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- References: (a) MHA (Immi-02)/P-7/2006/512, Date: April 04, 2007
(b) MHA (Immi-02)/G- Korea-20/2006/1798, Date: 01 December, 2007
(c) MHA (Immi-02)/1P-7/2008/1047, Date: 30 December, 2008
(d) MHA (Immi-02)/R.M-1/2009/323, Date: 23 April, 2009
(e) MHA (Immi-02)/1p-6/2008/504, Date: 30 June, 2010
(f) 44.00.0000.039.22.002.13-742, Date: 19 June, 2013
(g) 58.00.0000.041.14.001.14.361, Date: 18 March, 2019

The following visa instructions have been issued reviewing the above circulars:

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1.	A	Purpose: Official meetings and other official purposes Eligibility: Head of the State/Head of the Government/ Minister, State Minister, Deputy Minister and persons of equivalent posts/ Member of the Parliament and accompanying spouse and other dependent members of their family	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">As requiredFees: Gratis	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Filled up application formCopy of applicant's passportCopy of passport of principal visa holder (for spouse and family members)Recommendation letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh/Note verbale Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommendation letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp
2.	A1	Purpose: For official meetings and other official purposes	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">As requiredVisa may be extended as recommended by	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Filled up application formCopy of applicant's

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		Eligibility: Government/ Semi-government/ Autonomous body officials/ Member of Government delegation and accompanying spouse and dependent family members	concerned Ministry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited 	passport <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of passport of principal visa holder (for spouse and family members) Recommendation letter of concerned Ministry of Bangladesh/ Government bodies Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
3.	A2	Purpose: For official assignment and other official purposes. Eligibility: Officials of UN Organizations, International and Regional Organizations.	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 05(five) years or full tenure, whichever is less with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as recommended by concerned organization. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of passport Note verbale/ recommendation of concerned organization Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp
4.	FA2 (Dependent family members of A2)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent family members of the principal visa holder	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with principal visa holder Visa may be extended as recommended. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder Recommendation letter of concerned organization Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp

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5.	B (Business)	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyzing investment potential Participating in business related board meeting, general meeting, technical meeting etc. Recruiting manpower from Bangladesh Participating in trade fair, exhibition and for discussion on these activities Quality verification of Bangladeshi products Negotiation with suppliers for placing orders Acting as tour conductor Enhancing academic network Foreign partners of the business or functioning as directors in the company <p>Eligibility: Business visitors visiting for the above mentioned purposes</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 1(one) year with multiple entry facility, 30(thirty) days stay per entry Visa may be extended up to 2 (two) years, 30 (thirty) days stay per entry. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Invitation letter from Business organization registered in Bangladesh Certificate of incorporation, trade license of the inviting/ concerned organization. Tax payment certificate of the inviting organization Recommendation letter from concerned Chamber of Commerce of applicant's country <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Recommendation letter from concerned Chamber of Commerce or association in Bangladesh Police report Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp
6.	C (Crew)	<p>Purpose: Discharging professional duty.</p> <p>Eligibility: Crew of Aero- plane /Ship /other transports travelling in international routes.</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3 (three) years with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as per recommendation from competent authority. 1(one) month staying condition per entry for maritime crews 	<p>First visa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Recommendation/appoi ntment letter of appointing authority

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 (fifteen) days staying condition per stay for other crews. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp
7.	D (Diplomatic)	Purposes: For official appointment and other official purposes Eligibility: Ambassador/ High Commissioner/ Consular Officer/ Honorary consul of Bangladesh missions abroad and spouse and dependent family members of the above mentioned persons	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per tenure with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as per recommendation. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. Fees: Gratis 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder Bio/visa page (for spouse and family members) Recommendation letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh/ Note verbale from the respective mission Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation letter of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
8.	ND (Non-diplomatic Staff)	Purposes: Accompanying or arriving afterwards with A, A1, A2, and D category persons. Eligibility: Non-diplomatic, personal staff assigned to missions, their spouse and dependent family members and domestic aide to	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As required with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as per recommendation. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder Bio /visa page (for spouse and family members) Note verbale of Ministry of Foreign

