

## **Embassy of India, LUANDA (ANGOLA)**

### **VISA – General Information**

#### **General**

- ❖ All Angolan and foreign nationals, including children, require a visa to enter India. Please do not finalize your travel arrangements to India before ascertaining the visa requirements.
- ❖ Modes of Visas to India: Angolan nationals can obtain Visas to India by any of the following modes: e-Visa (to be submitted online) and Regular Visa (to be submitted at the Embassy of India, Luanda). Types of visas and documentation requirements are provided separately under the e-Visa and Regular Visas.
- ❖ An applicant for a visa shall have to submit an application on the on-line system in the standard visa application form. For this purpose, the applicants may log on to <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>. Hand-written applications are no longer accepted by the Embassy. Visa applications are not accepted by post.
- ❖ While filling in the online application form, applicant is also required to upload his / her recent photograph. After submitting the online application: (i) take out the printout of the application; (ii) affix (not to staple) a colour photograph (5 cm x 5 cm) in the prescribed box (photograph should be identical to the one uploaded online); sign the application (on the 1st page below the photograph and on the 2nd page at bottom); and (iv) submit it to the Embassy with passport valid for a minimum of six months beyond the period of visa required.
- ❖ Category of Visas: Visas must be applied under specified category in accordance with the purpose of visit. The principal types of visas issued are: Tourist, Medical, Medical Attendant, Business, Employment, Student, Transit, Project, Intern, Film, Research, Conference, Mountaineering, Missionary, Journalist, Entry, Intern, Diplomatic, Official, UN Diplomat, UN Official Visa, SAARC, Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).
- ❖ Visa applications of Diplomatic/Official and UNLP Passport holders are accepted at the Embassy.
- ❖ Application from non-residents: Foreign Nationals (excluding Angolan passport holders) applying for visa are required to submit proof of long term residency in Angola and submit an additional form. Processing of such visas requires extra time as it involves clearance from the concerned Indian Mission in their respective countries.

- ❖ Pakistani and Bangladesh nationals have to apply in separate visa application forms, available at the Embassy. Only Visitor visa (for Pakistani Nationals) and Double Entry visa (for Bangladeshi Nationals) are accepted.
- ❖ Activities permitted on a visa: Foreign nationals visiting India shall be required to strictly adhere to the purpose of visit declared while submitting the visa application. *Activities in India incompatible with the category of the visa may result in immediate revocation of the visa.* However, a foreign national (other than a Pakistani national) coming to India on any type of visa will be allowed to avail activities permitted under Tourist Visa.
- ❖ Period of validity of passport: Passport should have at least six months validity at the time of making application for grant of visa. It should have at least two blank pages for stamping by the Immigration Officer.
- ❖ Documentation : All visa applications forms are required to be completed in full, signed by the applicant and should be accompanied by the current passport valid for more than six months, two colour photographs as per requisite specifications, a yellow fever certificate and travel itinerary. Detailed documentation/Check-list required for each type of visa is available at Link ([\\_Document link \\_](#))
- ❖ All the original documents should be presented for verification. Photocopies of the documents should be attached with the visa application form.
- ❖ Visa applicants are encouraged to apply in self at the Embassy, except against specific reasons. Such reasons should be submitted in writing in the form of authority letter addressed to Consular Officer at ([consular.luanda@mea.gov.in](mailto:consular.luanda@mea.gov.in)). Original authority letter may be submitted with the visa application. Applications in such cases will be received from authorised persons like friends/relatives/colleagues of the applicants, however, the applicants themselves will need to come to the Embassy of India Luanda, if considered necessary, for further clarifications.
- ❖ Visa Fees: Fee for the processing of a visa will be charged in Angolan Kwanza, in accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of External Affairs from time to time. The schedule of Visa Fees is available at the Link ([Document](#)).  
 Visa Fees should be paid in Cash over the counter against a receipt issued by the Embassy. Visa processing fee once deposited shall not be refunded. Fee should therefore be deposited only after ascertaining the correct type and period of visa applicable to the purpose of travel.
- ❖ Visa cannot be claimed as a matter of right and Acceptance of visa application and fees does not automatically entitle grant of a visa. Visa process may involve requisition of additional documentation/personal interview. Visa can be

rejected or validity curtailed or Visa modified without assigning any reason. In case of rejection of Visa or restriction of validity or modification, the Visa fees will not be refunded.

- ❖ The duration and number of entries granted to the applicant will be solely at the discretion of Embassy of India, Luanda. No claims and correspondences shall be entertained in this regard.
- ❖ The validity of all visas commence from the date of issue of visa.
- ❖ The Embassy makes every effort to issue tourist and business visas within 2-3 working days (excluding the day of submission and collection) after application, provided all documents are complete. However, there would be delays depending on individual process requirements. The Mission makes all efforts to issue the visas at an early date.

### **Travelling to India**

- ❖ All visitors to India are required to carry a valid Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate.

