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India X (Dependent) Visa

Document Checklist & Application Guide

Everything you need to prepare an X (Dependent) Visa application for the spouse and dependent children of a foreign national on a qualifying long-stay Indian visa. X Visa holders may study but generally may not take up paid employment.

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COMPLETE DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

- Valid passport of each dependant plus copies of the bio-data page
- Completed and signed online visa application form for each applicant
- Recent passport-size photographs meeting the official specification
- Copy of the primary visa holder's valid Indian visa and passport
- Marriage certificate (for a spouse), duly attested / apostilled
- Birth certificates (for children) establishing the relationship
- Proof of the primary applicant's status in India (employment/registration)
- Evidence of financial support / sponsorship

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.
- Relationship documents: marriage and birth certificates commonly require apostille or attestation, and certified English translation if not in English.

COMMON MISTAKES TO AVOID

- ⚠ Relationship certificates not apostilled/attested when required.
- ⚠ Applying before the primary visa holder's status is confirmed.
- ⚠ Assuming an X Visa allows paid work — it does not.
- ⚠ Mismatched name spellings between passports and certificates.

EXPERT INSIGHT

Why applications are often delayed

Based on patterns we've observed across client cases:

- > Marriage or birth certificates are not apostilled/attested when required.
- > The primary visa holder's status is not yet confirmed.
- > Name spellings differ between passports and certificates.
- > Relationship proof is incomplete or inconsistent.

PREPARATION TIMELINE

- 4–6 weeks before travel**
Confirm the primary holder's visa and gather relationship documents.
- 3–4 weeks before**
Complete attestation/apostille of certificates; check passports.

- 3 **2–3 weeks before**
Complete the online forms and upload documents for each applicant.
- 4 **1–2 weeks before**
Track applications and respond to queries.
- 5 **Within 14 days of arrival**
Register dependants with the FRRO in line with the primary holder.

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

Before you submit, verify each of these:

- ✓ Relationship certificates are apostilled/attested as required.
- ✓ The primary holder's valid visa copy is attached.
- ✓ Names match across passports and certificates.
- ✓ Each applicant has a complete, separate application.
- ✓ Photographs and passports meet the specifications.

YOUR READINESS SCORE

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

X Visa Readiness Score

- ☐ Passport valid for each dependant
- ☐ Primary holder's visa confirmed
- ☐ Marriage / birth certificates attested
- ☐ Financial support evidence ready
- ☐ Applications reviewed for each applicant

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can an X Visa holder work?

Generally no. To work, the dependant needs their own Employment Visa, usually applied for from abroad.

Can an X Visa holder study?

Yes, X Visa holders can typically pursue studies in India.

Can I convert an X Visa to Employment inside India?

Conversion within India is generally not straightforward; the usual route is to exit and apply for the correct visa.

OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

- **Indian Visa Online (official e-Visa portal)**
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>
- **e-FRRO (registration 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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