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		diplomatic/consular officials		Affairs Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As recommended by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
09.	E1 (Project related development partners of Bangladesh)	Purpose: Involvement in the development projects of Bangladesh Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expatriates of development partners (agencies or countries) involved in development projects under agreement between Government/Semi-government/ Autonomous bodies of Bangladesh and the development partners Agreement implies grant/loan/technical cooperation /G2G agreements. Agreements with contractors or work agreements shall not be included in this category 	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As recommended by the concerned ministry/ organization with multiple entry facility. Visa may be extended as per recommendation by the concerned Ministry/organization. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of applicant's passport Recommendation letter from the concerned Ministry of Bangladesh/Govt. Organization/ Autonomous bodies. Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Recommendation letter from the concerned Ministry of Bangladesh/ Govt. Organization/ Autonomous bodies
10	FE1 (Dependent family members of E1)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category E1	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with the principal visa holder. Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page Registered marriage certificate for spouse &

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			<p>cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>birth certificate for dependent children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation letter from the concerned ministry/ organization <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Police report
11.	E2 (Employment)	<p>Purpose: Employment in Bangladesh</p> <p>Eligibility: 1. Expatriates working in National/ International/ Government/Semi-government/ Autonomous/Private/ Industrial/Commercial organizations/Branch offices/Liaison offices</p> <p>2. Expatriates working under contractor including EPC contractor/ sub contractor in projects of Government/ Semi-government/ Autonomous bodies of Bangladesh</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 6(six) months with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Duration of work permit with additional 15 (fifteen) days b. 30 (thirty) days if work permit/police clearance is under process c. Further extension as per renewed work permit [with additional 15 (fifteen)days] Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of applicant's passport Recommendation letter from BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/Hi-Tech Park/ PPPAB (Public-Private Partnership Authority Bangladesh) and other applicable authorities. <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of applicant's passport with visa and arrival stamped pages Recommendation letter from the concerned organization Work permit from BIDA/ BEZA/High-Tech Park/PPPAB and other applicable authorities. Police report except for expatriates working in projects of Government/ Semi-government/ Autonomous bodies of Bangladesh. TIN certificate (1st extension)



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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income tax clearance certificate (2nd extension and onwards)
12.	FE2 (Dependent family members of E2)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category E2	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with the principal visa holder. Visa may be extended as coterminous with principal visa holder. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children. Recommendation letter from the concerned organization Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Police report
13.	E3 (Employment)	Purpose: Employment in Bangladesh Eligibility: Arriving for the purpose of machinery and software supply installation/ maintenance/ supervision/ project inspection/ research & development support/technical support to any organization and similar job	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 6 (six) months with multiple entry with staying condition of 90 (ninety) days per stay Visa may be extended as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of work permit with additional 15(fifteen) days 30 (thirty) days if work permit/police clearance is under process Further extension as per renewed work permit [with 15(fifteen)] days in addition] Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Bio page of the passport Recommendation letter from concerned Ministry/ BIDA/ BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi-Tech Park/PPPAB and other applicable authorities Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Work permit Police report

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TIN certificate (1st extension) Income tax clearance certificate (2nd extension and onwards)
14.	FE3 (Dependent family members of E3)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category E3	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with the principal visa holder. Extension of visa is coterminous with the principal visa holder. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of applicant's passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children etc. Recommendation letter from the concerned organization Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Police report
15.	J (Journalist)	Purpose: a. Collecting news on current affairs/ shooting films, documentaries b. Performing professional duties Eligibility: a. Representative or journalist of foreign newspaper or media or free lance journalist willing to visit Bangladesh to collect news on current affairs or to discharge a special duty only once/for a short duration b. Representative or journalist of foreign	Duration: For a. Up to 1(one) month with single entry For b. 3(three) months with triple entries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duration of work permit with additional 15(fifteen) days Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: For a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Detailed proposal about the task in Bangladesh For b: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Recommendation letter from External Publicity Wing of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh Detailed proposal about the task in Bangladesh

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		newspaper/journal/magazine/radio/television appointed/posted at local office of foreign News Agency/Electronic media/Newspaper etc. or free lance journalist		Extension: (for b) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Work permit/employment contract from concerned authority Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Recommendation from external publicity wing of Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Security Clearance
16.	FJ (Dependent Family member of J)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/ legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category J	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with principal visa holder Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form Copy of passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page Recommendation letter from concerned organization of home country verified by concerned Bangladesh Mission/ Recommendation letter from concerned organization in Bangladesh Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Police Report
17.	R (Religious)	Purpose: Providing religious services Eligibility: Missionaries/Religious maestros	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 6 (six) months with multiple entry with 3 (three) months staying condition per entry with multiple entry facility 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Request letter from authorized organization



