

Journalist (J) Visa

Journalist visa issued to professional journalists and photographers for up to three months stay in India. Foreign journalists visiting India for any other purposes, such as attending a conference or tourism, etc. should also apply for a 'J' Visa.

Visa Applicants need to apply online at <http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/> and submit duly filled in and signed print out of the application form at BLS centre <http://www.blsindiavisa-uae.com> along with the following documents:

- Two recent photographs [51 x 51 mm] with white background;
- Passport in original with photocopy of valid UAE residence visa page;
- A letter from the organisation stating that the applicant employed with them and the purpose of applicant's visit;
- A letter from the organisation in India, where applicant will be working;
- In case if the applicant is carrying cameras and other related instruments, then, a detailed list of equipments to be provided;
- The passport should have validity of more than 6 months;
- There should be two blank pages facing each other.

Requirements

Applicants seeking 'J' visa are advised to contact the Press and Information wing (Email: inf.abudhabi@mea.gov.in, phone: 024492700) of the Embassy including following cases, prior to submitting their visa applications:

- If intending to make a documentary or advertising film in India;
- If intending to make a feature or commercial film for TV or cinema;
- If intending to visit restricted or protected area;
- If intending to go to India for more than three months.

Applicants going to India as resident representatives of their newspapers, TV organisations, etc. should also contact the Press and Information wing (Email: inf.abudhabi@mea.gov.in, phone: 024492700) of the Embassy at the earliest. Please note the validity of the visa is effective from the date of issue.
