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INDIA ONLINE E-TOURIST VISA APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Follow these detailed steps to complete the online eTourist visa application. Ensure all the necessary documents are prepared in advance.

Documents Required:

- 1. Colour Passport Copy (Bio Page):
 - A clear scanned copy of the passport bio page (which contains your personal details).
- 2. Photo on White Background:
 - A recent passport-sized photo with a white background in JPEG format (size between 10KB to 1MB).

Visa Fee:

- Fee Amount: As per visa validity selected
- Payment Methods: PayPal, SBIePay, or Axis Bank Cards

Steps to Complete the Application:

- 1. Visit the Official eVisa Portal:
 - Go to the <u>Indian eVisa website</u>.
- 2. Select eVisa Application:
 - Click on "Apply here for eVisa".
- 3. Select Your Nationality:
 - Choose your nationality from the dropdown list.
- 4. Select Passport Type:
 - Choose **"Ordinary Passport"** (only holders of ordinary passports are eligible for the eVisa service). If you have another type of passport, you will need to contact the nearest Indian mission.
- 5. Select the Port of Arrival:
 - Choose the port of entry in India where you will arrive (from the given list).
- 6. Enter Your Date of Birth:
 - Fill in your date of birth (in the correct format).
- 7. Email Address:
 - Enter your active email ID. You will receive all communication related to your visa here.
- 8. Re-enter Email Address:
 - \circ $\;$ Confirm the email ID by entering it again.
- 9. Select Visa Type:
 - Choose eTourist Visa (as per validity required) as the type of visa.
- 10. Select Visa Subcategory:
 - Select "Recreation/ Sight-Seeing" from the subcategory options.
- 11. Enter Date of Arrival:
 - Enter your intended date of arrival in India.
- 12. Captcha Verification:
 - Solve the captcha displayed on the screen.
- 13. Agree to Terms:
 - Tick the box indicating that you have read and understood the instructions.
- 14. Click "Continue":
 - After reviewing, click on "Continue"

Filling the Form:

You will now be prompted to fill in personal, travel, and other details:

- 1. General Information:
 - Provide details like your full name, nationality, occupation, and contact information.
- 2. Passport Details:
 - Fill in the passport number, issue country, issue date, and expiry date.
- 3. Occupation and Company Details:
 - Mention your current occupation and details of the company you will be visiting in India (including the company name, address, and contact information).
- 4. Travel History:
 - Provide details of countries you have visited in the last 10 years.
- 5. Reference Details:
 - Provide a reference contact in India (name, address, and phone number).
 - o Include a reference in your home country as well (such as a friend, family member, or colleague).

Security Questions:

- Answer the Security Questions:
 - Answer all the security questions truthfully. If any question requires further explanation, provide brief details.

Upload Documents:

- 1. Upload Photo:
 - Upload your recent photo (JPEG format, size between 10KB and 1MB). Ensure the photo has a white background and shows your full face clearly.
- 2. Upload Passport Bio Page:
 - Upload a color scan of your passport bio page in PDF format. The size of the document should not exceed **300 KB** in size.

File Specifications:

• Ensure that the documents are **clear and legible**, as unclear or improperly formatted documents may lead to rejection of the application.

Review and Submit:

- Carefully review all the information entered and the documents uploaded.
- Once confirmed, submit your application.

Additional Notes:

- Eligibility:
 - Only ordinary passport holders are eligible for the eVisa. Other passport types should apply through the Indian mission.
 - Nationality Restrictions: Only nationals from countries listed on the Indian eVisa portal can apply. Visit <u>https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html</u> and check Countries/Nationalities who are eligible to avail evisa
 - Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of travel and should have at least 2 blank pages for immigration stamping.
- Processing Time:
 - The processing time for the eVisa is typically **4 working days**. If there is a delay, you can contact the Indian eVisa helpdesk at **+91 827808 7808**.
- Payment Issues:

- If your payment fails, wait for about 15 minutes before attempting to make the payment again.
- Visa Status:
 - You can track your eVisa status on the following link: <u>eVisa Status Enquiry</u>.

Important Restrictions:

- **Pakistani Nationals:** Individuals of Pakistani origin or those holding Pakistani passports are **not eligible** for the eVisa. Similarly, individuals whose parents or grandparents were born in or were residents of Pakistan are also **not eligible**.
- Parent/Spouse Passports: The eVisa is not available for individuals endorsed in a parent's or spouse's passport. Each individual should have their own passport.

By following these steps and ensuring all the requirements are met, you can successfully complete your eTourist visa application for recreation and sight-seeing.