

WORK VISA GUIDE

Temporary Work Permit

A temporary work permit may be obtained within 3 days through the Ministry of Manpower with a temporary work contract, in which it is described the type of work and the duration of the implementation of the work. The permit is valid for terms of 4 months, 6 months, and 9 months non-renewable. Costs are:

4 months = 41 R.O.

6 months = 71 R.O.

9 months = 91 R.O.

A medical examination is required, which must be submitted to the General Department of Passport.

Express Visa:

Granted to the foreign businessmen required to visit the country, the nature of their work is for urgent business and at the request of a local sponsor and under his responsibility to be used within two weeks from the date of issuance, renewable for a similar period. The visa entitles the bearer to enter the country once and stay for a period of not more than 3 weeks.

Managers, engineers, and specialists may obtain an Express Visa.

Low level professionals such as lawyers, plumbers, bricklayers, carpenters, and painters can not obtain an Express Visa according to Immigration Law.

Individuals resident in the Gulf countries must obtain an Express Visa to be able to work in Oman. However, individuals resident in the Gulf countries who have residence visas and who are high level professionals such as experts, engineers, and specialists may work for a temporary period.

If the Express Visa holder wishes to extend their visit in the Sultanate for another period they may go to the UAE or elsewhere and stay there for two days while the new Express Visa is being issued (Express Visas are valid for 21 days).

If a visitor uses an Express Visa regularly for traveling through the Sultanate of Oman, they may obtain another visa called a "Multi-Express Visa" that is valid for a 6 month period, provided that the visitor first visits the Sultanate several times with an Express Visa.

The price of the Express Visa is 7 R.O. and 10 R.O. for a Multi Express Visa.

Express visas can be obtained through the Department of Passports through the following procedure:

1. Sponsoring companies must complete a visa application form.
2. Companies must attach a letter explaining the reason for the application and the job title of the person who is required to have a visa.
3. It must be specifically requested that the mark “not allowed to work” is NOT put on the visa.
4. The company’s Commercial Registration documents must be attached to the application.
5. A medical examination is not required for the Express Visa.
6. Approval of the Ministry of Manpower is not required.

Business Visit Visa:

Granted to the foreign businessman at the request of a local sponsor and under his responsibility to hold commercial meetings / discussions between enterprises or between a supplier and exporter, and the visa entitles the bearer to stay in the country for one month and can be extended at the discretion of the competent authority.

Group Visa:

Granted by the authority to a tourist group at the request of a local sponsor and under his responsibility which allows the bearer to enter the country once and stay for a period of 3 weeks, subject to extension at the discretion of the competent authority.