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Introduction

The Government of Bangladesh has amended its Visa Policy to create a clearer, dynamic and service-oriented immigration system. The new policy defines 34 different visa categories, along with their validity and procedures for extension.

This policy can have a positive impact on the socio-economic development of Bangladesh by making entry procedures easier for investors, businesspeople, and skilled professionals who help attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and support economic growth. This policy can also encourage tourism by welcoming foreign tourists visiting Bangladesh, which can generate more revenue and create employment opportunities in the tourism and hospitality sector. Another important benefit of this policy is the easier entry of skilled professionals. This can encourage knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and capacity building, helping Bangladesh develop its workforce and economy.

The Visa Policy 2026 also considers the principle of reciprocity with other countries. This means that Bangladesh can take appropriate measures based on how other countries treat Bangladeshi travelers. At the same time, this policy aims to maintain good diplomatic relations and international partnerships.

Finally, the policy seeks to balance facilitating legitimate travel with ensuring national security. Effective implementation will require close cooperation among the relevant government agencies, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In conclusion, the Bangladesh Visa Policy 2026 is an important step toward creating a more efficient and welcoming immigration system. If implemented properly, it can support investment, tourism, employment, knowledge sharing, and overall economic development while maintaining national security.



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1.	A (State delegates)	Purpose: Government Visit and other official purposes Eligibility: Head of the State/Head of the Government/ Minister, State minister, Deputy Minister and persons of equivalent posts/Member of the Parliament and accompanying spouse and other dependent members of their family.	Duration: As required	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation letter of concerned ministry of applicant's country/Note Verbale of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of applicant's country. Extension: • As Above; • Copy of the passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
2.	A1 (Government Official)	Purpose: Official meetings and other official purposes Eligibility: Government/Semi Government/Autonomous body officials/ Member of Government delegation and accompanying spouse and dependent family members	Duration: • As required (based on principle of reciprocity) • Passport must have minimum 06 (six) months validity.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation letter of concerned Ministry of Bangladesh/Government bodies/concerned Ministry of applicant's country/Note Verbale of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of applicant's country. Extension: • As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.

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3.	A2 (Delegate of an International Organization)	Purpose: For official assignment and other official purposes. Eligibility: Officials of UN Organizations. International/Multilateral/ Regional Organizations and bilateral development agencies.	Duration: - Up to 05 (five) years or full tenure, whichever is less with multiple entry facility - Visa may be extended as recommended by concerned organization.	First visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Note Verbale/ recommendation of concerned organization; - Contract paper with concerned organization of the said appointment in Bangladesh. Extension: - As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Note Verbale/ recommendation of concerned organization/ Recommendation letter of concerned Ministry of Bangladesh.
4.	FA2 (Dependent family members of A2)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse and dependent family members of the principal visa holder	Duration: - Coterminous with principal visa holder - Visa may be extended as recommended - Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, non-compliance of which shall result cancellation of visa.	First visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Recommendation letter of concerned organization Extension: - As above including passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Visa copy of principal visa holder.

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5.	B (Business)	Purpose: - Analyzing investment potential - Participating in business related board meeting, General meeting, technical meeting etc. - Recruiting manpower from Bangladesh - Participating in trade fair, exhibition and for discussion on these activities - Quality verification of Bangladeshi products or Negotiation Eligibility: - International Business person	Duration: - Up to 1(one) year with multiple entry facility, 90(ninety) days stay per entry - Visa may be extended up to 2(two) years, 90(ninety) days stay per entry - Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited, non- compliance of which shall result cancellation of visa.	First visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Invitation letter from Business organization registered in Bangladesh; - Certificate of incorporation/trade license of the inviting/concerned organization; 3-6 months' bank statements of the applicant as a proof of financial solvency. Extension: - As above; - Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority); - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Recommendation letter from concerned chamber of commerce or association in Bangladesh.

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6.	C (Crew)	Purpose: Discharging professional duty. Eligibility: Crew of aero-plane/ship/ other transports travelling in international routes.	Duration: • Up to 3(three) years with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended up to 05 (five) years or full tenure, whichever is less with multiple entry facility; • 1(one) month staying condition per entry for maritime crews; • Maximum 15 (fifteen) days staying condition per entry for other crews; • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, non- compliance of which shall result cancellation of visa;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation/appointment letter of appointing authority. Extension: As above including Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
7	D (Diplomatic)	Purposes: For official appointment, other official purposes and private visit. Eligibility: Ambassador/High commissioner/Diplomat/ Consular officer/ and spouse and dependent family members of the above-mentioned persons.	Duration: • As per tenure with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended as per recommendation; • Fees: Gratis.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Note Verbale/ Recommendation letter of the concerned Ministry of the applicant's country/Note Verbale of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of applicant's country.

