

Visa Issuance Guidelines

1. In the case of countries eligible for K-ETA entry

K-ETA eligible nationals, who wish to enter visa-free the Republic of Korea, must obtain K-ETA approval before boarding the flight or ship. Please keep in mind that the assessment can take more than 72 hours depending of Therefore, please apply for K-ETA with sufficient time. Those with K-ETA approval can go through entry immigration more conveniently, as they will be exempted from submitting the arrival card upon entry. K-ETA application by proxy is available, and one person can apply for up to a total of 50 people and make the payment at once.

1-1. HOW TO APPLY FOR K-ETA?

-Applicants can apply via the official **K-ETA** website or mobile Application

PC: www.k-eta.go.kr, mobile application: K-ETA

※ Assessment can take “more than 72 hours” depending on the situation (e.g., increased number of K-ETA applications, applicants’ circumstances, etc).

※ Applicants can easily upload photos by using the mobile application.

-A representative can apply for K-ETA up to 30 people at once.

-The information entered cannot be modified once the application is submitted. If an applicant made a mistake on their passport or personal information, he or she need to submit a new application. Please check all the information you entered is correct before the payment.

1-2. WHO NEEDS K-ETA?

K-ETA is mandatory for nationals of 67 visa-waiver countries/regions and 45 designated visa-free entry countries/regions who enter Korea without a visa.

(Total 112 countries/regions) ☞ For the list of 112 countries/regions, refer to [Attachment 2]

■ Persons who are nationals of K-ETA required countries, but are exempt from K-ETA

- Diplomatic or official passport holders
- VISA holders, Registered foreigners
- Dual nationality holders who have a valid Korean passport
- USFK service members (under SOFA) who enter for official purpose
- Aircraft and ship crew members (including shift seafarers)
- ABTC holders (except for USA and Canadian ABTC holders)
- UN passport holders (UNLP, LAISSEZ-PASSER)
- Transfer passengers (However, transfer passengers who need to go through immigration NEED K-ETA approval.)

1-3. Fee

The **K-ETA** fee is 10,000 KRW (Item 1-2 Article 72 of the Immigration Regulation under the Immigration Act) and 3% of card transaction fee may apply.

※ Payment can be made by credit or debit card. (The foreign transaction fee may vary depending on the currency.)

※ The K-ETA application fee is non-refundable once payment is made, regardless of the result of the application.

1-4. Validity of K-ETA

K-ETA is valid for 2 years from the approval date unless the personal information, such as name, nationality or gender, has changed.

- Valid for 2 years regardless of the number of entries.
- If your passport expires in less than 2 years, your K-ETA also will expire on the expiry date of your passport.

For the information about allowed period of visa-free stay, please refer to [“www.0404.go.kr/consulate/visa.jsp”](http://www.0404.go.kr/consulate/visa.jsp)

1-5. K-ETA Required Countries (Regions)

□ 50 Eligible Countries (Regions) for K-ETA

Albania, Andorra, Barbados, Dominica, Guam, Guyana, Holy See, Ireland, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Caledonia, Nicaragua, Palau, Saint Kitts-Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Slovenia, United Kingdom, United States of America, Venezuela, Greece, Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, Latvia, Romania, Luxembourg, Lithuania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Sweden, Spain, Slovakia, Estonia, Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Croatia, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary, Norway, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Singapore

□ 46 Countries (Regions) added as of April 1, 2022

Malaysia, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Israel, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Thailand, Turkey, Guatemala, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Brazil, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Haiti, Antigua and Barbuda, El Salvador, Uruguay, Jamaica, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Ecuador, Russia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Nauru, Marshall Islands, Fiji, Tuvalu, Australia, Republic of South Africa, Lesotho, Morocco, Mauritius, Botswana, Seychelles, Eswatini, Tunisia

□ 6 Countries (Regions) added as of May 1, 2022

Brunei Darussalam, Kuwait, New Zealand, Panama, Peru, Saudi Arabia

□ 1 Country (Region) added as of June 1, 2022

Grenada

□ 1 Country (Region) added as of July 1, 2022

Hong Kong

□ 3 Countries (Region) temporarily added from August 4 to October 31, 2022

Japan, Taiwan, Macau

□ 8 Country (Region) added as of November 1, 2022

Japan, Taiwan, Macau, Micronesia, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kiribati, Tonga

2. Visa Application via Korean Diplomatic Missions Abroad

2-1. Location of Application

Korean Embassy or Consulate in the applicant's country (or area) of residence.

