Romania
49. Ross Dependency
50. Samoa
51. Seychelles
52. Singapore
53. Swaziland
54. Solomon Island
55. St. Kitts&Nevis
56. St. Lucia
57. St. Vicent
58. St. Helana
59. South African Republic
60. Trinidad & Tobago

- 61. Turks & Caicos
- 62. Tokelan
- 63. Tonga
- 64. Tuvalu
- 65. Vanuatu
- 66. Uganda
- 67. Zambia
- 68. Zimbabwe

REQUIREMENTS FOR VISA

ORDINARY (SINGLE ENTRY) VISA

An application of Ordinary Visa should be accompanied with the following;

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- Return ticket of the flight (not mandatory);
- Dully filled in declaration form
- 50 USD visa fee.

MULTIPLE VISA

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- 100 USD Visa fee;
- Valid passport or national ID of the person to be visited in Tanzania (host) OR;
- A covering letter of the host Institution detailing the reasons and frequency of Visits OR;
- Attached Certificate of marriage of a spouse and a passport/national ID, if the applicant comes to visit a spouse OR;
- Any proof that justifies that a visitor is required to visit the United Republic of Tanzania frequently.
- Return ticket of the flight (not mandatory);

BUSINESS VISA

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- Return ticket of the flight;
- 250 USD visa fee.
- A work contract or any proof of the work/assignment to be performed within a period not exceeding three months; or

TRANSIT VISA

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- 30 USD visa fee.
- An entry visa or onward ticket to the intended country of destination;

STUDENT VISA

- Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- 50 USD, 250 USD or 550 USD Visa fee depending on the category and duration.
- Covering letter from the host institution/college where the foreign student will be hosted, the letter must detail the course/field and duration of the programme to be attended

Visa Application for Referral Cases

Applicants who fall under *Referral Visa* category MUST apply their Visa Online; they cannot obtain Visa on arrival. Their Visa process may take longer time than other Visa applicants. They are advised to submit their applications at least two months in advance before their travel date. Further, they are advised to attach an introduction letter and any other document of their host (whether an individual or company) while applying If applicable. If they come for tourism purpose, it is recommended to obtain a covering letter from a registered credible company and it must be uploaded online along with other relevant documents for consideration. The introduction/covering letter may be attached in any attachment field along with other documents as a single PDF file,

After submission of application, applicants are advised Not to start their journey until they get confirmation that their Visa are approved. They are further advised Not to make payments for any booking or reservations made.

TYPES OF VISA

SN.	TYPE OF VISA	VISA FEE
1.	ORDINARY VISA (SINGLE ENTRY)	50 USD
2.	MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA	100 USD
3.	BUSINESS VISA	250 USD
4.	TRANSIT VISA	30 USD
5.	STUDENT VISA	50 USD
		250 USD
		550 USD
	GRATIS VISA (DIPLOMATIC)	GRATIS

NB:

Students who wish to visit the United Republic for various academic issues for a period not exceeding three months may be issued a student Visa for a fee of 50 USD. Whereas those who come for the same purpose for a period exceeding 3 months will pay 250 USD. On the other hand, students who wish to pursue research activities will pay 550 USD and will be issued with a Student Visa for a maximum period of 2 years.

An Applicant can make payment of visa fee online through one of the following methods:

VISA PAYMENT METHODS

- By Visa card or By Master card;
- By Swift transfer (i.e. depositing money directly into bank account at the bank counter).

After making fee payment, an Applicant will receive a notification that his payment has been received. He/she will wait for Approval of Visa before starting the journey.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA ONLINE:

- Visit the Immigration Services Website (www.immigration.go.tz)
- Click “e-services” button;
- Select and click “e-Visa Application Form”;
- Upload and attach the applicant’s scanned relevant documents for the Visa;
- Then, the applicant will receive an e-mail message containing User Identification Number (that may be used to track the application online);
- After completion of filling an online visa application form, the applicant will have to pay for a for respective visa fee;
- Upon successful payment, the applicant will submit his application;
- Lastly, the applicant will receive a message of confirmation of his application being received.

HOW TO TRACK VISA APPLICATION STATUS

After successfully submitting the application, an applicant may track the progress of his application by using his ID Number, which is given during the application stage. To track the application, applicant will go back to the Visa Application System, then click the Visa Status button.

ENQUIRY WHILE MAKING VISA APPLICATION

An applicant may at any time enquire to seek clarification regarding process through the following e-mail: info@immigration.go.tz

CONTACTS:

The Commissioner General of Immigration Services,

Po.Box 1181,

Mwangosi Road,

Dodoma.

Tel: +255 2850575, 2850576, 2850569

E-mail: info@immigration.go.tz or visatanzania@immigration.go.tz

Website: www.immigration.go.tz

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