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				Extension: • As Above; • Note Verbale; • Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Department of Immigration and Passports will extend visa upon arrival in Bangladesh if required; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.
8.	ND (Non-Diplomatic Staff)	Purposes: Accompanying or arriving afterwards with A/A1/A2/D category persons. Eligibility: Non-diplomatic, personal staff assigned to missions, his/her spouse and dependent family members and domestic aide to diplomatic/consular officials	Duration: • As required with multiple entry facility. • Visa may be extended as per recommendation. • Visa fee- Gratis.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Note Verbale/ recommendation letter of the concerned Ministry of the applicant's country/recommendation of Ministry of Foreign Affair, Bangladesh. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.

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9.	E1 (Development Partners)	Purposes: • Involvement in the development project of Bangladesh Eligibility: • Expatriates who is direct official of development partner (agency or country) that is a party in any project related agreement with Government/Semi-government Autonomous bodies. • Agreement implies grant/loan/technical cooperation • Agreements with contractors or work agreements shall not be included in this category.	Duration: • Up to 6(six) months with multiple entry facility. • As recommended by the concerned ministry/organization with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended up to 05 (five) years or full tenure, whichever is less with multiple entry facility;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation letter from the concerned Ministry of Bangladesh/Govt. Organization/Autonomous bodies. Extension: • As Above; • Visa and arrival stamped pages of passport; • Agreement copies; • Security clearance.
10.	E2 (Employment in Bangladesh)	Purpose: Expert and skilled workers employed in the Government/Semi-government/Autonomous/Private Sectors/ Garments/ Industrial and Commercial organization/Branch	Duration: • Up to 6(six) months with multiple entry facility. • Visa may be extended as follows: a. Duration of work permit with additional 15 (fifteen) days;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation letter from concerned ministry for project related foreign nationals;

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		offices/Liaison-offices/ Representative office. Eligibility: International consultant/ contractor (including Joint Venture, consortium, Sub- Contractor, Association) Implementing contracts/ sub contract like Engineering, Procurement, Construction (EPC/G2G/ Turnkey/PPP/FDI) to public or private sectors.	b. 30(thirty) days if work permit /police or security clearance is under process; c. further extension as per renewed work permit with additional 15(fifteen) days;	- Recommendation letter from Concern Ministry/BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/Hi-Tech Park authority/ PPA (Public –Private Partnership Authority Bangladesh) and other applicable authorities. Extension: - As above; - Applicant's passport with visa and arrival stamped pages along with a copy; - Work permit from BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi-Teck Park Authority/ PPA and other applicable authorizes; - TIN certificate (1st extension); - Income tax certificate (1st extension and onwards); - Police report for an expatriate working in project(s) of Government/Semi-Government/ Autonomous bodies of Bangladesh (to be taken by visa issuing authority); - Security clearance for foreign national not working in any project of Government/Semi-government/ Autonomous bodies of Bangladesh (to be taken/issued by Ministry of Home Affairs).

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11.	E3 (Experts and Technical Person)	Purpose: Installation & Commissioning/ Maintenance/Supervision/ Inspection/Implementation/ Project Monitoring related to Government/Semi-Government/Private/ Autonomous Bodies in Bangladesh. Eligibility: Arriving for the purpose of machinery and software supply installation/maintenance/supervision/project inspection/research & development support/technical support to any organization and similar job.	Duration: - Up to 6(six) months with multiple entry with staying condition of 90 (ninety) days per stay. - Visa may be extended as follows: a. duration of work permit with additional 15 (fifteen) days; b. 30 (thirty) days if work permit /police or Security clearance is under process; c. further extension as per renewed work permit with 15(fifteen) days in addition;	First visa: - Filled up visa application form. - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page. - Recommendation letter from concerned Ministry/ BIDA/BEPZA/Hi-Tech Park/PPA and other applicable authorities. Extension: - As Above; - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp. - Work permit; - Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority); - TIN certificate (1st extension); - Income tax certificate (1st extension and onwards).