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa may be extended up to 2 (two) years. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent letter from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Bangladesh <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport • Security clearance
18.	FR : (Dependent family members of persons coming in R category)	<p>Purpose: Staying with family</p> <p>Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children legal guardian of children/ legal family member of persons coming in category R</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coterminous with principal visa holder • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page • Recommendation letter from concerned organization in Bangladesh. • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa page and arrival stamp pages of passport • Police report
19.	N 1 (NGO)	<p>Purpose: Job/Service delivery</p> <p>Eligibility: Individual appointed under registered NGO of Bangladesh</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 3 (three) months with multiple entry • Visa may be extended as per work permission of NGO Affairs Bureau/concerned Ministry. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Appointment letter attested by NGO Affairs Bureau /concerned Ministry <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport • Work permit from

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				NGO Affairs Bureau/ recommendation letter from concerned Ministry in Bangladesh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TIN certificate for first extension • Tax clearance certificate for subsequent extension • Security clearance
20.	FN (Dependent family members of persons of N1 category)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons coming in N1 category.	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coterminous with principal visa holder • Visa may be extended as coterminous with principal visa holder. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Recommendation from concerned organization • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport • Police report
21.	N2 (Emergency humanitarian service)	Purpose: Emergency humanitarian service delivery Eligibility: Members of international organizations/INGOs' involved in humanitarian work in Bangladesh	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 1(one) month with single entry • Visa may be extended up to 3 (three) months with multiple entry • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Statement of purposes • Recommendation from parent organization of applicant • Recommendation of concerned Ministry in Bangladesh Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport • Recommendation from concerned Ministry in Bangladesh • Police report

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22.	P (Performers on contract)	<p>Purpose: Foreign nationals participating in professional sports/cultural activities on contract or on invitation</p> <p>Eligibility: Sportsperson, coach, sports organizer, cultural performer, artist performing in Bangladesh on contract</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 30 (thirty) days with multiple entry facility. Visa may be extended as per contract or for 2(two) years whichever is less. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Invitation letter from employer/organization/ club. Undertaking on tax payment by inviting organization <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Work permit/employment contract from concerned authority Recommendation from current employer TIN certificate for first extension Tax clearance certificate for subsequent extension Police report
23.	FP (Dependent family members of persons of category P)	<p>Purpose: Staying with family</p> <p>Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children/legal guardian of children/ legal family member of arriving person under P category.</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with principal visa holder Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Copy of passport of principal visa holder Registered marriage certificate for spouse Birth certificate for dependent children <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Police report
24.	PI (Private investor)	<p>Purpose: Foreign investor investing in industrial/commercial</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 1(one) year with multiple entry Visa may be extended 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport

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		<p>establishment under 100% foreign ownership or on joint venture in non Government Sector.</p> <p>Eligibility: Foreign Investor in Non- government/ Joint venture sector or to be established commercial organization with fully foreign investment.</p>	<p>up to 5 (five) years</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. • 'No visa required' facility for investment of at least US\$ 5 million upon certification from Bangladesh Bank/BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/Hi-Tech Park/ PPPAB and other applicable authorities in Bangladesh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation from BIDA/ BEZA/ BEPZA/ High-Tech park/concerned Ministry/PPPAB and other applicable authorities that the investor is a bonafide investor. • Detailed business plan with proposed business activities, amount of investment, generation of local employment and local establishments etc. <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport • Certifications from BIDA/ BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi tech park/concerned Ministry/PPPAB and other applicable authorities about the continuity of investment in Bangladesh • Business registration particulars (certificate of incorporation and tax payment certificate) of the company receiving investment • Work permit of BIDA/ BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi-Tech Park/PPPAB and other applicable authorities if investor works in his own company
25.	FPI (Dependent family members of persons of	<p>Purpose: Staying with family</p> <p>Eligibility: Spouse and dependent</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coterminous with principal visa holder • Extension of visa is coterminous with 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Copy of passport of

