

Liberalization of eVisas Regime for Travel to India

The Government of India has been reviewing its Visa policy from time to time, to ease travel of foreign tourists to India. In March 2019, in a series of efforts aimed at further liberalization of the visa regime, the Government of India decided to increase the duration and number of visits on e-tourist and e-business visa.

2. Under the new policy, e-tourist and e-business visa are made valid for one year from the date of issue and multiple visits to India permitted as compared to two visits allowed within a window of 120 days of issuance of Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) with a validity period of 60 days in total under the earlier visa regime.

3. As a part of the ongoing liberalization process, the Government of India has further simplified the e-visa regime on 30 August 2019 enhancing the scope of eVisa, for foreigners visiting India by further reducing the visa fees and introducing new categories of eVisa.

4. Under the new policy, three options of e-tourist visa have been provided. Now there is an option of **five years tourist visa** with visa fees of **USD 80**. Fees for **one-year Tourist eVisa** has been reduced from **USD 80 to USD 40**. Further, new categories of **short-term visa** (30 days with double entry) has been introduced with fees of **only USD 10** during **April to June** and **USD 25** during **July to March**.

e-Tourist Visa

1. One Month e-Tourist Visa

Duration : **One Month (30 Days)**.
Entries : **Double Entry**, non-extendable and non-convertible
Fees : USD 10 (April-June)
USD 25 (July –March)

2. One-year e-Tourist Visa

Duration : **One year (365 Days)** from the date of grant of ETA.
Entries : **Multiple**
Fees : USD 40

3. Five years e-Tourist Visa

Duration : **Five years from the date of grant of ETA.**
Entries : **Multiple**
Stay : Continuous stay during each visit shall not exceed 90 days for countries except USA, UK, Canada and Japan
Fees : USD 80

e-Business

Duration : **One year (365 days)** from the date of grant of ETA.
Entries : **Multiple**
Stay : Continuous stay during each visit shall not exceed 180 days. If the intention is to stay for more than 180 days, shall get registered with Foreign Regional Registration Office/Foreign Registration Office (FRRO/FRO) concerned within two weeks after the expiry of 180 days.
Fees : USD 80

e-Medical

Duration : **Sixty days (60 days)** from the date of arrival into India.
Entries : **Triple**
Fees : USD 80

e-Medical Attendant

Duration : **Sixty days (60 days)** from the date of arrival into India.
Entries : **Triple**
Fees : USD 80

e-Conference Visa

Duration : **Thirty days (30 days)** from the date of arrival into India.
Entries : **Single**
Fees : USD 80

Applicants are requested to visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/> for detailed information.
