Bahrain eVisas

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Project description
The primary function of Bahrain eVisas is to provide an online application service for the payment and processing of visas for travel to Bahrain. The application connects to GDNPR systems and databases in order to automate visa procedures and monitor each visa application for policy and security constraints. Many groups of people benefit from this service: individuals who intend to visit the country; residents of Bahrain who are looking for multiple re-entry visas; and companies in Bahrain who want to interview an applicant from abroad. The system can also save biodata electronically, thereby reducing the data capture process at the airport check-in counter.
Welcome to the Kingdom of Bahrain eVisa System

From this site you can:

- Check your eligibility for a Bahrain visa.
- Apply on-line for certain types of visa (if available) -- press Apply for eVisa.
- Check the status of an eVisa application -- press Check your eVisa.

If you are a registered user, please press Login to continue.

If you want to become a registered user, press What is a Registered User? Note that this is only for residents of Bahrain.

Need more information?.... please use the links on the left.

The system used for issuing an eVisa from this site interfaces to and checks data with other Bahrain Government systems. If you provide an incorrect answer to any question, then your application may not be approved.

What types of visa are available?

You can find out which types of visa you are eligible for by pressing the button Apply for eVisa, and answering three simple questions about your nationality, purpose of visit, and current place of residence.

All persons who wish to enter Bahrain need a visa except citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates).

Visas for the Kingdom of Bahrain are classified according to several different characteristics:

- Purpose of visit
- Sponsorship requirement
- "Standard" or "eVisa"
- Multiple or single entry
- Place of issue

These concepts are explained below:
Purpose

This is the reason you have for needing a visa (eg. general tourism, business, work, visit family, etc).

Sponsorship

Most visas for Bahrain must be sponsored (ie. obtained for you by a Bahrain company, hotel, or travel agent, etc). **Unsponsored** visas exist, but only for certain nationality groups, and certain purposes.

Standard or eVisa

Some visas are "standard" because they are visible in the passport as a stamp or label. The term "eVisa" is used to refer to a visa where there is no visible stamp or label. In this case the visa is electronic, and the validity of the visa will be recognised at the border when you enter Bahrain. An example of this is the Visit eVisa, which is an electronic visa which can be obtained from this site.

Multiple/single

This determines the number of visits you may make. Most visas are single entry, but multiple entry visas exist for certain nationality groups.

Place of issue

Some visas are available on arrival in Bahrain, but otherwise visas must be pre-arranged, either through a sponsor, or an embassy.

All visas require you to pay a fee for the initial grant, and then for subsequent extensions (if any extension is permitted).

Each type of visa has its own set of conditions. These are rules which govern whether or not it can be granted in a given case, and whether or not entry will be granted once you arrive in Bahrain. There are also conditions of use, which determine the maximum length of your stay, and advise you what is lawful activity for a holder of the visa in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

All visas have a validity period. This is the period of time during which the visa can be used for travel to Bahrain. If it is not used within this period, the visa expires, and you must obtain a new one.

This site carries full information about the whole range of visas for Bahrain (not just those which can be obtained on the Internet).

You can find this information by pressing the button Apply for eVisa, and
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The process for obtaining a visa depends on what type of visa you are eligible for.

Sponsored? If you require a sponsored visa, your sponsor (e.g., your employer, if it is for work) will arrange this. If they are Registered Users of this site, they can apply online for your visa using this site.

Unsponsored? If you are eligible for a Visit eVisa, you can obtain one yourself by clicking here.

Not sure? Go to Apply for eVisa, provide basic information about your circumstances, and the system will show you what visa types are available, and how to obtain them:

"Internet" means that you can apply here and now, using this site.

"On Arrival" means that you can travel to Bahrain without a visa and apply for one at the border.

"Embassy" means that you must contact your nearest Bahrain embassy.

"Sponsor" means that you must contact a sponsor and arrange a visa in advance. Airlines, large hotels, and registered travel agents in Bahrain can act as your sponsor.

In every case, you must make sure that you qualify for a visa by carefully reading the conditions, and verifying that you meet all of the requirements.

Instructions for obtaining an eVisa

There are three steps to obtaining an eVisa through this website:

1. Make an application by pressing Apply for eVisa and filling in the simple form, including details of your passport. Take note of the Application Reference Number supplied.