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	category PI)	children/legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons of category PI	<p>principal visa holder.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>principal visa holder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request letter from the concerned organization • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children. <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport • Police report
26.	S (Student)	<p>Purpose: Pursuing an academic program or for fulfillment of an academic degree (Internship)</p> <p>Eligibility: Student/Intern</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to duration of the program or 05(five) years whichever is less with multiple entry • Visa may be extended as per recommendation from concerned academic institution. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. <p>[Maximum 1(one) year visa can be granted for children under 15(fifteen) years of age accompanying their parents involved in purpose of Tableague Jamat to be admitted only at Hefz Khana/Ketab Khana on recommendation letter from Tableague Markaj of Bangladesh subject to the duration of their parent's visa. Registration with local Police station/Special Branch within 15(fifteen) days of arrival is</p>	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Proof of admission/offer letter • Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government Organization <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Recommendation from concerned institution • Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport

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			<p>mandatory.</p> <p>Department of Immigration and Passport may extend the duration of visa subject to the duration of their parent's visa and the tenure of educational study on the basis of certificate from Tableague Markaj that the student/his or her dependent studying at Hefaz Khana of Madrasa Ulome Dinia is not doing any job in Bangladesh and a favourable report from the Special Branch of Police. Under no circumstances, the duration of visa shall be extended if their age exceeds 28 years while at study]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	
27.	RH (Research)	<p>Purpose: Undertaking research work as a researcher apprentice or to participate in training program/ research project in an organization recognized by the Government</p> <p>Eligibility: Apprentice/ researcher/ participants of training in educational/ research/training institution approved by government</p>	<p>Duration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per duration of program up to 1(one) year whichever is less with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as per recommendation from concerned institution. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	<p>First visa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Proof of admission/offer letter Recommendation from concerned Ministry/ organization as and when necessary Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government organization <p>Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Recommendation from concerned institution Recommendation from concerned Ministry as

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				and when necessary. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police report for other than incumbents recommended by Government organization. • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport
28.	FSR (Dependent family members of persons of category S and RH)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent children legal guardian of children/legal family member of persons in category S and RH	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coterminous with principal visa holder • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Photocopy of passport of principal visa holder • Request letter from the concerned organization. • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children. Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport • Police report.
29.	T (Tourist)	Purpose: Recreation, tourism, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, for attending conference, workshop, study tour and seminar etc Eligibility: Persons arriving for above purposes	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03(three) months with single entry with thirty days staying condition • Visa may be extended up to 1(one) month with single entry. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. • Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filled up application form. • Copy of passport • Address/ proof of hotel booking in Bangladesh Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As above • Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport • Police report

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30.	RT (Religious, Tableague Ijtema/Jamat)	Purpose and eligibility: To attend Tableague Jamat & Ijtema and for other religious purposes	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 130 (one hundred thirty) days with single entry Visa may be extended up to 30 (thirty) days with single entry Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180(one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Recommendation from the central Tableague Markus/Tableague Jamat of the concerned country Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above and police report Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport Recommendation from the central Tableague Markus/Tableague Jamat of Bangladesh Police report
31.	FBN (Family of Bangladeshi national / Foreign nationals of Bangladeshi origin)	Purpose: Staying with family and travelling in Bangladesh. Eligibility: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foreign spouse and children of Bangladeshi citizen. Bangladeshi descendent foreign citizen and his /her spouse and children 	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2(two) years with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended up to 3(three) years. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of foreign passport Proof of Bangladeshi nationality of applicant/ affidavit declaring relationship with Bangladeshi citizens Marriage registration certificate/birth certificate Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport Police report
32.	TR (Transit)	Purposes: For travelling through Bangladesh for a destination outside Bangladesh/to sign in/ sign off from sea vessels	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 96 (ninety six) hours For sea men, mariners, air crews 72 (seventy two) hours Passport should have validity of 180 (one 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Bio/data page of passport Proof of visa in third country Ticket for a third

