



TANZANIA VISA GUIDELINES

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); and the **second** option is obtaining Visa on arrival at official entry point. ***It is recommended to use the online Visa application platform.***
- iii. Applicants are strongly advised to read carefully these **Visa Guidelines** before starting their journey to Tanzania or upon making a 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) **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 the 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 these Visa Guidelines or seek guidance through the immigration e-mail: info@immigration.go.tz or through the telephone number available on the 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 for, or which lacks sufficient information or attachment(s), will be rejected;
- x. Applicants with refugee status, stateless status or whose nationality falls under the Referral Visa category are not eligible for the on arrival Visa platform unless they have obtained an approval from the Office of the Commissioner General of Immigration. If not, 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 is approved. As such, applicants in this group, while applying online, are allowed to upload their **trip itinerary instead of a flight ticket**. Last but not least, applicants on the referral case catalogue are advised to submit their Visa applications at least two months before the date of travel;

- xi. Once a Visa application is submitted, no further changes may be made or effected to such an application. If for any reason there is a mismatch in the information on the issued visa, or flight changes which affect the arrival or departure date, the applicant shall 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 an **Ordinary Visa** EXCEPT American nationals (USA passport holders), who are required to apply for a **Multiple Visa**;
- xiii. If an applicant wishes to visit both Tanzania Mainland and Zanzibar, he/she is advised to select the first destination while filling in the form. He will nevertheless be allowed to visit both places without the need for a new Visa;
- xiv. The nearby Embassy is regarded as the Embassy closest to where the applicant is while applying for a Visa, and if required, the applicant may be called to appear physically at that Embassy for an interview;
- xv. Every passport holder is required to have his/her own Visa application submitted. In this case, even minors who are filled in on 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 the Referral Visa category. If for any reason the Visa is not processed within the stipulated time, applicants are advised to follow up through the email: info@immigration.go.tz or the telephone numbers available on the Immigration website.

3. VISA PAYMENT

Visa fees can be paid online using a 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 on the online application. Applicants are required to wait for the approval notification or Visa Grant Notice before starting their journey.

If for any reason the applicant does not receive a 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 if there are reasonable grounds to refuse entry.

4. HOW TO TRACK A VISA APPLICATION STATUS

After successfully submitting the application, applicants are advised to track its progress by logging in to the visa application portal using their Application Identification Number.

Applicants may be notified of the progress of their applications through the respective e-mails which they filled in while completing their applications online. However, applicants may as well track the 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 Services website (in the Visa Information Section). This list may be reviewed from time to time; therefore applicants are advised to check it periodically. Applicants under the 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 in 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.

6. COUNTRIES / NATIONALS WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A VISA TO ENTER TANZANIA

There are several countries whose nationals are not required to apply for a Visa to enter Tanzania. These are EAC Member States, SADC Member States except Comoros, and Commonwealth countries except the United Kingdom, Canada, India, Pakistan, Australia and New Zealand.

7. COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS CAN OBTAIN A VISA UPON ARRIVAL

Nationals from the countries listed below are eligible for both the online and the 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	Nigeria	North Korea	North Macedonia
Norway	Oman	Paraguay	Peru
Philippines	Poland	Portugal	Qatar
Russia	Saudi 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			

8. COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS CANNOT OBTAIN A VISA UPON ARRIVAL

Nationals from the list below cannot obtain a Visa upon arrival unless they have obtained special permission from the 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, Pakistan, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Sierra Leone, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Yemen.*

Also, stateless persons or persons with refugee status cannot obtain a visa upon arrival. They must apply for and obtain a visa in advance.

9. PROCEDURES FOR ONLINE VISA APPLICATION

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

10. PHOTO SPECIFICATIONS FOR VISA APPLICATION

General Specifications

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

Specific Details of the Photo Requirements

- ✓ The photo must be coloured with a plain background;
- ✓ The image should display an unmounted full face. A “full face” photo is one in which the applicant is facing the camera directly, and presents the full head from the top of the hair to the bottom of the chin;
- ✓ The photo should display the full face (front view) from the top of the hair to the bottom of the 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 45 mm (length) x 35 mm (width);
- ✓ The image size of the photo should not exceed 500 KB for a Visa application;
- ✓ The file format to be uploaded must be JPG or JPEG.

NB: Non-compliance with the above guidance may cause rejection of the visa application.

