

CHECKLIST FOR JOURNALIST VISA

Please Note:

- Application for Journalist Visa should be made at least 45-60 days before the planned date of travel.
- In case the applicant intends to visit any of the restricted, prohibited or protected areas in India, the application should be made sufficiently in advance to enable the Consulate to process the application accordingly.
- Fees once paid will NOT be refunded.
- Consulate reserves the right to deny visa to the applicant without assigning any reason.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A JOURNALIST VISA:

1. 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.
2. Original foreign passport valid for a minimum of 6 months and containing at least 3 blank pages.
3. A photocopy of the data page of the passport.
4. Two recent colour photographs (dimensions: 5X5cm), with white background.
5. Proof of reservation of accommodation or friend's/relative's address in India along with their valid ID proof. In case the stay is with a friend/relative, please ask the host to send a confirmation to cons.reunion@mea.gov.in along with their Indian ID proof that the applicant will be staying with them.
6. Copy of return ticket(s) in the name of the applicant.
7. Bank statement of last three months to prove availability of funds to undertake a visit to India and meet local expenses.
8. Detailed itinerary that the applicant intends to follow in India.

- 9.** If the applicant is going for professional reasons, he/she should furnish a letter from the employer specifying the exact purpose of the visit and the expected start and end dates. This letter should be on company letterhead and written in English.
- 10.** If the applicant is travelling to India for tourism/personal reasons, he/she should furnish an undertaking stating that the applicant is going for tourism and will not indulge in any journalistic activity.
- 11.** If the applicant is going for documentary/advertisement shooting in India he/she should apply at the Consulate along with an undertaking and application form provided along with the checklist on the Consulate's website. Certain cases may require additional scrutiny and may take time to be processed. Therefore, applicants are advised to apply sufficiently in advance.
- 12.** In case a foreign journalist is engaged by an Indian media organisation, an undertaking shall be submitted by the media organisation in the format provided along with the checklist on the Consulate's website.
- 13.** 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.
- 14.** 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.