

Discover the Diverse Visa Options for Saudi Arabia: A Comprehensive Guide

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INTRODUCTION

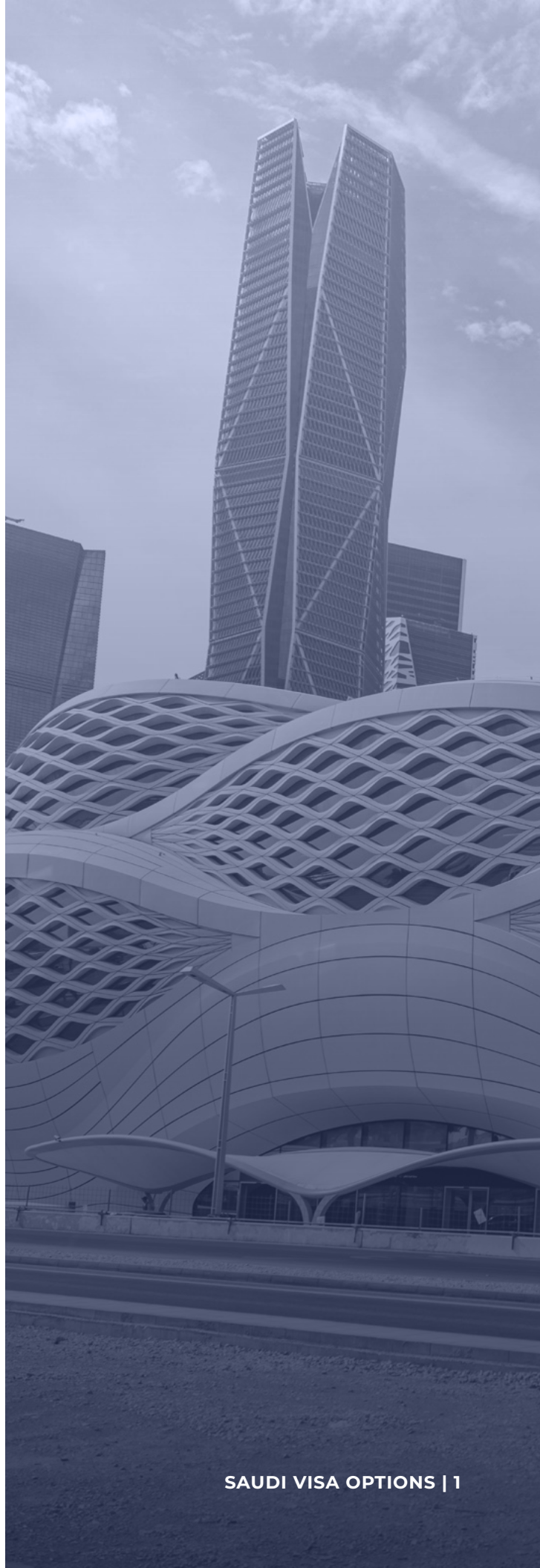
Saudi Arabia, rich in culture and economic opportunities, offers various visa options. Whether visiting for tourism, business, or joining family, knowing the right visa type is essential for smooth entry.

This guide provides a detailed overview of the primary visa categories available for travelers to Saudi Arabia, along with the necessary documentation and eligibility requirements.

For official and detailed information, visit the [Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [Saudi Visa Services](#) websites.

Main Visa Categories in Saudi Arabia

1. Government Visa
2. Employment Visa
3. Diplomatic & Official Visas
4. Diplomatic Missions & Organizations Visa
5. Tourist Visa
6. Premium Residency Visa
7. Business Visit Visa
8. Residence Visa
9. Newborn Visa
10. Extension of Exit/Re-Entry Visa
11. Family Visit Visa
12. Student VisaCompanion Visa
13. Personal Visit Visa
14. Hajj and Umrah Visa



DETAILED VISA DESCRIPTIONS

1. Business Visit Visa



The Business Visit Visa facilitates short-term business activities such as meetings, training, and negotiations in Saudi Arabia. This visa can be valid for 30 to 90 days, with options for single or multiple entries as determined by the Saudi government.