11. TYPES OF VISA AND CORRESPONDING REQUIREMENTS

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

11.1 Ordinary (Single Entry) Visa

- ✓ Applicants who wish to visit Tanzania for tourism purposes are required to apply for an **Ordinary Visa, except nationals of the United States of America (USA). Holders of USA passports coming for tourism are required to apply for a Multiple Visa;**
- ✓ The fee for an Ordinary Visa is 50 USD and it has a validity of up to 90 days;
- ✓ The fee for a Multiple Visa is 100 USD and it has a validity of 1 year;
- ✓ Holders of an Ordinary Visa who visit any of the East African countries after arrival in Tanzania may use the same Visa when coming back to Tanzania, provided the Visa is still valid;
- ✓ Other purposes which may be covered by an Ordinary Visa include attending a meeting, visiting friends or relatives, and participating in a workshop or exhibition;
- ✓ Holders of an Ordinary Visa are not permitted to work or conduct any business.

Requirements

- i. Copy of the applicant's valid passport (biographic data page);
- ii. Return ticket;
- iii. Duly filled in application and declaration form available online;
- iv. Respective visa fee payment.

11.2 Business Visa

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

- ✓ To conduct special assignments such as fixing or repairing machines, or to run short term training;
- ✓ To conduct short term professional assignments such as auditing, making feasibility studies, conducting professional jobs, establishing business contacts, or making arrangements for investments during the start-up period of the company;
- ✓ 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 a Business Visa is 90 days;

- ✓ A 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 or Residence Permit instead of a Business Visa.

Requirements

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

11.3 Multiple Entry Visa

- ✓ A Multiple Visa may be issued to American nationals (due to bilateral agreements between Tanzania and America) who wish to come for such purposes as holiday or tourism, visiting friends and relatives, or attending a conference. American nationals are not entitled to an Ordinary Visa; this implies that **USA passport holders who wish to visit Tanzania for tourism or holiday MUST apply for a Multiple Visa** even if they plan for a single entry;
- ✓ A 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 or 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 a BRELA SEARCH document to prove that they are Directors of a company registered in Tanzania (BRELA is the competent authority responsible for registration of companies in Tanzania);
- ✓ Applicants for a Multiple Visa under the umbrella of projects or bilateral meetings with Government Ministries or Institutions should obtain an application letter from the respective Government Ministry or Institution, and upload such letters in their applications. Failure to observe this procedure may cause their applications to be rejected;
- ✓ Applicants for a Multiple Visa under the family visit category are required to upload proof of relationship with their family members. In this case, a certificate of marriage (for proof of relationship with regard to spouses) or birth certificates (for proof of relationship with regard to children) is required;
- ✓ Duration and validity of a Multiple Visa: it may be issued for a maximum validity of twelve (12) months. However, the maximum consecutive stay in the country is only three months. This means the holder of a Multiple Visa cannot stay in the country for twelve (12) consecutive months. Instead, on each visit a holder may stay in the country for a maximum period of three months (90 days).

Requirements: Multiple 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 the registration certificate or certificate of compliance of the company;
- vi. BRELA SEARCH document (proof of being a Director from BRELA);
- vii. 100 USD visa fee.

Requirements: 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 the 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.

Requirements: Multiple Visa (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 the applicant visits a spouse), or birth certificate (if the applicant visits his child or children);
- vi. Valid passport or national ID of the spouse or child if applicable, or a valid Residence Permit if the spouse or child is a resident;
- vii. 100 USD visa fee.

Requirements: Multiple Visa (USA Nationals Visiting for Holiday or 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.

Requirements: Multiple Visa (Others)

Any Multiple Visa applied for online which does 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 the Commissioner of Immigration, Zanzibar;

- iv. Return ticket of the flight;
- v. 100 USD visa fee.

11.4 Transit Visa

This Visa may be issued to foreign nationals who seek to enter the country on transit to other countries. It is issued for a period not exceeding seven days. The applicant for this visa may be required to provide proof of a Visa of the destination country and/or an onward ticket.

NB: A Transit Visa is strictly intended for travellers whose purpose of entry is transiting through Tanzania to another country. It is not meant for tourism or any 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 the intended country of destination.

11.5 Gratis Visa

This visa may be issued to a holder of a Diplomatic, Service or Official passport, or a Travel Document of a recognized international organization, and their dependants holding the stated passports, who seek to enter the United Republic of Tanzania for official purposes.

It can also be issued to a holder of an ordinary passport or travel document as may be directed by the Commissioner General of Immigration and the Commissioner of Immigration, Zanzibar.

11.6 Student Visa

A Student Visa may be issued to a foreign national who wishes to enter the country for academic purposes such as **research, internship, volunteering, students under an exchange programme** 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 programmes do not exceed 90 days, for which the visa fee is 50 USD. The second category is for those whose academic programmes exceed 90 days, for which the visa fee is 250 USD.

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

NB: The validity of a 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 USD, 250 USD or 550 USD visa fee depending on the category and duration;
- iii. Covering letter from the host institution or college where the foreign student will be hosted; the letter must detail the course or field and the duration of the programme to be attended;
- iv. An open return ticket.

12. VISA FEES

SN.	TYPE OF VISA	VISA FEE
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
6.	Gratis Visa	Gratis

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