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COVID-19 Related Consular Notice

January 22, 2021

New Arrangements for Consular Services

1) Services by mail: In view of the current situation, the Embassy will continue to provide following consular services by post/mail until further notice: **Visa, Travel Document, Attestation, NRN Cards****, **Passport** (for those who are already issued MRP).

****Reminder:** *-Issuance of NRN card has been suspended due to technical reasons until further notice.*

2) In-person service by prior appointment: Service seekers can visit the Embassy by making prior appointment for **power of attorney, and passport live-enrollment** (compulsory for the first time MRP applicants/those who currently hold handwritten passport).

****Reminder:**

Before visiting the Embassy for in-person consular services, or before forwarding application by post/mail, service-seekers are advised to first visit the Embassy website <https://us.nepalembassy.gov.np/>, carefully read and follow the instructions/information contained inside the menu 'Consular Services', and **enroll/register** themselves for all consular services, including passport and visa, in the Embassy website by filling out their application details in the link '**submit your details here**' before filling out relevant application **forms**.

Once application is received at the Embassy, depending on the completeness of the application, it may take minimum 3 - 5 working days for an application to be processed and documents posted through mail. However, it may take longer to receive the documents by the applicants depending on their location and the postal services they choose.

Latest Visa-Related Regulations

3) On-arrival visa issued for certain categories of foreign nationals only: As per the notice of the Department of Immigration, Government of Nepal, dated January 18, 2021 (<https://www.immigration.gov.np/post/notice-regarding-arrival-of-foreigners>), following categories of foreign nationals will be eligible for visa on arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport (TIA):

- a) Foreigners holding diplomatic/official passports or UN Laissez-Passer,
- b) Foreign employees working in the UN Agencies and other international organizations in Nepal,
- c) Foreigners of Nepali origin (having place of birth 'Nepal' in their passport) or Non-Resident Nepali card holders.



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To apply for visa on arrival, travellers are advised to submit online application through the website of Department of Immigration, Nepal (link <https://nepaliport.immigration.gov.np/on-arrival/IO01>) and keep a printed copy of the form submission receipt with them, in order to avoid delay and inconvenience while applying visa on arrival.

****Reminder:** However, the Embassy strongly advises all foreign passport holders to obtain visa from the Embassy before starting their journey.

4) Other categories of foreign nationals should obtain visa from the Embassy: All other foreign nationals, except those mentioned in Section (3) above should obtain a tourist entry visa from the Embassy or Nepali Consulate. The applicants should fill out the online application form through the link <https://us.nepalembassy.gov.np/tourist-visa/> in the Embassy's website.

5). COVID-19 PCR Negative Report required: All travellers must have COVID-19 PCR Negative Report (RT-PCR/Gene Xpert/True NAAT or equivalent) obtained within 72 hours prior to their departure from the first port of embarkation, but children below 5 years are exempted from submitting such a report. However, since airlines may have their own PCR report and other requirements, **before going to the airport, inquire and make sure that you have all requirements.** All travellers to Nepal should follow the health and safety related protocols of the Government of Nepal, including **minimum 10-day mandatory quarantine** from the day of entering Nepal or from the day of coming in contact with a COVID-19 infected individual and **minimum 10-day mandatory isolation after having been tested positive for the infection.**

6) International Traveller Arrival Form: All travellers, before travelling to Nepal, should mandatorily fill up 'International Traveller Arrival Form' by visiting the CCMC web link https://ccmc.gov.np/arms/person_add.php and carry with them a print or digital copy of the submission receipt with barcode.

Reminders:

*** The Embassy strongly advises all service seekers to use email, rather than telephone to inquire about the consular services. All consular service related emails must be directed to the Embassy's address: consular@nepalembassyusa.org.*

***In order to avoid possible uncertainties in course of the journey, all travellers to Nepal are strongly advised to obtain visa from the Embassy before starting their journey.*

***Before submitting any application to the Embassy, by mail or in person, do not forget to enroll/register yourself for the service by filling out application details through the link '**submit your details here**' that appears in the relevant 'Consular Services' page. Your application will not be processed unless you fill out online your application details.*
