

No appointment date for Bangladesh travelers at 8 IVACs

- With effect from 1 February, 2017, the scheme for walk-in Tourist visas for Bangladesh travelers with confirmed journey tickets (air/bus/rail) to India is being extended to the remaining 8 Indian Visa Application Centers (IVACs) in Bangladesh. All Bangladesh travelers who have confirmed journey tickets can avail of this facility of walk-in Tourist visa without appointment dates at IVACs in Rajshahi, Rangpur, Sylhet, Chittagong, Khulna, Jessore, Mymensingh and Barisal. Applicants in Dhaka with confirmed journey tickets may continue to submit their Tourist visa applications on a walk-in basis at IVAC Mirpur.
- Bangladesh travelers wishing to avail of walk-in Tourist visa should have a confirmed air, train or bus ticket (issued by authorized operators) to India. The date of journey should be within one month of the date of submission of the visa application at IVAC.
- This initiative is part of the ongoing efforts to streamline, liberalize and ease the process of securing Indian visas. The walk-in Tourist visa scheme was launched first in October 2016 for women travelers and their family members and thereafter extended to all Bangladesh travelers from 1 January 2017. The scheme has eased access to Indian visas for Bangladesh nationals. No Bangladesh national with a confirmed ticket to India (by air, bus or train) requires an e-token/online appointment date to apply for a Tourist visa. This measure is aimed at strengthening people-to-people contacts between India and Bangladesh.
- An applicant can also submit the applications of his/her family members. Family refers to mother, father, spouse, child, sibling (if unmarried).
- The person submitting the passports should also submit his/her application along with that of family members. In case he/she has a visa already, a copy of the same has to be attached along with the applications of family members he/she is submitting.
- **Applicants of confirmed journey Train tickets have to select Entry/Exit port – “Rail Gede or Rail Gede/By Air or Rail Gede/Haridaspur”.**

Additional Information for Walk-in Tourist Visa Scheme:

Approved Operators to ply between Bangladesh and India:

Bus services – (a) BRTC, (b) Shyamoli Poribahan, (c) WBSTC (d) Tripura Paribahan.

Train – Confirmed ticket in Maitree Express

Flight – Confirmed flight ticket from any airlines operating flights between India & Bangladesh

Date of proposed travel to be as under:
For Mirpur Road (Dhaka), Chittagong, Rajshahi IVAC : After seven(07) days & up to one (01) month from the date of submission of visa application at the IVAC centre
For other centers (Khulna, Jessore, Mymensingh, Barishal, Rangpur, Sylhet): Minimum Ten (10) days to one month from the date of submission of visa application at IVAC centre

N.B: Application will be received from 8 AM to 1 PM on working days.

N.B: It is in the interest of the applicants to submit the application complete in all respects with the requisite documents attached therein, to avoid rejection.