SL. No.	Category of visa	Purpose and Eligibility	Duration/ fees /conditions	Required documents
		Eligibility: Transit passengers, sea men, mariners, air crews	hundred eighty) days minimum.	country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuous discharge certificate for sea man and mariners
33.	M (Medical)	Purposes: For treatments in private registered hospitals/clinics/ diagnostic centers in Bangladesh Eligibility: Patient	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 3 (three) months with multiple entry facility Visa may be extended as per physician's recommendation. Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa and adoption of legal measures. Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Visa recommendation from registered physician/hospital/ medical center of Bangladesh Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport
34.	MA (Medical attendant)	Purpose: Accompanying a patient Eligibility: Maximum 2(two) attendants for each patient	Duration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coterminous with principal visa holder Passport should have validity of 180 (one hundred eighty) days minimum. 	First visa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filled up application form. Copy of passport Visa recommendation from concerned physician/hospital/ medical center of Bangladesh Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As above Visa and arrival stamp pages of passport



Mandatory visa conditions:

1. Visa issuing authority for the first visa including 'No Visa Required (NVR)' is generally Bangladesh Missions abroad. Conversion of a visa category (from VoA to A2, E1, E2, E3, PI) and first visa in converted category will be approved by the Security Services Division (SSD). Extension of visa in the same category and allowing exit permit will be executed by the Security Services Division/ Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP). Immigration authority of designated entry port will grant Visa on Arrival/Transit visa. Concerned offices may seek direction from the SSD prior to issuing visa if necessary. The Security Services Division retains full authority in any matter relating to visa and immigration.
2. Concerned visa issuing authority will grant visa on its own responsibility after being satisfied on examining the relevant documents and keeping records in writing. A visa issuing authority may refer to the Security Services Division for necessary approval, if necessary.
3. Visa will be granted on the basis of relevant visa notifications. In cases of bilateral agreements and arrangements with other countries visa will be issued according to the agreements/arrangements. Principal of reciprocity is to be followed for issues that are not covered in visa circular and agreement/ arrangement.
4. For A2 categories of visa, United Nations and its organizations means WHO, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, ILO ,UNICEF ,UNESCO ,IMF ,World Bank ,WFP, IDB, UNCTAD, UNHCR, IOM, UNODC etc. International and Regional organization means USAID, JICA, JBIC, DFID, CIDA, SIDA, DANIDA, Peace Corps, NORAD, FINNIDA, ICDDR, ADB, Red Cross/Red Crescent, BIMSTEC, SAARC, Commonwealth, IFAD, OIC and other organizations of similar type.
5. Machine Readable Visa (MRV) must be issued in all cases. In case of any emergency situation different method can be prescribed by the Security Services Division. When computer programme based/ electronically issued visa (e visa) system will be in force, visa number has to be mentioned according to programme code.
6. Visa issuing authorities have to mention following conditions on the visa label while issuing visas:

(A) For categories of A1, FA2, B, C , FE1, FE2, FE3 , M, FM, FJ , R, FR, FP, FN, FPI , S, RH, FSR, T , RT and FBN with "Employment in Bangladesh prohibited " .

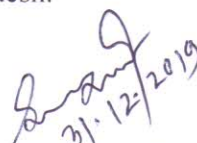
(B) At the time of issuing E1, E2, PI and N1 category visa, passport of a person arriving with a view to take up employment /work must be stamped with the condition "Please apply for work permit to BIDA/BEPZA/BEZA/ High-Tech Park/NGO Affairs Bureau/PPPAB and other competent authorities within 15(fifteen) days of first entry into Bangladesh".
7. A person arriving from India and Pakistan with a visa for 90(ninety) days or more has to register with the immigration authorities at the airport/land port within 14(fourteen) days of arrival.
8. Foreign nationals arriving from countries other than India and Pakistan will be exempted from such requirement.