### **Restricted/Protected Areas permit**

- ❖ Certain areas in India are declared as Restricted/Protected Areas and visas to foreigners intending to visit these areas will be subject to additional conditions. Visitors to restricted/protected areas need special permits and for this purpose an additional form has to be completed. For more details on RAP/PAP please follow the links <https://www.mea.gov.in/Images/pdf/ForeignD-FAQs-onPAPandRAP.pdf> and [https://www.mha.gov.in/PDF\\_Other/AnnexVII\\_01022018.pdf?fbclid=IwAR09zINvR75jfPVDRjMJtAjqPG6zXWEcO8AcjHr\\_416cqR\\_23OrznKjhp24](https://www.mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexVII_01022018.pdf?fbclid=IwAR09zINvR75jfPVDRjMJtAjqPG6zXWEcO8AcjHr_416cqR_23OrznKjhp24)

### **Registration with FRRO/FRO**

- ❖ All foreigners (including foreigners of Indian origin) visiting India on long term (more than 180 days) Student Visa, Medical Visa, Research Visa and Employment Visa are required to get themselves registered with the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO)/ Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) concerned having jurisdiction over the place where the foreigner intends to stay, within 14 days of arrival. However, Pakistan nationals are required to register within 24 hours of their arrival. All Afghan nationals are required to register with the FRRO/FRO concerned within 14 days of arrival except those Afghan nationals who enter India on a visa valid for 30 days or less provided the Afghan national concerned gives his/her local address in India to the Indian Mission/FRRO/FRO. The Afghan nationals who are issued visas with „ Exemption

from police reporting" are exempt from Police reporting as well as Exit permission provided they leave within the Visa validity period.

- ❖ In all cases, if the intended continuous stay in India is more than 180 days, registration with the concerned Foreigners Registration Officer must be done within 14 days of arrival in India.
- ❖ All Business Visa holders are required to register themselves with the FRRO/FRO concerned in case the aggregate stay in India on Business visa exceeds 180 days during a calendar year.
- ❖ For all visa related services within India like registration, extension of visa, exit permission etc., application is to be submitted online to the Foreigners Regional Registration Officer (FRRO)/ Foreigners Registration Officer (FRO) concerned. For this purpose, please visit <https://indianfro.gov.in>
- ❖ All travelers to India, especially long-term visa holders, are advised to check the latest advisory, immigration and entry regulations before travel. The following web-links are useful :
  - Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. Of India ([https://www.mha.gov.in/PDF\\_Other/AnnexI\\_01022018.pdf](https://www.mha.gov.in/PDF_Other/AnnexI_01022018.pdf))
  - Minister of External Affairs, Govt Of India ([www.mea.gov.in](http://www.mea.gov.in))
  - Bureau of Immigration (BoI), MHA, Govt Of India ([www.boi.gov.in](http://www.boi.gov.in))
- ❖ Satellite telephone services like Thuraya and Iridium are not permitted in India. Unauthorized use of satellite telephone services will be prosecuted under section 6 of Indian Wireless Act and section 20 of Indian Telegraph Act.
- ❖ **Surrogacy arrangement** : "Any person seeking a visa to India for purpose of entering into surrogacy arrangement must ascertain beforehand whether the law of the country permits surrogacy and will provide appropriate travel documents to the child for accompanying the surrogate parents. Entering into surrogacy arrangement under any other visa not sought for surrogacy is punishable under the Indian law". The appropriate visa category will be a medical visa. A letter from the Embassy of the foreign country in India or the Foreign Ministry of the country should be enclosed with the Visa application stating clearly that (a) the country recognises surrogacy and (b) the child/children to be born to the commissioning couple through the Indian surrogate mother will be permitted entry into their country as a biological child/children of the couple commissioning surrogacy. The couple should produce a duly notarised agreement between the applicant couple and the prospective Indian surrogate mother. The couple will furnish an undertaking that they would take care of the child/children born through surrogacy.

- ❖ Holders of multiple entry tourist visa should ensure that there be a gap of at least 2 months between two visits. This stipulation of two months gap does not apply on any other type of visa, i.e. Business (B) or Entry (X) types of visas. It also does not apply to PIO and OCI card holders.
- ❖ Conversion of e-visa/ Visa-on-Arrival/ Tourist Visa/ Employment Visa/ Business Visa/ Student Visa/ Research Visa to Entry visa : If a foreign national on e-visa/ Visa-on-Arrival/ Tourist Visa/ Employment Visa/ Business Visa/ Student Visa/ Research Visa marries an Indian national/ Person of Indian Origin/ OCI cardholder during the validity of his/her Visa, his/ her visa may be converted to Entry ['X-2'] Visa by FRRO/ FRO concerned.
- ❖ Procedure to be adopted in case a foreigner on Tourist/ Employment/Business/ Student/ Research Visa falls ill after coming to India If such a visa holder is suffering from a minor medical condition which does not require hospitalization and prolonged treatment, then he/ she will be allowed to take treatment. Further, in case of sudden illness which requires continuous treatment of less than 180 days or the stay stipulation period prescribed on the visa, the foreigner can take permission for treatment from FRRO/ FRO concerned by submitting a medical certificate from a government / ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research)/ NABH (National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers)/ MCI (Medical Council of India)/ CGHS (Central Government Health Scheme) recognized hospital. FRRO/ FRO concerned will issue a 'Medical Permit' without converting the Visa to a Medical Visa. Conversion to Medical Visa will be required only if the treatment exceeds 180 days or the stay stipulation period prescribed on the visa.
- ❖ To know more about Tourism in India visit the website: [www.incredibleindia.org](http://www.incredibleindia.org)
- ❖ All the information on this website is purely of advisory nature and shall not constitute any basis for any claim whatsoever.
- ❖ Enquiries on visas may be addressed to the Consular Officer by e-mail at [consular.luanda@mea.gov.in](mailto:consular.luanda@mea.gov.in). If there are extraordinary circumstances, please ask to speak to the Consular Officer at +244 941 564 851 or write to [consular.luanda@mea.gov.in](mailto:consular.luanda@mea.gov.in). While addressing the queries by email, it is necessary for the sender to write his / her name, place and other coordinates like telephone number, etc.

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