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12.	FE1 (Dependent family members of E1)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with the principal visa holder. • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited, non-compliance of which shall result cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse, legal documents for adopted children & birth certificate for dependent children; • Recommendation letter of the concerned ministry/ organization. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
13.	FE2 (Dependent family members of E2)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with the principal visa holder. • Visa may be extended as coterminous with principal visa holder.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page;

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			• Employment in Bangladesh prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	• Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children; • Recommendation letter from the concerned organization. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
14.	FE3 (Dependent family members of E3)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with the principal visa holder. • Extension of visa is coterminous with the principal visa holder. • Employment in Bangladesh prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principle visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children etc.; • Recommendation letter from the concerned organization.

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				Extension: - As above; - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
15.	J (Journalist)	Purpose: - Collecting news on current affairs/shooting films, documentaries - Performing professional duties/observe election. Eligibility: - Representative or journalist of foreign newspaper or media or freelance journalist or (international observer) willing to visit Bangladesh to collect news on current affairs or to discharge a special duty only once/for a short duration.	Duration: For a: - Up to 1(one) month with single entry - Extension up to two months with single entry facility For b: 3(three) months with multiple entry facility - Extension as per work permit with additional 15(fifteen) days.	First visa: For a: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Recommendation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Recommendation letter from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting /Election Commission; - Detailed proposal about the task in Bangladesh and list of equipment. Extension (for a): - As Above; - Police Report; For b: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy; - Recommendation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ Recommendation letter from Ministry of Information and Broadcasting/Election Commission;

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		b. Representative or journalist of foreign newspaper/journal/magazine/radio/television appointed/posted at local office of foreign news Agency/Electronic media/Newspaper etc.		- Detailed proposal about the task in Bangladesh and list of equipment. Extension (for b): - As above; - Work permit/ from concerned authority; - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Security Clearance (to be taken/issued by Ministry of Home Affairs).
16.	FJ (Dependent family members of J)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principle visa holder.	Duration: - Coterminous with principal visa holder. - Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder. - Employment in Bangladesh is Prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page. - Copy of passport of principle visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; - Recommendation letter from concerned organization of home country verified by concerned Bangladesh Mission/ Recommendation letter from concerned organization in Bangladesh; - Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children;

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				Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
17.	M (Missionaries)	Purpose: Providing religious Services; Eligibility: Missionaries/Religious maestros	Duration: • Up to 3(three) months with multiple entry with 1(one) months staying condition per entry with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended up to 01 (one) year with multiple entry facility; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited, non-compliance of which shall result cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Request letter from authorized organization mentioning working place; • Security Clearance; • Consent letter from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Bangladesh. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Security clearance (to be taken/issued by Ministry of Home Affairs).

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18.	FM (Dependent family members of M)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with principal visa holder; • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Recommendation letter from concerned organization in Bangladesh; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
19.	N1 (NGO)	Purpose: Working in Registered NGOs in Bangladesh.	Duration: • Up to 3(three) months with multiple entry; • Visa may be extended as	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page;

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		Eligibility: Individual appointed under registered NGO of Bangladesh	per work permit of NGO Affairs Bureau.	• Appointment letter attested by NGO Affairs Bureau. Extension: • As above; • Recommendation letter from concern organization; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Work permit from NGO Affairs Bureau; • TIN certificate for first extension; • Income Tax certificate for subsequent extension; • Security clearance (to be taken/issued by Ministry of Home Affairs).
20.	FN1 (Dependent family members of N1)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with principal visa holder; • Visa may be extended as coterminous with principal visa holder; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse and birth certificate for dependent children; • Recommendation from concerned ministry/organization.

