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FRRO Registration in India

Document Checklist & Process Guide

Everything you need to complete FRRO registration through the e-FRRO portal. Registration is mandatory for foreign nationals staying beyond 180 days and for certain visa categories regardless of stay length, generally within 14 days of arrival.

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COMPLETE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Valid passport with the current Indian visa page
- Recent passport-size photograph meeting the official specification
- Completed e-FRRO online application
- Proof of residential address in India (lease, or host declaration + host ID)
- Details of arrival (entry stamp / arrival information)
- Employer letter and company documents (for employment-based registration)
- Institution bonafide letter and admission proof (for students)
- Relationship and primary-holder documents (for dependants)

DOCUMENT SPECIFICATIONS

- Passport: valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended stay, with at least two blank pages.
- Photograph: recent (within 6 months), roughly 2 x 2 inches (51 x 51 mm), full face, plain white/light background, no headgear except for religious reasons.
- Scans/uploads: clear, full-page, in focus, no glare or cropped edges; use the file type and size limits stated on the official portal.
- Foreign-language documents: provide a certified English translation; certain civil documents may require apostille or attestation.
- Consistency: names, dates and passport numbers must match exactly across every document.
- Address proof: a registered lease, or a signed declaration from your host together with a copy of the host's photo ID.
- Deadline: typically within 14 days of arrival for those required to register — check your specific obligation early.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- ⚠ Missing the 14-day window and incurring a late-registration issue.
- ⚠ Uploading unclear scans that fail portal checks.
- ⚠ Address proof that does not match the address entered.
- ⚠ Assuming OCI cardholders must register (they are generally exempt).
- ⚠ Leaving registration to the last day when offices/portals are busy.

EXPERT INSIGHT

Why applications are often delayed

Based on patterns we've observed across client cases:

- > Registration is left until close to the 14-day deadline.
- > Address proof does not match the address entered online.
- > Uploaded scans are blurry or cropped and fail checks.
- > Employer/institution letters are missing required details.

PREPARATION TIMELINE

- Before arrival**
Confirm whether your visa/stay requires registration and prepare address proof.

- 2 Day 0–3 after arrival**
Create/log in to e-FRRO and start the application.
- 3 Day 3–10**
Upload documents; attend an in-person appointment only if requested.
- 4 Before day 14**
Submit and obtain your Residential Permit / registration outcome.
- 5 Ongoing**
Report any change of address and keep the permit valid.

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before you submit, verify each of these:

- ✓ You are within the 14-day registration window.
- ✓ Address proof matches the address on the form.
- ✓ Passport, visa and photograph meet the specifications.
- ✓ Employer or institution letter is attached (if applicable).
- ✓ All scans are clear, full-page and legible.

YOUR READINESS SCORE

Tick each box — when all five are checked, you are ready to apply.

FRRO Readiness Score

- ☐ Within 14 days of arrival
- ☐ Valid passport and visa ready
- ☐ Proof of India address prepared
- ☐ Photograph meets specification
- ☐ e-FRRO application reviewed

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is FRRO the same as e-FRRO?

The FRRO is the authority; e-FRRO is its online portal used to apply for registration and related services.

Do OCI cardholders register?

Generally no — OCI cardholders are usually exempt from FRRO registration.

What is the deadline?

Those required to register generally must do so within 14 days of arrival. Start immediately to be safe.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

- **e-FRRO (official registration portal)**
<https://indianfro.gov.in/fro>
- **Bureau of Immigration, India**
<https://boi.gov.in>
- **Ministry of Home Affairs**
<https://www.mha.gov.in>

Need your documents reviewed before submission?

Our team can sense-check your application before you file. India Visa Experts offers:

- ✓ Document review — a second pair of expert eyes on your full set
- ✓ Checklist verification — confirm nothing is missing or inconsistent
- ✓ Visa strategy guidance — making sure you are in the right category
- ✓ End-to-end application support — from paperwork to submission

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