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IMMIGRATION TO EGYPT

A comprehensive guide on Immigration

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IMMIGRATION STRUCTURE: UNDERSTANDING THE SYSTEM

The admission, residence, and employment of foreign nationals are governed by Egypt's own immigration rules and regulations. The General Directorate of Passports, Immigration, and Nationality is one of the Ministry of Interior agencies that perform its services for citizens and foreigners. The General Directorate for Immigration and Passports (formerly known as the Passport, Immigration and Nationality Administration), is the primary agency in charge of immigration affairs in Egypt.

Essential Information on Egypt's Immigration System

- Foreign nationals must often have a visa to enter Egypt. The reason and length of the visit determine the kind of visa required. Before visiting Egypt, visas may be requested at Egyptian consulates or embassies overseas.
- Registration: Regardless of whether they are staying in Egypt temporarily or permanently, foreigners must register with the local authorities and get a registration certificate within a certain amount of time after arriving.

In Egypt, there are two different types of residence licenses: special residence permits and regular residence permits. The latter applies to eligible foreign nationals, whereas the former applies to foreigners who were born in Egypt.

If the applicant meets all requirements, including those listed below: a 3-Year Ordinary Resident Permit is also available.

- Having a job in the government of Egypt.
- Getting married to an Egyptian lawfully.
- Having received authorization from Egypt's municipal and interior governments.

The applicant's 3-year resident permit might become a 5-year resident permit provided they meet certain criteria.

- Resides with an Egyptian spouse
- A kid whose mother has previously met the requirements for the permission
- The candidate is younger than sixty and has over 10 years of residence in Egypt.
- The applicant's parents are from Egypt.

Once the person has an entrance visa, they can apply for a work visa.

THE VARIOUS OBJECTIVES FOR IMMIGRATION TO EGYPT

There are several purposes for which a person may choose to immigrate to Egypt. Here are some common categories:

Employment: To work in Egypt, foreign nationals must obtain a work visa and work permit from The General Directorate of Passports, Immigration, and Nationality.

Education: International students seeking higher education in Egypt must apply for a student visa, typically sponsored by the university or college of their choice.

Business and Investment: Entrepreneurs and investors relocating to Egypt for business purposes require business visas and permissions to take advantage of the country's commercial prospects and investment advantages in sectors such as tourism, real estate, manufacturing, and energy.

Family Reunification: Relocation to Egypt for individuals with immediate family members residing there is possible, but it is subject to specific visa types and restrictions for family members of Egyptian citizens or lawful residents.

Retirement: Retirees attracted by Egypt's pleasant environment, affordable cost of living, and cultural attractions may choose to retire there, with the eligibility for a residence visa or permit based on retirement status and financial resources.

Humanitarian Motives: Egypt grants immigration for humanitarian reasons, including asylum, refugee resettlement, or temporary protection, to individuals fleeing persecution, armed conflict, or natural disasters in their home countries.



NON-DIRECT OR OTHER ROUTES OF IMMIGRATION TO EGYPT

There are a few other ways or situations in which people may come to Egypt in addition to the previously listed main immigration motives. These consist of:

Marriage: Foreigners who marry Egyptian residents may do so to get a residency visa or permission, this enables them to live and work in Egypt.

Adoption: People who adopt an Egyptian kid may qualify for immigration to the nation to establish their paternity and care for the child. Egyptian law governs the procedures and standards for adoption.

Special Immigration Programmes or Initiatives: On occasion, Egypt may roll out unique immigration programs or efforts to entice particular demographics. Programs for specialized experts, investors, business owners, or those with a certain area of competence that is in demand in the nation might be among them.

Volunteering and NGOs: Some people may come to Egypt to volunteer there or work for one of the nation's non-governmental organizations (“NGOs”). They can require particular visas or permissions depending on the nature of their profession and the organization they are associated with.

Collaboration in Research and Academics: Academics, scholars, and researchers may immigrate to Egypt to participate in exchange or partnership programs with Egyptian universities, research institutes, or organizations. They would normally need to get a visa that is appropriate for their particular purpose, such as an academic or research visa.



TYPES OF VISAS THAT ARE GIVEN FOR EGYPT



Visas of Type C (Short-Term)

An applicant may be eligible for one of the following visa categories if his travel to Egypt is restricted to 90 days or less throughout 180 days.

Tourist visa for Egypt

The most common sort of visa for the nation is the Egypt tourist visa, which is given to those who want to travel there for pleasure. Both individuals and groups can get an Egypt tourist visa through the country's consulates, online visa system, outsourced visa businesses, or accredited travel agents.

Business or participation visa for Egypt

For those who want to go to Egypt for business-related activities, an Egypt business or fair participation visa is issued. The application must be accompanied by invitation letters from professional associations and chambers.

Egypt Visit Visa for Family, Friends, or Relatives

For those who want to travel to Egypt to see family or friends who live there, an Egypt family, relative, or friend visit visa is given out. In addition to other needed documentation, applicants must submit an invitation letter from the person they are visiting to be granted a visa.

Cultural, sporting, or conference visit visa for Egypt

For individuals or groups planning to participate in a cultural event or activity hosted in Egypt, a visit visa for Egypt is issued. The application must be accompanied by an invitation from the receiving association and confirmation paperwork from the sending association.

