

Checklist for Journalist visa

Media Persons employed by Radio, TV, Newspapers & News Agencies can apply for journalist visa if they are visiting Pakistan for journalistic assignment.

Freelance Journalists, Private Film Production Companies or Advertising Filming Companies can apply for Journalist Visa to make Documentary Film only after getting commissioning letter from any daily Newspaper OR TV Channel

Following documents are required for Journalist visa application:

1. Duly filled and signed [Visa Application Form](#)
2. Original passport valid for at least six months along with its photocopy

Note: Applicants applying for multiple entry visas, or those who plan to film a documentary in Pakistan, may not turn in the original passport. They will be asked to bring their original passports for visa stamping once their approval from Islamabad comes through.

3. Recent passport size identical photographs with white background:
 - For Single or Double Entry Visas - Two photographs.
 - For Multiple Entry Visas and Documentary making - Four photographs
4. [Journalist Visa Computer Proforma](#) [one page, please fill in from S. No. 4 to 14].
5. Undertaking (one page).
6. CV of individual / team members.
7. In case applicant is a Cameraman or Photographer, detail of equipment to be carried.
8. Letter of recommendation from the media organization clearly mentioning:
 - i. Programme / Purpose of visit in detail.
 - ii. The company will bear all expenses during visit.
 - iii. Undertaking that applicant will restrict himself / herself to news reporting / news coverage / sports coverage only.
 - iv. In case of travelling to Afghanistan (from Pakistan), Please confirm that the applicant(s) will not go to Afghanistan by road.
 - v. Undertaking that the applicant(s) will NOT go to following areas during stay in Pakistan:
 - a. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province (formerly the North-West Frontier Province)
 - b. Tribal Areas
 - c. Balochistan Province

Important:

All Journalist Visa holders are advised to inform Director General [External Publicity Wing](#) (DG EPW) about their arrival at following phone number soon after reaching Pakistan:

0092-51-9252163

For any further information please [contact Information Division](#).

Processing Time

The processing time of Journalist Visa varies depending upon applicant's intended duration of stay and type of assignment visa is requested for. Please check the processing time below for your required duration and visa type:

- For single OR double entry visa with six-months validity and three months duration of stay in Pakistan: 5 (Five) working days.
- For multiple entry visa with more than six-months validity and three-month duration of each stay in Pakistan: 6 (Six) to 8 (Eight) weeks but can vary depending upon your application.
- Pakistan High Commission issues journalist visas for only three cities: Islamabad, Lahore and Karachi. For any visa other than these three cities, the processing time will be 6 (Six) to 8 (Eight) weeks but can vary depending upon your application.
- The processing time for permission to film documentaries in Pakistan is also 6 (Six) to 8 (Eight) weeks but can vary depending upon your application.
- Processing time for Indian nationals is also 6 (Six) to 8 (Eight) weeks but can vary depending upon your application.