



## TANZANIA VISA GUIDELINES

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### 1. IMPORTANT NOTICE

- i. A Visa is an authorization given to a foreigner to enable him to travel and present himself for entry clearance into Tanzania. A Visa Grant Notice is a notification informing the applicant of the authorization to enter Tanzania upon fulfillment of other entry conditions at the point of entry;
- ii. There are two options available for obtaining Tanzania Visa. The **first** option is obtaining Visa by applying **online** through Tanzania Immigration Services official website ([www.immigration.go.tz](http://www.immigration.go.tz)) ; and the **second** option is obtaining Visa on arrival at official entry point. *It is recommended to use online Visa application platform.*
- iii. applicants are strongly advised to read carefully this **Visa Guidelines** before starting their Journey to Tanzania or upon making visa application. Every applicant is assumed to have **read, understood and agreed** to the **Terms and Conditions** available on our Visa Portal and those stipulated in the **Disclaimer**;
- iv. Visa applicants are advised to make their applications through the Official Tanzania Immigration Services website ([www.immigration.go.tz](http://www.immigration.go.tz)) **ONLY and Not** through any other online links;
- v. Visa 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.
- vi. Visitors **MUST** show their Return Ticket upon arrival (at the entry point) in Tanzania;
- vii. **A** Visa applicant is expected to select a right Type and Category of Visa during application. If an applicant is not sure about the type or category of Visa; he/she is advised to read Visa Guidelines or seek guidance through immigration e-mail: [info@immigration.go.tz](mailto:info@immigration.go.tz)) or through telephone number available at Immigration website.
- viii. Visa regulations and conditions may be subject to **change** at any time without prior **notification to the applicants.**
- ix. Any Visa wrongly applied or which lacks sufficient information/attachment(s) will be rejected;
- x. Applicants with refugee status, stateless status or whose nationality fall under Referral Visa category are not eligible for on arrival Visa platform unless they have obtained an approval from the office of the Commissioner General of Immigration, If not so, they are advised to apply Online. Applicants in this category are not advised to pay for flight tickets or accommodation or make other reservations until their visa are approved. As such, the applicants in this group while applying online, are allowed to upload their **trip itinerary instead of flight ticket**. Last but not least,

applicants on referral case catalogue, are advised to submit their Visa applications at least two months before the date of travel.

- xi. Once Visa application is submitted, no further changes may be done and effected to such applications. If for any reasons there will be some mismatch in information on the issued visa or flight changes which affects the arrival or departure date, the applicant will communicate this to the relevant immigration authority for guidance or assistance;
- xii. All visitors wishing to come for tourism purposes are required to apply for a n **Ordinary Visa EXCEPT American nationals (USA Passport holders)** who are required to apply for Multiple Visa;
- xiii. If an applicant wishes to visit both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, he/she is advised to select his first destination while filling the form. But he will be allowed to visit both places without a need for a new Visa;
- xiv. The nearby Embassy is regarded as the Embassy closest to where the applicant is while applying for Visa, and If required, the applicant may be called to appear physically to that Embassy for interview;
- xv. Every Passport holder is required to have his/her own Visa application submitted. In this case, even minors who are filled in their parents' Visa applications must have their own separate Visa applications submitted

## 2. Online Visa Processing Time

Visa applications will be processed within ten days save for Referral visa category. If for any reason the Visa is not processed within the stipulated time, applicants are advised to make follow up through the email: [info@immigration.go.tz](mailto:info@immigration.go.tz) or telephone numbers available at the Immigration Website ~~our~~ website.

## 3. Visa Payment;

Visa fee can be paid online using **Visa Card** or **Master card**. After finalizing payment, an applicant will receive a confirmation notification.

## Visa Notification

Visa notifications will be sent to applicants' e-mails as filled in the online application. Applicants are required to wait for **approval notification/visa grant notice** before starting their journey.

If for any reason, the applicant does not receive Visa notification within the specified time, he is advised to download the Visa Grant Notice through the following link: <https://eservices.immigration.go.tz/visa/checkapplicationstatus>

It should be noted that receiving a Visa Grant Notice is not a final authority to enter the United Republic of Tanzania. The Immigration Officer at the Entry point may refuse entry, if he is satisfied that the holder of a Visa Grant Notice is unable to fulfil Immigration entry requirements or has a reasonable ground to refuse entry.

