

Matters relating to FRO/FRRO – Registration of foreigners and VISA extension & other related services to the foreigners

The Foreigners Branch performs the agency function of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India regarding the Registration, VISA extension and surveillance of foreigners in the state of West Bengal. Further, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India has also delegated the power to Grant VISA Extn. & other related services to foreigners (except PAKISTAN nationals) to the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) KOLKATA since roll out of e-FRRO module in 2018. However the power to grant VISA Extn. and other related services to PAKISTAN nationals have been delegated to the State Government as per provisions of Revised VISA manual.

The different services available for foreigners are:

- ✿ Registration of the Foreigners
- ✿ Extension of VISA (except Tourist VISA, as T-VISA is non-extendable)
- ✿ Issue of Registration Certificate/Residential Permit
- ✿ EXIT PERMISSION for overstayed foreign nationals, entered India with valid VISA but has not prayed for VISA extension
- ✿ EXIT PERMISSION to overstayed foreigners entered India with T (TOURIST) VISA but has not returned within the validity of their VISA
- ✿ Return VISA, in case the VISA extension application of the foreigner is under process, or being forwarded to the MHA, Government of India for approval
- ✿ Endorsement of existing valid VISA on the new / provisional passport, in case of lost passport, or transfer of existing VISA on the renewed passport
- ✿ ISSUE of VISA to new-born babies, who after being born in this state, acquire foreign passport, on account of his/her father/mother/parent's foreign nationality.

Grant of Landing Permit / Temporary Landing Permit and extension of Landing Permit on emergency situation

For these above purposes, a foreigner has to apply online to the concerned FRRO/FRO through

<add link><http://immigrationindia.nic.in/content/online-registration>

After filling the form online, <add link <https://indianfrro.gov.in/frro/>>foreigner has to download the copy of form with computer generated acknowledgement sheet, and to go the concerned Foreigners Regional Registration Officer/Foreigners Registration Officer, personally or through any authorized representative, along with the copies of necessary documents. The FRRO/FRO will process the case and after enquiry, grant the VISA related services, as applied for, subject to nothing adverse and fulfilment of necessary conditions, and realisation of requisite VISA fees, as admissible through Bank.

For Applications from PAK nationals, State Government/UT Administration is delegated the power by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to grant some specific VISA related services to the foreigners. Such cases are being processed by the concerned FRO, and after scrutiny and verification, those cases are being referred to this Deptt (STUT, Kolkata) through online IVFRT module. After consideration, this Deptt grants the service through online IVFRT, if admissible and satisfactory verification of the uploaded documents.

For the cases of the foreigners of some specific countries, the State Government /FRRO/FRO has not been delegated the power, by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to grant VISA extension, without the prior approval of the Ministry. Such cases, would be forwarded to the MHA, Govt. of India, by the concerned FRRO/FRO for approval. As the approval is received, the FRRO/FRO will grant the VISA extension following the same way as noted above.