Documents Required:

- ▶ Original passport valid for at least six months with two empty visa pages
- ▶ Health insurance for non-US citizens from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ▶ Electronic invitation from a Saudi company
- ▶ Employment verification letter
- ▶ Company's business registration copy in Saudi Arabia

For more details, refer to the [Saudi Visa Services](#).

2. Permanent Family Visa



This visa allows close relatives of Saudi Iqama holders to visit family members residing in Saudi Arabia. The process can only be initiated by legal Saudi Iqama holders with at least 4 months of validity on their Iqama.

Eligible family members:

Parents, spouse, children, parents-in-law, siblings and their families.

Documents Required:

- ▶ Original passport valid for six months with two empty visa pages
- ▶ Health insurance for non-US citizens from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- ▶ Visa referral note from the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Proof of relationship between applicant and inviter
- ▶ Notarized letter for minors traveling alone or with one parent

Detailed information can be found on the [Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) website.

3. Tourist Visa



The Tourist Visa caters to those wishing to visit Saudi Arabia for leisure or Umrah. This multiple-entry visa allows stays of up to three months and is valid for one year.

For more details, visit the [Saudi eVisa portal](#).

4. Residence Visa



The Residence Visa allows individuals to live in Saudi Arabia without needing a sponsor. This visa category includes permanent residency and renewable temporary residency options.

Documents Required:

- ▶ Original passport valid for at least six months with two empty visa pages
- ▶ Visa referral note from the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Proof of kinship (marriage certificate, birth certificate)
- ▶ Medical report certifying freedom from contagious diseases (not required for children under 16)
- ▶ Notarized letter for minors traveling alone or with one parent

Further information can be accessed on the [Saudi Visa Services](#) website.

5. Premium Residency Visa



Introduced in 2019, the Premium Residency Visa, also known as the Saudi Green Card, is aimed at attracting skilled expatriates and investors. Holders of this visa can work, do business, own property, and move freely without a sponsor.

For more information, visit the [Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) website.

6. Employment Visa



The Employment Visa is for individuals who have secured employment in Saudi Arabia. Applicants must provide a job offer, employment contract, medical information, and an official invitation from a Saudi employer.

Documents Required:

- ▶ Original passport valid for at least six months with two empty visa pages
- ▶ Online application via Saudi Visa Services
- ▶ Digital power of attorney from the Saudi employer
- ▶ Visa referral note from the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ▶ Sponsorship letter from the Saudi company
- ▶ Employment contract signed by both parties
- ▶ Certified and notarized educational documents
- ▶ Medical report with lab results
- ▶ Police report issued within six months of application

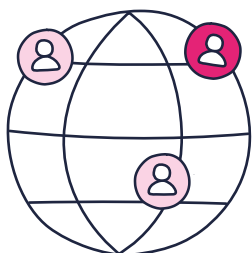
For detailed application procedures, visit the [Saudi Visa Services](#) website.

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VISA EXEMPT COUNTRIES

Citizens of the following countries can enter Saudi Arabia without a visa, using only their national identity cards:

- ✓ UAE
- ✓ Kuwait
- ✓ Bahrain
- ✓ Oman can



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UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENT VISA OPTIONS

Knowing the different visa types for Saudi Arabia is essential for smooth entry. Whether you're visiting for business, family, tourism, or employment, ensure you have the right visa and required documents.

For further information and assistance, refer to the [Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [Saudi Visa Services](#) websites.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How much is the Saudi visa fee?

The fee varies based on the type of visa and the applicant's nationality. Check with the Saudi consulate for specific details.

How long is a Saudi visa valid?

The validity depends on the visa type. Contact the Saudi consulate for precise information.

What is a Saudi eVisa?

The Saudi eVisa is a one-year multiple-entry visa for citizens of 49 countries, allowing stays of up to 90 days for tourism and Umrah activities. Visit the [Saudi eVisa portal](#) for more information.

For the most current information, always refer to the official websites of the [Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) and the [Saudi Visa Services](#).



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