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India Medical Visa

Document Checklist & Application Guide

Everything you need to prepare an Indian Medical Visa (or e-Medical Visa) for treatment at a recognised Indian hospital, and a Medical Attendant Visa for accompanying family. Apply within the portal's window before travel.

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COMPLETE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Valid passport of the patient (and each attendant) plus bio-data copies
- Completed online visa application(s)
- Recent passport-size photographs meeting the official specification
- Letter/invitation from the recognised Indian hospital
- Medical documents establishing the condition and need for treatment
- Proof of financial means to cover treatment and stay
- Relationship proof for Medical Attendant Visa applicants

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.
- Hospital letter: from a hospital recognised for treating foreign patients, confirming the proposed treatment and dates.
- Attendants: typically a limited number of close family members may accompany the patient on Medical Attendant Visas.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- ⚠ Hospital invitation missing treatment details or dates.
- ⚠ Applying too late relative to the portal's application window.
- ⚠ Attempting to convert a tourist visa to a medical visa after arrival.
- ⚠ Insufficient proof of funds for treatment and stay.

EXPERT INSIGHT

Why applications are often delayed

Based on patterns we've observed across client cases:

- > The hospital invitation omits treatment details or dates.
- > The application is filed outside the portal's window.
- > Proof of funds for treatment and stay is insufficient.
- > Attendant relationship proof is missing or inconsistent.

PREPARATION TIMELINE

- 1 4–6 weeks before travel**
Obtain the hospital invitation and organise medical records.
- 2 2–4 weeks before**
Complete the application(s) within the portal window and upload documents.

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1–2 weeks before

Track the application; align visa dates with the admission date.

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During treatment

Apply for an extension via e-FRRO if treatment runs longer, with a fresh hospital certificate.

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before you submit, verify each of these:

- ✓ The hospital letter states the treatment and the dates.
- ✓ You are within the portal's application window.
- ✓ Proof of funds covers treatment and stay.
- ✓ Attendant relationship proof is attached (if applicable).
- ✓ Passports and photographs meet the specifications.

YOUR READINESS SCORE

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

Medical Visa Readiness Score

- ☐ Passport valid for patient and attendants
- ☐ Hospital invitation letter received
- ☐ Medical records prepared
- ☐ Proof of funds ready
- ☐ Attendant documents prepared

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How many attendants can accompany the patient?

A limited number of close family members may typically accompany on Medical Attendant Visas — verify the current allowance.

Can I extend if treatment takes longer?

Yes, extensions are possible via e-FRRO with a supporting certificate from the treating hospital.

Can I convert a tourist visa to medical after arrival?

Generally no. For emergencies a Medical Permit via the FRRO may be possible — seek advice before travelling.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

- **Indian Visa Online (official e-Visa portal)**
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>
- **e-FRRO (extensions portal)**
<https://indianfrro.gov.in/frro>
- **Bureau of Immigration, India**
<https://boi.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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