

## **e-Tourist Visa Scheme**

1. e-Tourist Visa can be granted to the following foreigners who are Passport-holders of any of the countries covered by the e-TV Scheme:
  - (i) whose sole objective of visiting India is recreation, sight-seeing, Casual visit to meet friends or relatives, short duration medical treatment or casual business visit etc. and no other purpose/activity;
  - (ii) who do not have a residence or occupation in India;
  - (iii) who hold a passport with a minimum validity of six months and a re-entry permit, if that is required under the law of the country of nationality of the applicant;
  - (iv) who is a person of assured financial standing (the production of a return ticket/onward journey ticket and availability of sufficient money to spend during his stay in India may be considered sufficient for this purpose);
  - (v) who is not a persona-non-grata to the Government of India;
  - (vi) who is not considered an undesirable person;

### **2. Procedure for applying for e-TV**

In order to avail of the facility of e-Tourist Visa, the foreign national concerned shall mandatorily fill in the application online on the e-Tourist Visa website <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/tvoa.html>

### **3. Entry Points**

The e-Tourist Visa will be provided only at designated international airports namely, Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi and Goa. With effect from 15th August 2015, visitors holding e-Tourist Visas authorizations will also be able to arrive at 7 more Indian airports (Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Gaya, Jaipur Lucknow, Thiruchirapalli & Varanasi), taking the total number of airports designated for this purpose to 16 (Sixteen).

### **4. Validity**

An e-Tourist Visa will be valid for entry and stay in India within the period of its validity, subject to the conditions specified. The Immigration officer may grant a single entry e-Tourist Visa valid up to 30 days to the passport-holders of the countries covered by the e-TV Scheme.

5 **Conditions for e-Tourist Visa.**

e-Tourist Visa can neither be extended nor converted to any other kind of visa during the visa-holder's stay in India.

**(For background:** Except in the following circumstances, by the FRRO/FRO concerned.

- (a) e-Tourist Visa may be converted to 'X' (Entry) Visa if a foreigner who has come to India on an e-Tourist Visa marries an Indian national during the validity of his/her e-Tourist Visa
- (b) e-Tourist Visa of a foreigner who falls ill after his/her entry into India rendering him/her unfit to travel and who requires specialized medical treatment may be converted into a Medical visa if he/she is eligible for the grant of Medical Visa and a medical certificate is obtained from a government/ICMR recognized hospital. In such cases, e-Tourist Visa of the attendant accompanying the foreigner (whose e-Tourist Visa is converted into Medical Visa) may also be converted into Medical Attendant [Med X] visa co-terminus with the Medical Visa of the foreigner.

**Note:** On conversion of an 'e-Tourist Visa' into 'X' visa/ Medical Visa/ Med X' Visa, the following endorsement shall be made on the Passport/ Residential Permit '**Employment/Business not permitted**'.)

6 **Fee for e-Tourist Visa**

A fee of US \$48/- or equivalent amount in Indian rupees per passenger (including children), is currently being charged from each foreigner for the grant of an e-Tourist Visa.

7 **Repeat visits**

e-Tourist Visa may be allowed for a maximum of two times in a calendar year to a foreigner.

8 **Diplomatic/ Official passport holders**

The e-Tourist Visa facility shall not be available to holders of Diplomatic/Official passports.