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				Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
21.	N2 (Emergency humanitarian Service)	Purpose: Emergency humanitarian service delivery & volunteer's Program Eligibility: Members of international organizations/INGO's involved in humanitarian and volunteer's work in Bangladesh	Duration: • Up to 1(one) month with single entry; • Visa may be extended up to 3(three) months with multiple entry; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Statement of purposes; • Recommendation from parent organization of applicant; • Recommendation of concerned Ministry in Bangladesh; Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Recommendation from concerned Ministry in Bangladesh; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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22.	P (Performers on contract)	Purpose: Foreign nationals participating in professional sports/ cultural activities on contract or on invitation Eligibility: Sportsperson, coach, sports organizer, cultural performer, artist performing in Bangladesh on contract	Duration: • Up to 30(thirty) days with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended as per contract or for 2(two) years whichever is less with multiple entry facility.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Invitation letter from employer/ organization/club; • Undertaking on tax payment by inviting organization; • Recommendation letter from Ministry of Youth and Sports Affairs (MOYS)/ Ministry of Cultural Affairs (MOCA). Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Work permit from concerned authority; • Recommendation from current employer; • TIN certificate for first extension; • Income Tax certificate for subsequent extension; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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23.	FP (Dependent family members of P)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with principal visa holder; • extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse; • Birth Certificate for dependent children; • Recommendation from concerned organization. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
24.	PI (Private investor)	Purpose: Foreign investor investing in industrial/commercial establishment under foreign ownership or on joint venture in Private sector.	Duration: • Up to 1(one) year with multiple entry; • Visa may be extended up to 5(five) years/up to the validity of work permit; • No visa required facility for investment of at least USD	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Recommendation from BIDA/ BEZA/ BEPZA/High-Tech Park/ Concerned Ministry/ PPA that the investor is a Bonafide investor.

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		Eligibility: Foreign investor investing in industrial/ commercial establishment under foreign ownership or on joint venture in private sector.	100,000 upon certification from Bangladesh Bank/ BIDA/ BEZA/BEPZA/ Hi-Tech Park/ PPA and other appropriate authorities in Bangladesh.	Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Certifications from BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi- Tech Park/ concerned Ministry/ PPA and other applicable authorities about the continuity of investment in Bangladesh; • Business registration particulars (certificate of incorporation and tax payment certificate) of the company receiving investment; • Work permit of BIDA/BEZA/ BEPZA/ Hi- Tech Park/PPA and other applicable authorities if investor works in his own company; • Security Clearance (to be taken/issued by Ministry of Home Affairs).
25.	FPI (Dependent family members of PI)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children and dependent family members of the Principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with principal visa holder; • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder, whichever is less with multiple entry facility;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page. • Copy of passport of principal visa holder if the spouse/children travel later; • Recommendation letter from concerned Government Organization.

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			• Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited, exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	Extension: • As above; • Recommendation from concerned institution; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
26.	R (Researcher)	Purpose: Undertaking research work as a researcher apprentice or to participate in training program/research project in an organization recognized by the Government. Eligibility: Apprentice/ Researcher/ participants of training in educational/ research/ training institution approved by government.	Duration: • As per duration of program up to 1(one) year whichever is less with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended as per recommendation from concerned institution; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page. • Proof of admission/offer letter; • Recommendation from concerned Ministry/ Government approved organization/recognized university or research institution as and when necessary; • Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government organization. Extension: • As above; • Recommendation from concerned institution; • Police report to be taken by visa issuing authority; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp.

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27.	S (Student)	Purpose: Pursuing an academic program or for fulfillment of an academic degree (Internship) Eligibility: Student/intern	Duration: • Up to 01 year with multiple entries; • Visa may be extended up to 5(five) years or full duration of the study period whichever is less with multiple entry facility; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa. In addition: [Initially, a one-year single-entry visa may be issued to the children/dependents (under 18 years of age) of foreign Tabligh Jamaat activists who are currently studying or seeking admission to Madrasa-e-Uloom-e-Diniya (Hifz Khana / Kitab Khana) for educational purposes. This shall be granted on the basis of a written recommendation/certification	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Copy of passport; • Proof of admission/offer letter; • Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency except for trainees of Government Organization. Extension: • As above • Recommendation from concerned institution • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp. • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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			from the Tabligh Markaz in Bangladesh. Upon arrival in Bangladesh, the visa holders must register their names with the nearest Police Station/Special Branch (SB) within 15 days. Thereafter, the visa may be extended on a yearly basis by the Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) for the duration of the educational study, subject to submission of a certificate from the Tabligh Markaz confirming that the student is studying at the Hifz Khana / Kitab Khana of Madrasa-e-Uloom-e-Diniya and is not employed in Bangladesh, together with a favorable report from the Special Branch of Police. However, no further extension shall be granted once the student exceeds 32 years of age while continuing studies.]	

