

## New guidelines for issuance of visa

- 1) All entry visas, except Diplomatic, Official, UN/Internationals Organization, Employment, Project visas have been suspended till April 15, 2020. Please note that the existing visas shall not be cancelled as it is only a temporary suspension. The suspended visas will be valid once the temporary suspension is over.
- 2) Visas for all categories other than Diplomatic, UN/International organizations, Employment and project visas can be issued only in **compelling cases** with **prior approval** of the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.
- 3) All foreign nationals desirous of obtaining Indian visa can apply in person at the High Commission of India, 31 Grange Road, Singapore 239702 by filing up <u>Master Visa Form</u> (available at the HCI). The application would be referred to the MEA for **prior clearance** and visa fees shall be charged only after clearance from the MEA.
- 4) In case of existing regular visa/e-visa holders fresh visas issued in compelling cases will be single entry and of a limited duration. No visa fees shall be charged from existing visa holders.
- 5) OCI card holders may also apply for visa in compelling circumstances in person at the High Commission of India. Minor children who are OCI card holders will also be covered in compelling circumstances category.
- 6) Compelling circumstances include serious medical emergencies, unavoidable business meetings, death/serious injury of family member in India, important sporting event etc. The High Commission shall examine each application individually to satisfy itself that the particular case falls in compelling circumstances category before forwarding to the MEA.

7) It is clarified that Foreigners/Indian nationals transiting through airports (no immigration stamp of the concerned transit country) of any of the 7 countries will not be subjected to mandatory quarantine. Foreigners/Indian nationals transiting India (through airports) from any country will not be subjected to quarantine in India.

High Commission of India, Singapore 13 March 2020

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