#### 4. HOW TO TRACK VISA APPLICATION STATUS

After successfully submitting the application, applicants are advised to track its progress by login to the visa application portal using your **Application Identification Number**. Applicants may be notified progress of their applications through respective emails which they filled while filling their applications online. However, applicants may as well track progress of their applications or even download their Visa Grant Notice through the Visa Portal.

#### 5. Referral Cases

The list of countries under the Referral *Visa Category* is available on the Immigration Service website (on the Visa Information Section). This list may be reviewed from time to time, therefore applicants are advised to check it periodically. Applicants under Referral Visa category are required to comply with the following conditions;

- i. They **MUST** submit their Visa applications Online and should wait until their applications are approved before starting their journey. Alternatively, they should obtain an approval from the Office of the Commissioner General of Immigration;
- ii. They are advised to submit their applications at least two months before their travel date;
- iii. Local Host information including physical address and contacts is vital, and should be filled if available.
- iv. Invitation letters or Visa application letters should be addressed to the Commissioner General of Immigration, and should be uploaded when applying online.

#### 1. COUNTRIES/NATIONALS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED VISA TO ENTER TANZANIA

There are several countries whose nationals are not required to apply for Visa to enter Tanzania. These are EAC **Member State** countries, SADC member countries except Comoro and Commonwealth countries except United Kingdom, Canada, Nigeria, India, Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.

#### 6. COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS CAN OBTAIN VISA UPON ARRIVAL

Nationals from the listed countries below are eligible for both Online as well as on arrival Visa facility.

Albania	Algeria	Andorra	Argentina	Armenia
Australia	Austria	Bahrain	Belarus	Belgium
Benin	Bhutan	Bolivia	Bosnia	Brazil
Bulgaria	Cabo Verde	Cambodia	Cameroon	Canada
Central Africa Republic	Chile	China	Colombia	Comoros
Congo Republic	Costa Rica	Cote d'Ivoire	Croatia	Cuba
Czech Republic	Denmark	Djibouti	Ecuador	Egypt

Estonia	Ethiopia	Finland	France	Gabon
Georgia	Germany	Ghana	Greece	Hungary
Iceland	India	Indonesia	Ireland	Israel
Italy	Japan	Jordan	Kosovo	Kuwait
Liberia	Libya	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Maldives
Mexico	Monaco	Mongolia	Montenegro	Morocco
Myanmar (Burma)	Nepal	Netherlands	New Zealand	North Korea
North Macedonia	Norway	Oman	Paraguay	Peru
Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Qatar	Russia
Saud Arabia	Senegal	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia
South Korea	Spain	Sri Lanka	Sudan	Sweden
Switzerland	Thailand	Togo	Tunisia	Turkey
Ukraine	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom	United States of America (USA)	Uruguay
Venezuela	Vietnam	Dominican Republic	American Samoa	Angola
Antarctica	Azerbaijan	Bouvet island	Burkina Faso	Curacao
East Timor	El Salvador	Equatorial Guinea	Faroe Islands	Fiji
French Guiana	French Polynesia	Greenland	Guadeloupe	Guam
Guatemala	Guinea	Haiti	Holy see	Honduras
Howland island	Jarvis island	Johnston Atoll	Kazakhstan	Kingsman Reef
Latvia	Liechtenstein	Marshal Island	Mayotte	Micronesia (FSM)
Midway Islands	Moldova	Navassa	New Caledonia	Palau
Northern Mariana Island	Panama	Laos	Pitcairn island	Puerto Rica
Sahrawi	Saint Helenian	Saint Lucian	Saint Vincentian	Salvador
San Marino	Sao Tome	Saint Marten	South Georgia	Suriname
Timor Leste (Democratic Republic of Timor)	Togo	Virgin Island	Wake Island	Herzegovina

## 7. COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS CANNOT OBTAIN VISA UPON ARRIVAL

Nationals from the list below cannot obtain Visa upon arrival unless they have obtained a special permission from Commissioner General of Immigration. These are: *Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Chad, Eritrea, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzstan), Lebanon, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Yemen.* Also stateless persons or persons with refugee status cannot obtain visa upon arrival. They

must apply and obtain visa in advance.

