

JOURNALIST VISA

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The "Journalist" visa is a term given to a visa category grouping up multiple sectors of activity. Regardless of the purpose of visit (tourism, personal or professional), applicants working in the following fields of activity are obliged to apply exclusively for a "Journalist" visa: cinema, television, media, writing, publishing, press, photography, communication, advertising... (non-exhaustive list).

Generally, the Embassy of India issues a visa valid for 3 months, single entry. This visa cannot be exchanged and cannot be renewed in India.

Please note that a 'journalist' travelling to India for tourist or personal purposes must apply for a Journalist visa and not a Tourist visa. However, the only additional requirement for this is a declaration from the applicant that he or she would not engage in any kind of professional activity while in India.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A JOURNALIST VISA

- 1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months and having at least 3 blank visa pages
- 2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport
- 3 Three photographs conforming to prescribed specifications
- 4 Two visa application forms duly filled in online, signed and dated by the applicant
- 5 In case of a professional travel: two original letters from your employer specifying the exact purpose of your visit and its duration. These should be on company letterhead and written in English.
- 6 In case of a personal travel: undertaking written in English specifying the exact purpose of your visit and that you will not exercise any professional activity while in India
- 7 In case of film-shooting in India : authorisation letter from the XP Division of the Ministry of External Affairs in India or from the PIC Section of the Embassy of India in Paris
- 8 The service fees, additional consular charges and the visa fees

LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If you are sending your visa application by post

- Checklist for postal applications

If you have a minor endorsed in your passport (1 photo required) or if the applicant is a minor

- Photocopy of the French livret de famille (pages: father, mother, relevant child) or birth certificate
- Photocopy of an ID proof of each parent
- Authorisation letter for a minor to travel signed by both parents

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)
- Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

CENTRE DE DEMANDE DE VISA POUR L'INDE

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