



EMBASSY OF NEPAL
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COVID-19 Related Consular Notice

December 31, 2020

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', fill out relevant application **Forms**, make sure all necessary documents are ready, and **Enroll/Register** themselves for the services in the Embassy website by filling out their application details in the link '**Submit Your Details HERE**' that appears on the relevant pages of the Consular Services.

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 December 11, 2020 (<https://www.immigration.gov.np/post/notice-regarding-arrival-of-foreigners>), certain categories of foreign nationals such as **those who are working at diplomatic missions in Nepal, international organizations in Nepal and their family member, and Non-resident Nepali (NRN) or foreign passport holder with Nepali origin, including their family member** are issued visa on arrival at the entry point (Tribhuvan International Airport - TIA) to allow them enter Nepal without having to obtain any pre-approval or recommendation letter. Non-resident Nepali or foreign passport holder with Nepali origin may apply for



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recommendation letter from the Embassy regarding their status as Nepali origin foreign nationals by attaching the copies of their passport and NRN card.

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 at the entry point in Nepal.

****Reminder:** However, the Embassy strongly advises all foreign passport holders, except NRN card 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 as they do not qualify for visa on arrival. The applicants should fill out the online application form through the link <https://us.nepalembassy.gov.np/tourist-visa/> in the Embassy's website, by clearly mentioning the purpose of their visit.

Those who still wish to obtain visa on arrival should obtain a pre-approval/recommendation letter directly from the concerned ministries in Nepal in the form of trekking permit, mountaineering permit, formal invitation or other formal communication. The Embassy may issue recommendations by email based on such approvals from the ministries. For details on trekking/mountaineering protocol visit: <https://us.nepalembassy.gov.np/entry-protocol-for-mountaineering-expeditions-and-trekking-in-nepal/>.

****Reminder:** *Even after filling out the visa application form, the applicants are required to enroll/register themselves for the service by filling out application details through the link 'Submit Your Details HERE' that appears in the relevant 'Consular Services' page.*

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 call bound to Nepal, 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 security 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 the print or digital copy of the submission receipt with barcode.

Reminders:



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*** 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.*
