



GUIDE ON IMMIGRATION TO GHANA

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THE SYSTEM OF IMMIGRATION IN GHANA -

Ghana is a country located in West Africa known for its rich culture, history and beauty. The immigration process to Ghana involves several steps and requirements that must be met before an individual can enter the country legally. In this document, we will provide an exhaustive guide to the immigration process in Ghana, including the system of immigration, different purposes for immigration, types of visas, required licenses and documentation, recent changes in immigration rules, and how we can help.

The Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) as several functions, including the issuance of visas, permits, and other travel documents; border management; enforcement of immigration laws; and provision of immigration-related services to the public.

The Ghana Immigration Service (GIS), which is governed by the Immigration Act, 2000 (Act 573) and the Immigration Regulations, 2001 (L.I. 1691), is in charge of overseeing Ghana's immigration system. The GIS has a number of duties, including issuing visas, permits, and other travel papers; managing the nation's borders; enforcing immigration laws; and offering the general public services relating to immigration. It is in charge of regulating the admission and stay of foreign nationals in the nation.

A person may move to Ghana for a variety of reasons, including travel, business, education, employment, and family reunion. There are more ways for foreigners to enter Ghana, including through marriage, refugee status, and investment.



THE DIFFERENT PURPOSE FOR WHICH A PERSON CAN MIGRATE TO GHANA-

There are several purposes for which a person can migrate to Ghana-

1. Tourism -

There are four major areas of interest to the tourist in Ghana, namely, Culture, History, Ecology and Recreation. Tourism in Ghana is regulated by the Ministry of Tourism of Ghana, the Government of Ghana ministry responsible for the development and promotion of tourism related activities in Ghana

2. Business -

Foreigners who intend to do business in Ghana can apply for a business visa. This includes attending meetings, conferences, and trade shows.

Ghana's government would mobilize efforts to create an enterprising atmosphere that would allow young people to develop innovative ideas which may lead to the creation of lucrative enterprises. Because business promotes young people, they are put to work, dignified and, finally, strengthened by Ghana and Africa.

3. Study-

Students who wish to study in Ghana can apply for a student visa. They must provide proof of enrollment in a recognized educational institution in Ghana.



4.Work-

Foreigners who wish to work in Ghana must obtain a work permit. This includes skilled workers, professionals, and investors.

Foreigners who wish to work in Ghana must obtain a work permit from the GIS. The work permit is issued for a specific job and is valid for one year, renewable upon application.

5.Family reunification-

Foreigners who have family members living in Ghana can apply for a family visa to join them.

Foreigners who wish to bring their family members to Ghana must obtain a residence permit for their family members. The residence permit allows the family members to live in Ghana with the foreigner who is working in Ghana.



NON DIRECT OR OTHER ROUTES OF IMMIGRATION TO GHANA -

a) Marriage:

Foreigners who are married to Ghanaian citizens can apply for a spousal visa to join their spouse in Ghana. In Ghana; marriage is recognized as a legal union between a man and a woman. Same-sex marriage is not recognized and is illegal. Foreigners who are married to Ghanaians can apply for a residence permit to live in Ghana with their spouse.



b) Refugee Status:

Foreigners who are fleeing persecution or war in their home country can apply for refugee status in Ghana.

Refugees in Ghana can also apply for a residence permit, which allows them to live and work in Ghana legally. The process for obtaining a residence permit as a refugee can be complex and may require the assistance of a legal representative or agency.

It is important to note that Ghana has strict immigration laws, and foreigners who violate these laws may face deportation or other legal consequences.





c) Investment:

Foreigners who invest in Ghana can apply for a residence permit.

Ghana is considered a favorable destination for foreign investment due to its stable political environment, growing economy, and strategic location in West Africa. The the main point of contact for foreign investors and provides information on investment opportunities, incentives, and regulations.

Overall, Ghana offers attractive investment opportunities for foreign investors who are willing to navigate the country's regulatory environment and invest in its growing economy.