Egypt Internship or Short-Term Study Visa

Students who wanted to study for an educational purpose in Egypt are granted a short-term education or internship visa. The applicant must submit proof of suitable housing, proof of acceptable means of sustenance, and an acceptance letter from the receiving institution.

TYPES OF VISAS THAT ARE GIVEN FOR EGYPT

Visas of Type D (Long-Term)

Even though the applicant's nationality is on the list of nations not requiring a visa, category D visas are nevertheless necessary for stays in Egypt that last more than three months. If the applicant falls under one of the following categories, he may be eligible to apply for a long-term visa to Egypt:

- A student who wants to pursue higher education, take a language course, or engage in a long-term internship.
- A worker moving to Egypt to work for a company there or a season.
- To work at a recognized Egypt research center as a professor, researcher, or scientist.
- A person whose first-degree relative is a citizen of Egypt.
- A patient who will be receiving long-term medical care in a medical facility in Egypt.

Transit Visa for Egypt

Individuals whose transit at the relevant international airport will last more than 48 hours must get an Egypt transit visa. An Egypt transit visa, which may be granted for one or more transits, allows the holder to depart from Egypt and enter a third nation.

There are many countries across the globe that can enter Egypt without a visa. If the applicant's country is not eligible for visa-free entry to Egypt, they would need to obtain an Egypt visa and take into consideration of the following visa rules:

- The passport should be valid for more than six months from the expected day of arrival to Egypt.
- It is important to apply for an e-visa to Egypt at least seven days before the intended date of arrival.
- Approved e-visa should be printed and present while entering the country.
- If an applicant is planning to obtain a visa on arrival to Egypt, he is expected to pay the fee in cash, in US dollars.

LICENSES AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR IMMIGRATION IN EGYPT

The applicant is required to present the following documents if his nationality is not eligible for visa-free entry to Egypt:

- Two copies of the completed and signed application form
- Two recently taken photos
- A valid passport
- Proof of sufficient financial means such as bank statements or payroll
- Documents confirming the intended return including a return flight ticket
- Proof of accommodation
- Receipt of the visa payment

There are additionally required or supporting documents from certain applicants:

Employed:

- Employment contract
- A letter from the company that states absence, duration of the stay, and confirms returning to current job
- Bank statement for the last six months

Self-Employed:

- A copy of the last income tax or relevant bank statements or documents
- Proof of business such as bank statements, invoices, or receipts

Student:

- Proof of enrollment and no objection certificate from the registered school
- Sponsorship documents if the applicant cannot support himself/herself financially during the period of the stay



UPDATES IN EGYPT'S IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS: RECENT CHANGES TO TAKE NOTE OF

Egypt's Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities announced a new multiple-entry visa policy on March 27th.

- The visa will be available to nationals of 180 countries.
- The visa will have a validity period of five years
- The cost of the visa is set at USD 700 or EGP 21,000.

The new visa may be obtained at the airports in Egypt for travelers who already have a valid visa from the United Kingdom, the United States, the Schengen region, Japan, or New Zealand. In the same vein, the Ministry also declared that visitors from China, India, and Turkey can obtain a visa at the port of entry into Egypt, while Iranian and Israeli nationals can enter South Sinai and Hurghada with a visa at the port of entry, subject to prior arrangement with travel agencies.

Travelers from the Arab Maghreb countries (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia) will also be able to obtain emergency visas, as well as Indian citizens who have residency in the Gulf states or who possess entry visas for the United States, Britain, the European Union, Australia, or New Zealand.

Egypt aims to grow tourism by 30% yearly, reaching 30 million visitors annually by 2028, despite its economic problems and rising prices. In a cabinet meeting with Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly earlier in March 2023, Egypt's Minister of Tourism and Antiquities stated that 11.7 million visitors visited Egypt in 2022, with a projected growth of 28% in 2023.

HOW WE CAN HELP?

All forms of visa and entry-clearance application support are provided by us, including:

- Business visa for all activities authorized by the act
- Foreign workers with work visas
- Project Visa
- Visa for Self-Employed Individuals

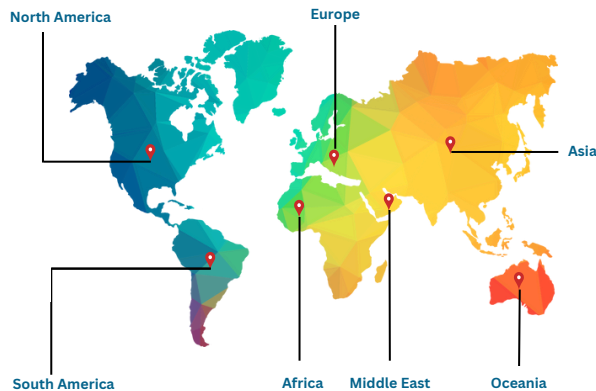


Additionally, our knowledgeable attorneys offer guidance on additional commercial immigration issues like:

- Transfers inside a firm
- Establishing a business in Egypt
- Representatives of international companies
- Investing in Egypt
- Scams, denials, failures, and difficult immigration issues involving visas and licenses

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