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## 8. PROCEDURES FOR ONLINE VISA APPLICATION:

- i. Visit the Tanzania Immigration Services Website ([www.immigration.go.tz](http://www.immigration.go.tz))
- ii. Click “e-services” button;
- iii. Select and click “e-Visa Application Form”;
- iv. Login to the visa application portal (use your email)
- v. You will receive an e-mail message containing User Identification Number (that may be used to track the application online);
- vi. Fill application form, upload photo and attach required documents.
- vii. After completion and uploading required documents you will receive payment notification; finalize payment of a respective visa fee;
- viii. Upon successful payment, submit your application;
- ix. You will receive a confirmation message.

## 9. PHOTO SPECIFICATIONS FOR VISA APPLICATION;

### General Specifications:

- ✓ The photograph of each visa applicant must be colored;
- ✓ If the applicant regularly wears eye glasses he/she is allowed to take a photo with his glasses on.
- ✓ Head coverings are not permitted except for religious reasons, but the facial features from bottom of chin to top of forehead and both edges of the face must be clearly shown.

### Specific Details of the Photo Requirements:

- ✓ The photo must be colored with plain background.
- ✓ The image should display unmounted full face. A “full face” photo is one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly, and present full head from top of hair to bottom of chin;
- ✓ The photo should display full face (front view) from top of hair to bottom of chin, with eyes open;
- ✓ The expression on the face should look natural;
- ✓ There should not be any distracting shadows or images on the face or on the background;
- ✓ The photo size should not exceed 45mm (length) X 35 mm (Width);
- ✓ The image size of the photo should not exceed 500KB for Visa application
- ✓ The file format to be uploaded must be JPG or JPEG;

**NB; Noncompliance to the above guidance may cause to rejection of visa application.**

## 10. TYPES OF VISA AND CORRESPONDING REQUIREMENTS;

Tanzania Immigration Services issues six types of visa for various purposes. Below are types of Visa, requirements, validity and corresponding fees;

### 10.1 ORDINARY (SINGLE ENTRY) VISA;

- ✓ Applicants of Visa who wishes to visit Tanzania for tourism purposes are required to apply for **Ordinary Visa; except nationals of the United States of America (USA). Holders of USA passports coming for tourism are required to apply for Multiple**

### **Visa**

- ✓ The fee for Ordinary Visa is 50 USD and has a validity of up to 90 days;
  - ✓ The fee for Multiple Visa is 100 USD and has a validity of 1 year.
  - ✓ Holders of Ordinary Visa who will visit any of the East African countries after arrival to Tanzania may use the same Visa when coming back to Tanzania provided his Visa is still valid;
  - ✓ Other purposes which may be covered by ordinary Visa include attending a meeting, visiting friends or relatives, participate in a workshop or exhibition etc;
  - ✓ Holders of Ordinary Visa are not required to work or conduct any business-
  - ✓ **An application for Ordinary Visa should be accompanied with the following;**
- ✓ Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
  - ✓ Return ticket;
  - ✓ Dully filled in application and declaration form available online
  - ✓ Respective visa fee payment.

### **10.2 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 assignment such as auditing, making feasibility studies, conducting professional jobs, establishing business contacts, making arrangements for investments during the start-up period of the company, etc;
- ✓ To conduct any other short term lawful business-related task recognized by the laws of the country and as may be determined by the issuing authority.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE FOR BUSINESS VISA:**

- ✓ The maximum validity for business Visa is 90 days;
- ✓ Business Visa is issued on a single entry basis. It cannot be used to re- enter the country after the holder leaves the country;
- ✓ The Business Visa should not be used in lieu of a Residence Permit. If for any reason, the activity or intended assignment will exceed 3 months, an applicant is advised to apply for a Work/Residence Permit instead of Business Visa.

#### **Requirements**

- i. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- ii. Return ticket;
- iii. 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