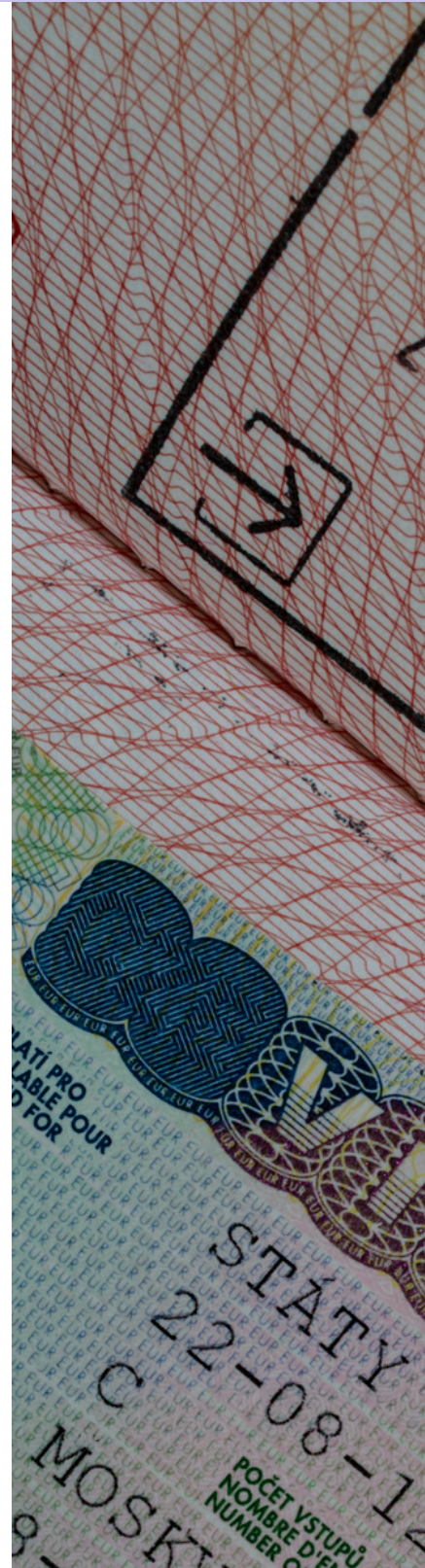
TYPES OF VISAS THAT ARE GIVEN FOR GHANA -

a) Tourist Visa:

This is issued to foreigners who intend to visit Ghana for tourism purposes. It is valid for up to 90 days. Foreign nationals who wish to visit Ghana for tourism purposes are required to obtain a tourist visa. The visa application can be done online or at the nearest Ghanaian embassy or consulate. The following documents are required for the visa application:

- Completed visa application form
- Valid passport with at least six months validity
- Two passport-sized photographs
- Proof of travel itinerary, including flight and hotel reservations
- Proof of financial means to support the trip
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate

The processing time for the tourist visa application is usually between 3-5 working days. The visa fee varies depending on the applicant's nationality and the duration of stay in Ghana.



b) Business Visa:

This is issued to foreigners who intend to do business in Ghana. It is valid for up to 90 days.

Foreign nationals who wish to conduct business in Ghana are required to obtain a business visa. The visa application can be done online or at the nearest Ghanaian embassy or consulate. The following documents are required for the visa application:

- Completed visa application form
- Valid passport with at least six months validity
- Two passport-sized photographs
- Letter of invitation from a Ghanaian business partner or company
- Proof of financial means to support the trip
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate

The processing time for the business visa application is usually between 3-5 working days. The visa fee varies depending on the applicant's nationality and the duration of stay in Ghana.



c) Student Visa:

This is issued to foreigners who wish to study in Ghana. It is valid for the duration of the course of study.

Foreign nationals who wish to study in Ghana are required to obtain a student visa. The visa application can be done online or at the nearest Ghanaian embassy or consulate. The following documents are required for the visa application:

- Completed visa application form
- Valid passport with at least six months validity
- Two passport-sized photographs
- Acceptance letter from a recognized educational institution in Ghana
- Proof of financial means to support the studies
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate

The processing time for the student visa application is usually between 3-5 working days. The visa fee varies depending on the applicant's nationality and the duration of stay in Ghana.

d) Work Permit:

This is issued to foreigners who wish to work in Ghana. It is valid for up to two years and can be renewed.

e) Residence Permit:

This is issued to foreigners who intend to stay in Ghana for an extended period. It is valid for up to two years and can be renewed.