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28.	FSR (Dependent family members of S and R)	Purpose: Staying with family Eligibility: Spouse, children, adopted children of the principal visa holder.	Duration: • Coterminous with principal visa holder; • Extension of visa is coterminous with principal visa holder; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited. Exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Copy of passport of principal visa holder with visa page if the spouse/children travel later; • Request letter from the concerned organization; • Registered marriage certificate for spouse & birth certificate for dependent children; Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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29.	T (Tourist)	Purpose: Recreation, tourism, casual visit to meet friends or relatives, for attending conference, workshop, study tour and seminar etc. Eligibility: Persons arriving for above purposes	Duration: • Total duration of visa shall be up to 03(three) months with multiple entry; • If visa is issued for less than 03 (three) months, visa may be extended for the remaining period with single entry; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Bangladeshi addresses of accommodation and return ticket. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
30.	FBN (Family member of Bangladeshi national/ Foreign nationals of Bangladeshi origin up to third generation)	Purpose: Staying with family and travelling in Bangladesh Eligibility: • Foreign spouse and children of Bangladeshi citizen. • Bangladeshi descendent foreign citizen and his/ her spouse and children.	Duration: • 2(two) years with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended up to 3(three) years; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa.	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Affidavit declaring relationship with Bangladeshi citizens/ Proof of Bangladeshi nationality of applicant (for foreign nationals of Bangladeshi origin up to third generation); • Marriage registration certificate/birth certificate if necessary. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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31.	TR (Transit)	Purposes: For travelling through Bangladesh for a destination outside Bangladesh/ to sign in/ sign off from sea vessels. Eligibility: Transit passengers, sea men, mariners, air crews	Duration: • Up to 96 (Ninety-six) hours;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page. • Proof of visa of third country; • Ticket for a third country; • Continuous discharge certificate for sea man and mariners.
32.	MT (Medical Tourism)	Purposes: For treatments in registered hospitals/ clinics/ diagnostic centers in Bangladesh Eligibility: Patient	Duration: • Up to 3(three) months with multiple entry facility; • Visa may be extended up to 1 (one) year; • Employment in Bangladesh is prohibited exception of which may lead to cancellation of visa;	First visa: • Filled up visa application form; • Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; • Visa recommendation from registered physician/ hospital/ medical center of Bangladesh; • Bank solvency certificate/proof of financial solvency. Extension: • As above; • Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; • Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

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33.	MA (Medical Attendant)	Purpose: Accompanying a patient Eligibility: Maximum 2 (two) attendant for each patient	Duration: Coterminous with principal visa holder;	First visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Visa recommendation from concerned physician/hospital/medical center of Bangladesh. Extension: - As above; - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).
34.	RT (Religious/ Tableague Jamat/Ijtema)	Purpose: To attend Tableague Jamat/Ijtema or other religious purposes Eligibility: Foreign nationals intending to attend Tableague Jamat/Ijtema or other religious purposes.	Duration: - Up to 180 (one hundred eighty) days with single entry; - If visa is issued for less than 180 days, visa may be extended for the remaining period with single entry.	First Visa: - Filled up visa application form; - Applicant's passport along with a copy of the information page; - Recommendation from the central Tableague Markaz of Bangladesh/Tableague Markaz of the concerned country; - Recommendation from appropriate organization (for other than Tableague Jamat/Markaz) of the concerned country; - Consent letter from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Bangladesh. Extension: - As Above; - Passport pages containing visa and arrival stamp; - Police report (to be taken by visa issuing authority if necessary).