### 10.3 MULTIPLE ENTRY VISA

- ✓ Multiple Visa may be issued to American nationals (due to bilateral agreements between Tanzania and America) who wish to come for such purposes like Holiday/Tourism, visiting friends and relatives or attending a conference. American nationals are not entitled for Ordinary Visa; this implies that, USA passport holders who wish to visit Tanzania for tourism or holiday **MUST apply for Multiple Visa even If they plan for single entry.**
- ✓ Multiple Visa may also be issued to Directors of Companies registered in Tanzania who do not reside in the country, Persons engaging in Bilateral Meetings, Spouses married to Tanzanians/Residents, Government Consultants, Representatives of International NGOs and any other person as may be determined by the Commissioner General of Immigration.
- ✓ Non Resident Directors **MUST** upload BRELA SEARCH document to proof that they are Directors of Company registered in Tanzania (BRELA is the Competent Authority responsible for registration of companies in Tanzania).
- ✓ Applicants for Multiple Visa under the umbrella of projects or bilateral meetings with the Government Ministries or Institutions, should obtain an application letter from respective Government Ministries or Institutions, and upload such letters in their applications. Failure to observe this procedure may cause their applications to be rejected.
- ✓ Applicants for Multiple Visa under family visit category are required to upload proof of relationships with their family members. In this case, certificate of marriage (for proof of relationship with regards to spouses) or birth certificates (for proof of relationship with regard to children) is required.
- ✓ **Duration and validity Multiple Visa;** It may be issued for maximum validity of twelve (12) months. However, the maximum stay duration in the country consecutively is only three months. This means, the holder of Multiple Visa cannot stay in the country for twelve (12) consecutive months. Instead, in each visit a holder may stay in the country for a maximum period of three months (90 days).

#### **Requirement for Visa (Non Resident Director)**

- i. A recent passport size photo of the applicant;
- ii. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- iii. Return Ticket;
- iv. A covering letter from the company;
- v. A copy of registration certificate/certificate of compliance of the company;
- vi. BRELA SEARCH Document (Proof of being a Director from BRELA)
- vii. 100 USD Visa fee;

### **Multiple Visa (Consultancy with Government Ministries/bilateral Agreements)**

- i. A recent passport size photo of the applicant;
- ii. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- iii. Return Ticket of the flight;
- iv. A covering letter from respective government Ministry or Institution; OR  
A covering letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation describing the bilateral agreement;
- v. 100 USD Visa fee;

### **Multiple (Family Visit)**

- i. A recent passport size photo of the applicant;
- ii. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- iii. Return Ticket of the flight;
- iv. An invitation letter from the spouse or child to whom the visit is made;
- v. Attached marriage certificate (If applicant visits a spouse); or birth certificate If applicant visits his child/children;
- vi. Valid passport or national ID of the spouse or child If applicable or valid Residence Permit If the wife or child is resident
- vii. 100 USD Visa fee;

### **Multiple Visa (USA nationals visiting for holiday/tourism)**

- i. A recent passport size photo of the applicant;
- ii. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- iii. Return Ticket of the flight;
- iv. 100 USD Visa fee;

### **Multiple Visa (Others)**

Any Multiple visa applied online which will not fall in the categories indicated above, MUST be supported by the following attachments:

- i. A recent passport size photo of the applicant;
- ii. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- iii. A permission letter from the Commissioner General of Immigration or commissioner of Immigration, Zanzibar;
- iv. Return Ticket of the flight;
- v. 100 USD Visa fee;

## **10.4 TRANSIT VISA**

This Visa may be issued to foreign nationals who seeks to enter the country on transit to other countries. It is issued 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 travelers whose purpose of entry is transiting through Tanzania to other country. It is not meant for tourism or any other purpose other than transit.

### **Requirements**

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



### **10.5 GRATIS VISA**

This visa may be issued to a holder of Diplomatic, Services or Official passport or Travel Document of recognized International Organization and their dependents holding the stated passports who seeks to enter the URT for official purposes.

It can also be 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.

### **10.6 STUDENT VISA**

Student visa may be issued to foreign national who wishes to enter the country for academic purposes such as research, Internship, Volunteering, students under exchange program and prospective students who have obtained admission in registered Institutions in Tanzania. The validity of this Visa is grouped in two main categories, the first category is for applicants whose academic programs do not exceed 90 days, for which the visa fee is 50 USD. And the second category is for those whose academic programs exceed 90 days, for which the Visa fee is 250 USD.

Applicants whose countries do not require Visa to enter Tanzania, and who wish to come for academic purposes will have to apply for Student Pass.

**NB:** The validity of Visa for applicants who wish to undertake language courses will not exceed six months.

#### **Requirements**

- i. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- ii. 50 SD, 250 USD or 550 USD Visa fee depending on the category and Duration.
- iii. 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 program to be attended
- iv. An open return tick

## 11. VISA FEES

<b>SN.</b>	<b>TYPE OF VISA</b>	<b>VISA FEE</b>
1.	ORDINARY VISA	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
		300 USD
		550 USD
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