   If further applications are required and you want to pay for them all with the same credit card, then press the "Submit another application" button.

2. Pay the required fee using a Visa or Mastercard credit card (through a secure session with a payment gateway).
3. Check your application **online** (using the reference number provided) to see if it has been approved. Your application might take up to 72 hours to process.

You can print a copy of the approval to carry with you when you travel. (This step is optional).

If your application is not approved, you will need to contact GDNPR or the nearest Bahrain embassy.

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**Who can apply?**

Travellers holding the following passports may apply for a Visit eVisa through this site:

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Canada
- China
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong SAR
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey **New!**
- United Kingdom
- United States Of America
- Vatican City

If you do not meet the criteria for a Visit eVisa, or if you hold a travel document other than a passport, you may still be eligible for a visa on arrival, or a sponsored visa. Check your eligibility by pressing the **Apply for eVisa** button, and note the methods available for obtaining a visa for Bahrain.

**What are the conditions?**

The Visit eVisa is issued with the following conditions:

- You must be outside Bahrain. (Visas cannot be applied for by those travellers already in the Kingdom)
- You must have a passport (not any another type of travel document) and it should be valid for 6 months from arrival in Bahrain.
You must have a valid confirmed onward travel ticket to leave Bahrain.

You must be capable of supporting yourself (and dependents if travelling with you) during the visit.

Your entry must not violate the security and national welfare of Bahrain.

You must use a Visit eVisa within 30 days of its approval. (After this time the eVisa will expire and you will have to apply again and pay another fee).

You must have used your visa, or it should have expired, before you can apply for another visa. (It is not possible to have more than one visa issued for a passport at a time).

If you are in doubt about the conditions you should contact GDNPR or your nearest Bahrain embassy.

**How long does it take?**
Approval of an application is not given immediately. Applications take up to 72 hours to process. We will advise you by email when a decision has been made.

**How do I apply?**
Press the button Apply for eVisa and follow the instructions.

**Do I have to print anything?**
Once your application is approved, you can print a copy of the approval to carry with you when you travel, but this is not strictly necessary. When you arrive in Bahrain, your electronic visa will be accessible to the passport officer who greets you.

**What if my application is not approved?**
If your application is not approved, please contact GDNPR or the nearest Bahrain embassy.

**Dependents endorsed in your passport?**
If you intend to travel to Bahrain with dependents who are endorsed in your passport, you are not able to use this website. You should contact GDNPR or the nearest Bahrain embassy to find out what options are available to you.

**What other types of eVisa are there?**
This site also offers a Visit eVisa for certain nationalities. To find out more information on this visa please click here.

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Alien residents of GCC countries (Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE) are eligible for an eVisa for either 3 days or 7 days, if travelling through Bahrain International Airport.

Similar to the Visit eVisa, it is an electronic visa obtained from this site. There is no need to have a visa stamped in your passport prior to your arrival in Bahrain.

How much does it cost?
The GCC eVisa has the following fee structure:

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How do I pay?
On this website you can pay the required fee using a Visa or MasterCard credit card (through a secure session with a payment gateway).

How long can I stay?
The GCC eVisa allows you to stay in Bahrain for either 3 days or 7 days, depending on the eVisa purchased. An extension can be obtained for the same period by visiting GDNPR in Bahrain. (Some nationalities can stay longer). The GCC eVisa is able to be used only once, for a single entry.

Who can apply?
A person of any nationality who has a Resident Permit for a GCC country in their passport is eligible for a GCC eVisa. This permit will be checked at the border in Bahrain and on the date of arrival the Resident Permit must be at least 6 months old, and should be valid for at least another 6 months.

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The GCC eVisa is issued with the following conditions:

- You must be outside Bahrain. (Visas cannot be applied for by those travellers already in the Kingdom)
- You must travel through Bahrain International Airport. This eVisa cannot be used for travel through the King Fahad Causeway.
- You must have a passport (not any another type of travel document) and it should be valid for 6 months from arrival in Bahrain.
- You must be capable of supporting yourself (and dependents if travelling with you) during the visit.
- Your entry must not violate the security and national welfare of Bahrain.
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