Mandatory visa conditions

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs will formulate policy relating to visa and immigration. The Department of Immigration and Passports (DIP) will be the authority for issuing visa including No Visa Required (NVR) to travel to Bangladesh, Visa on Arrival (VoA), transit visa, exit pass, route change permit, and change of visa category in Bangladesh. Bangladesh Missions will be the visa issuing authority in abroad. A visa is to be issued upon considering individual application on case-to-case basis after careful examination of documents and on being fully satisfied about the purpose of the visit and keeping records in writing. Visa issuing authority may refer an issue to the Ministry of Home Affairs for any decision, if necessary. Original Passports of visa applicants are to be submitted to visa office while taking visa stamp.
2. A visa is also granted on the basis of relevant notifications and circulars as well as the invitation from the government of Bangladesh. In cases of bilateral Agreements or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with other countries, visa will be issued according to the agreements/MoU. Principle of reciprocity is to be followed for issues that are not covered in visa policy and agreement/MoU.
3. For A2 categories of visa, United Nations and its organizations mean WHO, UNDP, FAO, UNFPA, ILO, UNICEF, UNESCO, IMF, World Bank, WFP, IDB, UNCTAD, UNHCR, IOM, UNODC, IAEA, UNIDO etc. International/Multilateral and Regional organization and bilateral development agencies mean USAID, JICA, KOICA, JBIC, DFID, CIDA, SIDA, DANIDA, PEACE CORPS, NORAD, FINNIDA, ICDDR, ADB, RED CROSS/RED CRESCENT, BIMSTEC, SAARC, COMMONWEALTH, IFAD, OIC, IRENA, OPCW, ICC, PCA, EU, AFD, SDC, D-8 and other organizations of similar type.
4. Machine Readable Visa (MRV) must be issued in all cases. In case of any emergency situation different method can be prescribed by the Ministry of Home Affairs. When computer program based/ electronically issued visa (e-visa) system will be introduced, visa number has to be mentioned according to program code.
5. Visa issuing authorities have to mention following conditions on the visa label while issuing visas:
 - a) For categories of A1, FA2, B, C, FE1, FE2, FE3, FJ, M, FM, FN1, N2, FP, FPI, R, S, FSR, T, FBN, MT, MA, and RT with “Employment in Bangladesh prohibited”.
 - b) At the time of issuing E1, E2, E3, J, P, PI and N1 category visa, passport of a person arriving with a view to take up employment /work must be stamped with the condition ‘please apply for work permit to BIDA/BEPZA/BEZA/BHTPA/ NGO Affairs Bureau/PPA or other competent authorities within 15 (fifteen) working days of first entry into Bangladesh.

6. A person arriving from India and Pakistan with a visa for 90 (Ninety) days or more has to register with the immigration authorities at the port of entry within 14 (fourteen) days of arrival.
7. Foreign nationals arriving from countries other than India and Pakistan will be exempted from such requirement specified in condition no 6.
8. Application for an extension of visa has to be made 15 days before the expiry of the visa. If application is lodged after the expiry date, penalty and visa regularization fee (country fee) shall be applicable on the ground of overstay.
- 9.(a) The illegal stay of foreign nationals coming to Bangladesh on valid visas may be regularized subject to the following penalty:
 - (i) For the first 15 (fifteen) days of illegal stay, at the rate of 1,000/-(one thousand) Bangladeshi Taka per day;
 - (ii) If the period of illegal stay exceeds 15 (fifteen) days, at the rate of 2,000/-(two thousand) taka per day up to a maximum of 90 (ninety) days; and;
 - (iii) If the period of illegal stay exceeds 90 (ninety) days, a penalty of 3,000/- (three thousand) taka per day may be realized. At the same time, a case may be filed against the foreign national concerned in the relevant court under the Foreigners Act (Act No. 31 of 1946) due to illegal stay. The Additional Inspector General of Police, Special Branch may take necessary measures to file a case under this order.
 - (iv) The fine for illegal stay of foreign citizens of Bangladeshi origin/foreign spouses and children of Bangladeshi citizens may be waived.
 - (v) The fine for illegal stay of foreign students studying may be waived for up to 3 (three) months. However, if the illegal stay exceeds 3 (three) months, a maximum fine of Tk. 3,000 (Taka three thousand) may be realized. If the illegal stay exceeds 6 (six) months condition 9 (a) (iii) will be applied.
- (b) If it is necessary to consider the issue of waiver of fine imposed for illegal stay, the Department of Immigration and Passports may send a proposal with its opinion to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the following cases:
 - (i) Physical illness: If the stay is illegal due to physical illness, the Department of Immigration and Passports shall duly examine the application submitted for waiver of the said fine on the basis of a medical certificate issued by the concerned Civil Surgeon or Professor/Associate Professor and send it to the Ministry of Home Affairs along with appropriate recommendations. However, if the illegal stay due to illness exceeds 5 (five) days, a certificate from the hospital authority stating that the person is/was admitted to the hospital must be submitted.