2-2. Applicant

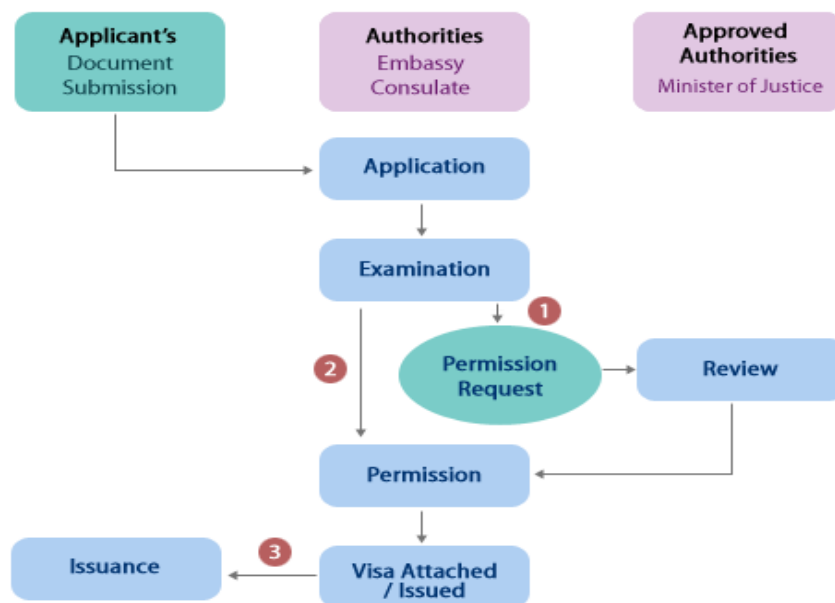
Application must be submitted by a foreigner or a visa agency on behalf of the foreigner

2-3. Applicable Status of Stay (as of Dec.8.2014)

- A single-entry visa (with 90 days of duration of stay or less), for eligible applicants of - Short-term News Coverage (C-1), Short-term General (C-3) and Short-term Employee (C-4)
- A multiple-entry visa (with 90 days of duration of stay or less) for eligible applicants of Short-term News Coverage (C-1) and Short-term General (C-3) Visa who are citizens of countries that have multiple-entry visa agreements with Korea.

2-4. General Visa Issuance Flow

Upon visa application, applicants must submit all required documents the status of stay, which must suit the purpose of their visit.



2-5. Required Documents

- Visa Application Form (application form No.17, or please click the 'Application' menu on the Visa Portal >> Fill out the electronic form)
- Passport
- Photo (natural color, 3.5cm x 4.5cm)
- Fee (in U.S. dollars)

- You can pay the fee in the currency of your own country only if you receive permission from the head of the Korean diplomatic mission in your country.

Required documents for corresponding status of stay

The required documents mentioned on the Visa Navigator are of the minimum requirements. Depending on the circumstances of one's country, the head of the Korean diplomatic mission may request/exempt additional documents for further evaluation. Therefore, in the case that required documents on the Visa Navigator do not match with those of the diplomatic mission, please follow the instructions and requirements provided by the respective diplomatic mission.

2-6. Procedure

1. Applicant - Submission of Application
2. Visa Consul - Reception & Review (Diplomatic Office)
3. Visa Consul - Visa Issuance (Diplomatic Office)
4. Applicant - Arrival in Korea

※ For any other inquiries, please contact the consular affair Korean diplomatic missions in your country of residence.

2-7. Visa Application Fee

- Single-entry visa for less than 90 days: Amount equivalent to \$40 (USD)
- Single-entry visa for more than 91 days: Amount equivalent to \$60 (USD)
- Double-entry visa: Amount equivalent to \$70 (USD)
- Multiple-entry visa with unlimited entries: Amount equivalent to \$90 (USD)
- Tourism Group visa (China, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, India): Amount equivalent to \$15 (USD) per person

※ Visa issuance fee is exempted for nationals of countries under fee-exempt agreement with Republic of Korea

Exempted countries	Exempt condition
Spain, Italy, Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, Ukraine	All types of visa (regardless of period of stay)
Sweden	For visas within 90 days
Israel, Barbados, Colombia, Peru, Liberia, Dominican Republic	For visas over 91 days
Paraguay, Benin, Romania, Brazil, Uruguay, Guatemala, Cyprus, Mexico, Algeria	For diplomatic or official passport holders for visas over 91 days
Mongolia	For diplomatic or official passport holders for visas over 31 days For ordinary passport holders for visas less than 90 days
Venezuela	For diplomatic or official passport holders for visas over 31 days
Philippines	For Business or Tourist (All C-3 types) purpose for visas less than 59 days
Australia	For multiple-entry visa with 1 year validity for Business (C-3-4) purpose for less than 90 days

Germany	For Student (D-2) visa, General Trainee (D-4) visa for students who received admission to a university and complete a language training course to go to university, Intra-Company Transferee (D-7) visa, Corporate Investor (D-8) visa, International Trade (D-9) visa, Special Occupation (E-7) visa for those in marketing
China	For multiple-entry, Short-term General (C-3-1) visa with 1 year validity for 90 days of stay issued to unaccompanied spouse, children, parents and parents of spouse of members of diplomatic mission or consular office
Hong Kong, France	H-1(Working Holiday visa)

2-8. Sample of Republic of Korea VISA



- ① **No. of Visa** : Serial No. of Visa Issuance
- ② **Status** : Type of social activities or status of Foreigners while their stay in Korea
- ③ **Period of Sojourn** : The permitted term of stay from starting from the date of entry into Korea
- ④ **Entries** : Visa Types, single-entry visa/multiple-entry visa
- ⑤ **Issue Date** : Visa Issuance date
- ⑥ **Expiration Date** : The Valid Term of Visa/ After this date, the visa is automatically rendered void
- ⑦ **Issued at** : Where the visa was issued.