9. Application for an extension of visa has to be made at least 01(one) month before the expiry of the visa. If application is lodged after the expiry date, penalty shall be applicable on ground of overstay.
10. A visa category will not be converted after entering into Bangladesh other than Visa on Arrival (VoA). VoA can be converted only into A2, E1, E2, E3 and PI category. Additional fee for the change of category equivalent to US \$ 100.00 per visa will be applicable except for PI category. UN passport holders will not be charged for visa conversion.
11. Valid visa of an old passport can be transferred to a new passport upon application with payment of fees equivalent to US\$ 50.00.
12. In case a report is required for issue and extension of a visa, the concerned agency shall provide the report within 15 (fifteen) working days of receiving request from the visa authority. If no report is received within the time specified, visa issuing authority may take appropriate decision taking into consideration that the said agency has no objection on granting or extending the visa. No such opinion from the agency shall be required for a children under 15 (fifteen) years of age.
13. For the civil and military officials from overseas arriving for specific work and training in the defense service institutions in Bangladesh, the recommendations of Armed Forces Division(AFD) will be accepted in lieu of the work permit and security clearance. Bangladesh Missions may grant visa with multiple entry to those persons and their dependents for additional 1(one) month along with the full tenure of training / work in line with the recommendation from the Armed Forces Division.
14. If any foreign national arriving with the objective of employment or investment or business or education purposes, conceals any information or violates any condition of the visa issued, the appointing/ recommending/sponsoring organization of that person shall be fined TK 20,000/- (twenty thousand) per person for the first time and TK 1,00,000/- (one lac) for similar and any subsequent violation.
15. No visa will be granted to a foreign student willing to study at the religious institutions which are not approved by the Government of Bangladesh.
16. If a citizen of any country other than a visa prohibited country desires to visit Bangladesh for tourism from a third country, Bangladesh Mission in that particular country after being satisfied, may grant 'T' category visa in favour of the applicant.
18. Visa fees shall not be refunded if a visa application is declined.
19. A person arriving from a country which has been declared as public health emergency of international concerned by WHO may be required to undergo health screening or additional measures as decided by the competent authority at the designated entry port from time to time.
20. A visa is to be issued upon considering individual application on case to case basis after careful examination of documents and on being fully satisfied about the purpose of the visit.
21. A2, E1, E2, E3, S, RH, PI, FBN visas may be issued with maximum duration for the respective category.



22. For other categories, visa can be granted for any duration up to the maximum approved duration for that specific category considering individual requirements.
23. If a visa is not granted up to its maximum period, then an application for extension of that particular visa is to be responded as per the instructions of extension of that category of visa rather than considering it as a case of first visa.
24. Security Services Division/Department of immigration may issue exit permit after realization of fine for overstay. Police report may be taken where required.
25. For granting or extension of visa, security clearance means clearance issued by the SSD. Police report will imply report from Special Branch of Police.
26. With regard to the conversion and extension of a visa more than the maximum period allowed in the circular, the Security Services Division may waive, impose or relax any condition mentioned in the circular.
27. Instructions of the Security Services Division shall be final in case of any explanation/clarification/guidance on the issued circulars where required.
28. The new circular will be in force on the 181st day from the date of issue of this and all circulars previously issued concerning this shall be deemed to have been replaced from the 181st day. The current visa circulars will remain valid meantime and all issued visas will also remain valid until expiry. Granting any new visa, extension, change of category, imposition and realization of fine for overstay etc. will commence as per the new circular from the 181st day. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Bangladesh Missions abroad shall ensure publicity of the new circulars and the Department of Immigration and Passports shall ensure publicity within Bangladesh.



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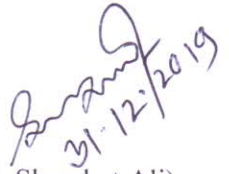
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Copy for kind information and necessary action (not according to seniority) :

01. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Division/Principal Secretary, Prime Minister Office, Dhaka.
02. Foreign Secretary, Foreign Ministry, Dhaka (He is requested to send the copy of amended circular to all Bangladesh Embassies/Missions for necessary action).
03. Senior Secretary/ Secretary (All).
04. Principal Staff Officer, Armed Forces Division, Dhaka Cantonment, Dhaka
05. Executive Chairman/Chairman, BIDA/BEZA/BEPZA/High-Tech Park/ PPPAB, Dhaka.
06. Bangladesh Embassy/ Mission (All).
07. Director General, Department of Immigration and Passports/ Directorate General of Forces Intelligence/National Security Intelligence/NGO Affairs Bureau, Dhaka.
08. Additional Secretary.....(All), Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka.

09. Additional Inspector General of Police, Special Branch, Dhaka.
10. Chairman, Bangladesh Tourism Corporation, Dhaka.
11. Joint Secretary.....(All), Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka.
12. Chief Executive Officer, Bangladesh Tourism Board, Dhaka.
13. President, Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FBCCI), 60 Motijheel, C/A, Dhaka.
14. Chairman, Foreign Investors' Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Gulshan-2, Dhaka.
15. PS to Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka.
16. PS to Secretary, Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka.
17. Deputy Secretary/Senior Assistant Secretary (Immigration Section-5/6, Security Services Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dhaka.


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