

# ENTRY VISA

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This visa allows you to travel to India for a longer period. Due to this fact, Entry visas are restricted to applicants with the following cases: a person of Indian origin; spouse and children of a person of Indian nationality or origin; dependents of a person holding an Employment visa; applicants wishing to settle down in Auroville; applicants wishing to join an ashram or follow a course in yoga, meditation or Vedic culture; applicants travelling to India for acclaimed mountaineering expeditions. Generally, the Consulate General of India issues a visa valid for the duration of the planned visit (6 months, 1 year or more) with multiple entries. This visa can be extended in India at the FRO (Foreigner's Registration Office in Delhi) or the FRRO (Foreigner's Regional Registration Office). The Entry Visa permits unlimited stay during the validity of the visa but any stay exceeding 6 months requires a registration at the FRO/FRRO within the 14 days of your arrival in India.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR AN ENTRY VISA

1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months (or for the validity requested, if greater) and having at least 3 blank visa pages

2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport

3 Two photographs conforming to Indian Government norms (detailed specifications can be found on our website)

- Photos should be glued to the form: the first on page 1 in the box provided and the second on the bottom right hand corner of page 2

- **Please note photographs available in photo booths in France are not compatible with Indian norms**

**4 Case: applicant of Indian origin**

- For a 6-month or 1-year visa: official document proving the Indian origin of the applicant: copy of the data page of the passport, copy of the birth certificate, copy of the livret de famille. These documents must clearly mention a place of birth in India.

- For a 5-year visa: the documents justifying the Indian origin of the applicant must have been issued by the Indian Government

**Case: applicant of Indian origin by descentance**

- For a 6-month or 1-year visa: set of official documents proving both the relationship and the Indian nationality or origin of the parent or grand-parent: copy of the livret de famille, copy of the birth certificate, copy of the Indian passport

- For a 5-year visa: the documents justifying the Indian origin of the applicant must have been issued by the Indian Government

**Case: applicant is spouse of an Indian national or person of Indian origin**

- Official document proving the matrimonial link between the applicant and the person of Indian nationality or origin: copy of livret de famille, copy of the marriage certificate, copy of the civil partnership certificate

- If the spouse is an Indian national: photocopy of the first and last pages of the Indian passport of the Indian spouse. The Indian passport must clearly mention the name of the foreign spouse.

- If the spouse is of Indian origin: provide a proof of the Indian origin of the spouse (see above for accepted documents)

**Case: applicant is dependant of an Employment visa holder**

- Official documentary evidence proving the dependence: copy of the livret de famille, copy of the birth certificate, copy of the marriage certificate, copy of the civil partnership certificate

- Photocopy of the valid Employment visa or, if it is being requested, reference details of the visa application file

**Case: applicant wishes to join the Auroville community**

- Official invitation letter issued by the Secretary of Auroville. This document must be provided in its original sealed envelope.

**Case: applicant wishes to join an ashram or follow a course in yoga, meditation or Vedic culture**

- An admission letter from the ashram or the institution specifying the exact purpose of your visit and its duration. This letter should be on letterhead paper and written in English.

- An official document attesting that the ashram or institution is recognised by the MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) and is authorised to enrol foreigners

**Case: applicant travelling for an acclaimed mountaineering expedition**

- Invitation letter from the MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs) or the Indian Mountaineering Foundation

5 The service fees, additional consular charges, the ICWF fee and the visa fees

## LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If the applicant is a minor

- Photocopy of the French livret de famille (pages: father, mother, relevant child) or birth certificate
- Photocopy of an ID proof of each parent

- **Authorisation letter for a minor to travel signed by both parents**

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)

- **Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable**

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

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