- (ii) Other reasons: If the stay is illegal due to any other reasonable/credible/well-grounded reason, the said department may send an application for waiver of the fine payable along with a clear and reasonable grounds and detailed explanation along with appropriate recommendations to the government/Ministry for consideration.
 - (iii) The above recommendations must be sent to Ministry of Home Affairs under the signature of the Director General/ Additional Director General/ Director of the Department of Immigration and Passports.
- (c) For overstay of up to 7 (seven) days, the concerned passport holder can leave Bangladesh by appearing at the Department of Immigration and Passports/Immigration Authority at the airport/land port and paying the applicable fine, service charge and visa fee. However, cash cannot be accepted for fine, service charge and visa fee. The concerned passport holder can be allowed to leave Bangladesh if the said amount is deposited in the prescribed code in a scheduled bank of the Government of Bangladesh and the deposit receipt is presented. The period of illegal stay and the amount of fine must be mentioned in the passport.
- (d) If someone stays illegally due to unavoidable reasons such as natural disasters, accidents, flight cancellations etc., the period of his stay will not be considered illegal.
10. The Ministry of Home Affairs may consider a note verbale, particularly on humanitarian grounds, when deciding on an overstay fine for a foreign national. While overstay fines are generally realized according to established rules, the MoHA has the authority to consider mitigating circumstances, and a note verbale from the relevant Embassy/ High Commission could be a relevant factor in such a consideration.
11. A visa category cannot be changed after entering Bangladesh, except for a Visa on Arrival (VoA). A VoA may be converted only to the following categories: A1, D, ND, A2, FA2, E1, E2, E3, FE1, FE2, FE3, J, PI, FPI, P, RT, FBN and NVR. A visa conversion fee of US\$200 is applicable only to those who undertake employment. UN passport holders are exempt from the visa conversion fee. Applicants who enter Bangladesh using their national passport shall also be exempt from the visa conversion fee in cases of conversion to the A1, D, ND, A2 and FA2 visa category. For conversion to the E2, E3, J, P, and PI categories, a recommendation letter addressed to the Ministry of Home Affairs must be submitted from BIDA, BEZA, BEPZA, BHTPA, PPA or other competent authority.

12. Particular Nationals will get Visa on Arrival for 30 days (single entry) at the designated port of entry while travel to Bangladesh for some particular reasons given below. The visa issuing/immigration authority will grant VoA after being satisfied on examining the invitation and relevant documents. (Such as hotel reservation, return ticket and proof of finance in card or cash).
 - a) Investors/Development partners travelling to Bangladesh at the invitation of the Government or investment authority;
 - b) Foreigners travelling to Bangladesh from those countries where there is no diplomatic mission of Bangladesh;
 - c) Nationals of Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Japan, South Korea, Brunei, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, USA, Canada, Brazil, Australia, New Zealand, Russia, Turkey, UK and other European countries travelling to Bangladesh for the purpose of tourism and business;
 - d) Foreign citizen of Bangladeshi origin and their spouse and children;
 - e) Officials of diplomatic mission in Bangladesh and the UN organizations;
 - f) Diplomatic and UN passport holders;
 - g) Foreigners with prior approval from Ministry of Home Affairs;
 - h) Transit Visa can be issued up to next connecting flight but not more than 72 hours with charge of 20 USD or equivalent foreign currency;
 - i) The visa issuing/immigration authority will have to keep records regarding issuance of VoA and submit monthly Statements to the Ministry of Home Affairs and DIP.
13. All visitors must hold a passport valid for 6 months.
14. Valid visa of an old passport can be transferred to a new passport upon application with relevant country fees if applicable.
15. Visa fees will be applicable on the basis of reciprocity or agreement/arrangement/memorandum of understanding. A, A1, A2, FA2, D and ND Visa will be gratis.
16. In case a report is required for issuance or extension of a visa, the concerned agency (SB/ NSI) shall provide the report within 21 (twenty-one) working days of receiving request from the visa authority. If no report is received within the time specified, visa issuing authority may take appropriate decision taking into consideration that the said agency has no objection on granting or extending the visa. No such opinion from the agency shall be required for a child under 15 (fifteen) years of age.

17. For the civil and military officials from overseas arriving for specific work and training in the defense service institutions in Bangladesh, the recommendations of Armed Forces Division (AFD) will be accepted instead of the work permit and security clearance. Bangladesh Missions may grant multiple entry visa to those persons and their dependents for additional 1 (one) month along with the full tenure of training with the recommendations from Armed Forces Division.
18. If any foreign national arriving with the objective of employment or investment or business or education purposes, conceals any information or violates any condition of the visa issued, the appointing /sponsoring organization of that person shall be fined TK 1,00,000/- (one lac) per person for the first time and TK 2,00,000/- (Two lac) for similar and any subsequent violation.
19. Student visa shall be granted to a foreign student willing to study at the educational institutions which are approved by the Government of Bangladesh.
20. If a citizen of any country other than a visa prohibited country desires to visit Bangladesh for tourism from a third country, Bangladesh Mission in that particular country after being satisfied, may grant 'T' category visa in favor of the applicant.
21. Visa fees shall not be refunded if a visa application is declined.
22. A person arriving from a country which has been declared as public health emergency of international concern by WHO may be required to undergo health screening or additional measures as decided by the competent authority at the designated entry port from time to time.
23. A2, E1, E2, E3, S, R, PI, FBN visas may be issued with maximum duration for the respective category.
24. For other categories, visa can be granted for any duration up to the maximum approved period for that specific category considering individual requirements.
25. For granting or extension of visa, Security Clearance means clearance issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Police report will imply the report from Special Branch of police.
26. With regard to the conversion and extension of a visa more than the maximum period allowed in the circular, the Ministry of Home Affairs may waive, impose or relax any condition mentioned in the policy.

