

VISITOR VISAS



Pre-Arrival Registration for Indian Nationals

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Seeking to Complete a Pre-Arrival Registration to Avoid the Need to Apply for a Visitor Visa (Indian Nationals Only)?

As an Indian national seeking to visit Hong Kong for short-term purposes, you must complete the Pre-Arrival Registration (PAR) process before traveling.

The online registration is designed to facilitate your entry and ensure a secure and efficient immigration process.

Here's a summary of the PAR process:

(1) Check your eligibility: If you plan to visit Hong Kong for up to 14 days per visit and hold an ordinary Indian passport, you must undergo the PAR process. However, if you have a valid HKSAR entry visa, diplomatic or official passport, or are in direct transit without leaving the airport transit area, you don't need to complete the registration.

(2) Complete the online registration: Access the HKSAR government's Immigration Department website and submit your personal information, passport details, and answer a few questions related to your visit. The registration is free of charge.

(3) Print the notification slip: Upon successful completion of the PAR, you'll receive a notification slip. Make sure to print it and carry it with you throughout your stay in Hong Kong, as it is required for immigration clearance.

(4) Ensure your documents are in order: Carry your valid passport, printed PAR notification slip, and proof of sufficient funds for your stay in Hong Kong. Be prepared to present evidence of accommodation, return or onward travel arrangements, and an itinerary or purpose of visit upon arrival.

(5) Keep track of the PAR validity: The notification slip is valid for six months from the date of issue and allows multiple visits to Hong Kong within that period. Each visit is limited to 14 days. If the slip expires or you've used all permitted visits, you'll need to complete a new registration before traveling to Hong Kong again.

(6) Prepare for immigration clearance: At the port of entry, present your passport, PAR notification slip, and other required documents to the immigration officer. Remember, successful PAR doesn't guarantee entry.

As a bona fide visitor to Hong Kong, you must genuinely intend to visit Hong Kong for a temporary period and have a legitimate purpose for your visit, such as tourism, business, visiting family or friends, or attending events. The term "bona fide" implies that your intentions are genuine and sincere, without any ulterior motives, such as working without proper authorization, overstaying your visa, or engaging in illegal activities. To be considered a bona fide visitor, you must comply with the immigration requirements and conditions for your visit, including possessing a valid passport, having sufficient funds for your stay, and having onward travel arrangements. Admission to Hong Kong is not guaranteed as the Immigration Officer is empowered under the Immigration Ordinance to assess the bona fides of travelers seeking admission at the port of entry and refuse entry if in doubt.

If your PAR application is unsuccessful, you will not be able to travel to Hong Kong without first securing an entry visitor visa which takes approximately 6 weeks and can be pursued online via the Hong Kong Immigration Department website.

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