

STUDENT VISA

Please Note:

- Application for Student Visa should be made at least four weeks before the planned date of travel. In case the place of study is in a restricted or protected area of India, processing will take longer (5-6 weeks). The application, in this case, should be made sufficiently in advance. Confirmation regarding the place being in restricted/protected area may be obtained from the concerned institution.
- S-1 or S-2 Visa holders are required to open NRO account (Non Resident Ordinary) in India and the details of such NRO account is to be furnished to FRROs/ FROs concerned during registration/visa extension, as proof of financial sustenance.
- Holders of S-1 Visa and their dependents holding Family Visa are not allowed to undertake any job/occupation/professional or commercial activity during their stay in India.
- Fees once paid will NOT be refunded.
- Consulate reserves the right to deny visa to the applicant without assigning any reason.

The following list of documents are required for a Student Visa. Documents mentioned from Sl. No. 1 to 5 are mandatory for every application. Additional documents are required depending on the exact purpose of seeking a Student Visa as outlined below:

1. Original foreign passport valid for a minimum of 6 months and having at least 3 blank visa pages.
2. A photocopy of the data page of the passport.
3. Two recent colour photographs (dimensions: 5X5 cm), with white background.
4. An Indian visa application form filled online: The application form for Regular/Paper visa can be found on the official website www.indianvisaonline.gov.in Your signature on the form should match the signature on your passport.
5. **Proof of financial resources (provide one of the three options below):**

- **If self-funded:** A letter of support from the applicant's parent/guardian accompanied by bank guarantee letter issued by the bank, on official letterhead, in the applicant's name, confirming their ability to cover expenses of at least €500 per month (excluding course fees) for accommodation, food and other expenses in India for the entire duration of the stay.
 - **If funded by a third party:** A bank guarantee letter issued by the bank, on official letterhead, in the third party's name, confirming their ability to cover the applicant's expenses of at least €500 per month (excluding course fees) for accommodation, food and other expenses in India for the duration of the stay.
 - **If locally supported, remunerated, or a scholarship holder:** A bank guarantee letter is still required for a minimum of €500 per month under the conditions mentioned above.
6. Proof of admission to a full time course in a recognized educational institution in India or from an institution accredited and registered with relevant government authority(ies). The offer letter should be issued by the concerned institute in India through the Study In India portal. More details regarding the portal can be found at <https://www.studyinindia.gov.in/>.
 7. In case of education, training and skill development under Ayush:
Proof of admission to a full time course in a recognized educational institution in India or from an institution accredited and registered with relevant government authority(ies) for education, training and skill development under Ayush. The offer letter should be issued by the concerned institute in India through the Study In India portal.
 8. In case of a medical or paramedical course:
In addition to proof of admission from a recognised institution, a letter of approval or a "No Objection Certificate" from the Ministry of Health must be submitted in case of admission in a medical or paramedical course. The offer letter for admission should be issued by the concerned institute in India through the Study In India portal.
 9. In case of school education or theological studies:
Proof of admission to a full time course in a recognized educational institution in India.
 10. In cases where admission has not been confirmed but the applicant is required to travel to India for finalisation of the admission process:

Provisional admission certificate/letter of offer or advertisement for admission to foreign students issued by the University/recognized college or educational institution in India.

11. In case of research activities in India:

i. Foreign nationals who desire to undertake research in India should submit a Student Visa application specifying the subject of the research project, details of places to be visited, previous visits, whether the scholar has secured admission to a recognized institution and evidence of financial resources. The form to provide these details may be downloaded by **clicking here**.

ii. **Original letter of admission** from the Indian institutions must be submitted along with the application (emails or photocopies of admission letters will not be accepted).

iii. In cases which involve research on subjects related to the foreigner's own country, the research scholar will be required to furnish a brief synopsis of the research proposal in about 150 words and giving full justification (including the benefit he/she would get) for doing the research in India.

iv. OCI cardholders require special permission to undertake research work in India. OCI cardholders residing outside India may request the concerned Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate for this permission. OCI cardholders who are already residing in India may obtain this permission from the concerned FRRO.

v. Any change of subject or institution of affiliation midway will be treated as a fresh proposal and such change will be permitted only in exceptional circumstances by the concerned FRRO. If permission is not granted for such a change of subject or institution of affiliation, the concerned foreign national may make sure of his/her exit from India within the time frame as may be specified by the concerned FRRO.

12. For a university exchange program (provide both documents below):

- An official document issued by the French higher-education institution in the applicant's name: a copy of the exchange agreement with the Indian higher-education institution and/or a letter confirming the applicant's enrollment and transfer to India for studies.
- An official letter of admission from the Indian university, school, or higher-education institution for a full-time academic program, including a

detailed description of the program and its duration. This document must be written in English.

13. In case of internship in India:

- The internship agreement (convention de stage), written in English, signed between the French higher-education institution and the Indian company.
- A personal invitation letter from the Indian company, on official letterhead and written in English, specifying the nature, terms, and duration of the internship.
- A letter from the Indian company/ educational institution/ NGO/foreign Missions or Posts in India/foreign government organizations concerned sponsoring the foreign national for the internship programme and clearly indicating the period of internship.
- In case the internship is in a Company, the applicant being sponsored for internship should draw a minimum remuneration of Rs. 3.60 lakhs per annum.
- Currently, visa for internship in India in the following sectors is not being issued: Defence, Telecom, Space Technologies, Construction/ strategic, Infrastructure projects, Mining, Civil Aviation, Petroleum & Natural Gas, exploration, Private security agencies, Human Rights, Nuclear Energy, Environmental issues and Dams.
- The concerned applicant will not be allowed to take up employment in India immediately after completion of the internship programme. In case the applicant receives any offer for employment in India, he/she will have to go back to the country of his/her origin/domicile and apply for 'Employment Visa' at the Indian Mission/Post concerned.

14. For foreign nationals residing in France for more than 24 months:

Proof of residency status: 2 utility bills (one older, one recent) for electricity, gas, or landline telephone, **or** the last 3 tax assessments, **or** the last 3 property tax notices, **or** an official certificate of university housing. No other documents will be accepted.

15. For all foreign applicants:

- A double-sided copy of the residence permit (if the applicant holds one).
- The reference form corresponding to the applicant's current or previous nationality.
- Any additional documents required based on the applicant's current or previous nationality.

16. For applicants who are minors:

- A photocopy of the family record book (pages for spouse, spouse, and the minor concerned).
- A photocopy of an identity document for each parent.
- **A travel authorization signed by both parents.**

17. For any other purpose for which a Student Visa is sought, please contact the Consulate for more information.

18. The above listed documents and rules are only indicative. Consulate may contact the applicants for any additional documents that may be required to process the application. Please use a valid and working email ID and telephone number.

19. Visa services depend on several factors including residency of the applicant. The Consulate General of India in Reunion Island reserves the right to take the final decision on any application which will be binding on the applicant.