A Residence Permit is usually obtained after the grant of a work permit. A formal application must be made on behalf of the employee to the Ghana Immigration Service.



LICENSE AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR IMMIGRATION -



- 1. Valid passport:** A valid passport is required to enter Ghana.
- 2. Visa:** Depending on your nationality, you may need a visa to enter Ghana. Check with the Ghanaian embassy or consulate in your country for more information.
- 3. Work permit:** If you plan to work in Ghana, you will need a work permit. This can be obtained through the Ghana Immigration Service.
- 4. Residence permit:** A residence permit is required for anyone staying in Ghana for more than 90 days. This can be obtained through the Ghana Immigration Service.
- 5. Medical certificate:** You may be required to provide a medical certificate stating that you are in good health.
- 6. Police clearance certificate:** You may be required to provide a police clearance certificate from your home country.
- 7. Proof of financial support:** You may be required to provide proof of financial support for yourself and any dependents.
- 8. Education certificates:** If you plan to study in Ghana, you may be required to provide education certificates.
- 9. Vaccination certificate:** You may be required to provide a vaccination certificate, particularly if you are coming from a country with a high risk of disease.
- 10. Travel itinerary:** You may be required to provide a travel itinerary showing your planned route and duration of stay in Ghana.

ANY RECENT CHANGES THAT MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN IMMIGRATION RULES -

Foreign nationals who are already in Ghana will need to apply for a work permit under the new rule, with the exception of applications for work permits that are already within quota. According to the proposed changes, applicants would need to enter Ghana with an authorized entry visa, submit their work permit application in person at the Ghana Immigration Service (GIS) using their original passports and the required work permit fee (the passport would be returned to the applicant the same day), and then undergo a medical examination and pay the associated fees at the GIS Medical Centre. It may take up to six weeks for the work permit to be processed and issued, after which time foreign nationals would not be permitted to begin employment.

Currently, international nationals can apply for a work permit from outside of Ghana, have their work permit approved following a medical exam, and then begin working. The proposed modifications, which could lead to longer adjudication time frames for application outcomes, should be noted by employers.



HOW WE CAN HELP?

Chandrawat & Partners can provide best possible combination of experts in the pharmaceutical sector brings the right amount of expertise, experience, and capability needed to explore perspectives and insights for the future.

- Contract drafting and negotiation:

The team can assist with drafting and negotiating contracts with suppliers, customers, and partners. This can help ensure that contracts are legally sound and protect the interests of the business.

- Dispute resolution:

The team can help businesses resolve disputes with customers, suppliers, or partners through negotiation, mediation, or litigation. This can help protect the business's reputation and financial interests.

- Due diligence:

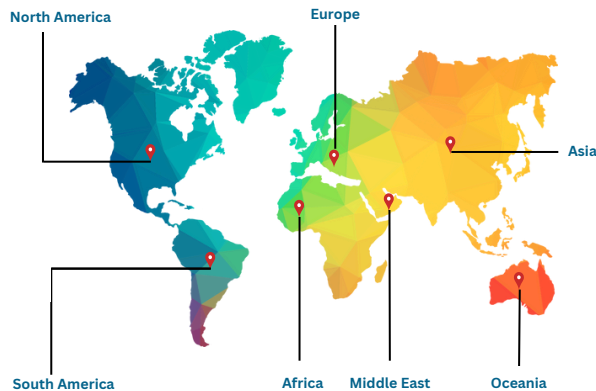
The team can conduct due diligence on potential partners or suppliers to ensure they are legally compliant and financially stable.

- Compliance monitoring:

The team can assist businesses in ensuring compliance with local laws and regulations, including tax laws, labor laws, and environmental regulations



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