27. While shooting film/documentary, the foreign journalist must be accompanied by designated representative of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. And he will have to submit 'No objection certificate/clearance from the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting' at the immigration point before leaving the country.
28. NVR can be issued in foreign passports of Bangladeshi origin who have acquired citizenship of any country in the world and foreign citizens of Bangladeshi origin of the second and third generation and their spouse /children and foreign spouse/children of Bangladeshi citizens and foreign investors to facilitate their entry and stay in Bangladesh under the terms and conditions:
- (1) In the case of Bangladeshi origin who have acquired citizenship of any country in the world, except SAARC countries, and foreign citizens of Bangladeshi origin of the second and third generation and their spouse/children
 - (a) Dual Citizenship Certificate or Bangladeshi MRP/e-Passport/National Identity Card/Online Birth Registration Certificate/Citizenship Certificate of father/mother/husband/wife;
 - (b) Certificate of Naturalization or legal documents from which the foreign citizenship has been obtained;
 - (c) Affidavit given by father/mother/husband/wife in favor of the applicant regarding the child/husband/wife;
 - (d) Marriage certificate (if applicable).
 - (e) Birth certificate (if applicable).
 - (2) In the case of foreign spouse and children of Bangladeshi citizens:
 - (a) Bangladeshi MRP/e-Passport/National Identity Card/Online Birth Registration Certificate/Citizenship Certificate of husband/wife/father/mother;
 - (b) Affidavit of relationship given by father/mother/husband/wife in favor of the foreign child/husband/wife;
 - (c) Marriage certificate (Nikahnama).
 - (d) Birth certificate (for children of Bangladeshi citizens).
 - (e) Police verification is required for the spouse and for children above 15(fifteen) years.
 - (3) The NVR facility will remain valid as long as the passport is valid. NVR application fee will be 80 (eighty) US dollars or equivalent.

- (4) The NVR shall be issued after proper verification of the certificates submitted with the application. If the applicant has NVR in his old foreign passport, NVR shall be issued in the new foreign passport subject to payment of fees. In case of transfer of NVR to the new passport of the foreign spouse of a citizen of Bangladeshi origin an affidavit by his/her spouse will have to be submitted along with the application.
- (5) Foreign Investors will get NVR facility for investment of USD 100,000 in heavy industry or long-term business in Bangladesh. In that case, a certificate issued by BIDA/BEPZA/BEZA/Investment Authority will have to be submitted along with the application.
- (6) In case of issuing NVR in favor of Foreigner of Bangladeshi origin and their spouse/children who have obtained foreign citizenship or permanent residency based on investment, a favorable report from the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) along with the investigating agency will be mandatory.
- (7) Machine-readable NVR must be issued in the foreign passport.
29. Dependent family members mean spouse, parents, children, adopted children of principal visa holder/applicant.
30. Development Partners: “Development Partners” means countries, international organizations, development agencies, and other recognized institutions that work in partnership with the Government of Bangladesh to promote sustainable development and improve the well-being of the people of Bangladesh through financial, technical, institutional, humanitarian, capacity-building, or other forms of development cooperation.”
31. Validity of a security clearance provided by the Ministry of Home Affairs will be a maximum of 5(five) years.
32. If any question is raised regarding visa as well as NVR which is not mentioned in this Visa Policy clearly the Ministry of Home Affairs reserves the right to take any decision including explanation/clarification and cancellation of Visa.
33. (1) The circulars issued previously concerning visa, are hereby repealed:
 - (2) Upon the repeal of the circulars, all visas issued previously will remain valid until expiry.
34. The Government reserves the right to cancel, modify, amend, or revise any part of this circular or the visa policy at any time, if necessary.
35. This Visa Policy-2026 will come into effect immediately.

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