

# 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 Two photographs conforming to Indian Government norms (detailed specifications can be found on our website) 
  - Photos should be glued on your forms in the box provided
  - **Please note photographs available in photo booths in France are not compatible with Indian norms**
  - Photo booths complying to the Indian norms are available in our Paris and Marseille offices
- 4 Two Indian Government visa application forms duly filled in online 
  - Your form should be signed in the box under the photograph on page 1. This signature will be scanned and should match the signature on your passport.
  - You should validate the data on your form and accept the declaration on page 2 by signing at the bottom of page 2.
- 5 In case of a professional travel: letter from your employer specifying the exact purpose of your visit and the expected start and end dates. This letter 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 (Press Information and Culture) of the Embassy of India in Paris
- 8 The service fees, additional consular charges, the ICWF fee and the visa fees

## LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- If you are sending your visa application by post
- Checklist for postal applications
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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