

Visas Application

Common Visas Class I and II may be authorized and issued (by the Migration Department) on arrival at Dili Airport or any Frontier post of the Country.

The remaining visas may be issued on arrival (by the Migration Department) but will require that the passenger is holding a previous authorization granted by DAC/MNEC (Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation).

Visas issuance on arrival will have the following requirements:

◆ Ordinary Visa.

Ordinary visa is not qualified for work or permanent residency.

I. For tourism or business (class I)

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 30 Usd
Max 30 days on arrival
Single entry (The Migration Department does not issue multiple entries on 30 days visas)

Extensions: Visa Extension Fee 35 Usd
Can be extended 60 days (up to 90 days total limit for permanency)

II. For transit through (class II)

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 20 Usd
Max 72 hours (3 days) on arrival
Single entry

Extensions: Can not be extended

III. For study (class III)

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 40 Usd
Stay up to 1 year (requires a written authorization from DAC/MNEC)
Multiple entries

Extensions: Visa Extension Fee 35 Usd
It's renewable for the same duration of the initial visa, upon proof of academic performance, registration and availability of funds and lodging.

IV. For cultural trip or scientific research or Journalism

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 40 Usd
Stay up to 180 days (requires a written authorization from DAC/MNEC)
Multiple entries

Extensions: Visa Extension Fee 35 Usd
Can be extended
It's renewable for the same duration of the initial visa, up to 180 days.
Exception given to Journalists, who can extend with the same duration of the initial visa, up to 3 years (upon proof of Journalist credentials)

III. Working Visa

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 50 Usd
Stay up to 1 year (requires a written authorization from DAC/MNEC)
Multiple entries

Extensions: Visa Extension Fee 35 Usd
It's renewable for the same duration of the initial visa, upon proof of working conditions maintenance (valid contract, tax payments, health conditions and clean criminal record) and availability of funds and lodging.

III. To Establish Residency

Issuance on arrival: Visa Fee 50 Usd
Stay up to 6 months (requires a written authorization from DAC/MNEC)
Multiple entries

Extensions: Can not be extended
This visa is meant to allow the citizen to enter Timor-Leste, and immediately applying for a resident permit card issuance, at the Migration Department in Dili.
The issuance of the resident permit shall happen within the 6 months visa time validity, with no extension possibility.
Resident permit card fee of 40 Usd.

Visas Authorizations

Applications for visa authorizations are free of charge, and may be submitted at any Consular Post of the Timor-Leste Embassies abroad; or in countries with no RDTL consular services, may be submitted directly through mail to the headquarters of the Department of Consular Affairs (DAC/MNEC) in Dili.

It is not possible to change visa status after arrival in Timor-Leste. Despite the fact that visas authorizations may be submitted after arrival directly to DAC/MNEC, if granted, it will be required to the citizen to leave the country and reenter with the new status (on the reentry it can be issue the new visa authorized status on arrival).

The receipt of a submission for a working visa or visa to establish residency, will not allow the citizen to perform any professional activity, while the process is pending for authorization.

Any non authorized activity may be fined with 250 Usd to the citizen, and 500 usd to the Employer

◆ Visa to Establish Permanent Residency

Applicant has to prove the intention to remain permanently in the National Territory, has means of self support, has lodging ensured and no criminal or police record.

If the foreigner who requests a visa to establish residency intends to perform a professional activity (which is normally the case) as an employee or as an independent worker, consideration will be given to granting the visa based on the goal of proving specialized labor to the various sectors of the economy to increase productivity an assimilating technology.

The number of foreigners that will be admitted under the terms of the previous paragraph, as well as the sectors of the economy in which they will carry out their activity, will be set annually by resolution from the Council of Ministers.

Granting a visa to establish permanent residency may be conditioned to residing in a specific region within the National Territory for a period of no longer than 5 years.

◆ Processing Documentation for Work Visas and for Establishing Permanent Residency

1. Full identification of the applicant through an authenticated copy of their passport

(3 shares);

2. Color photograph "2 sheets", permit size, with single color background;
3. Certificate of clean criminal record (original and 2 copies) and medical certificate (original and 2 copies) attesting to the physical and psychological suitability of the applicant, issued by competent authority in the country of the applicant's nationality, or from his/her country of residency for more than one year;
4. Proof of support and lodging (original and 2 copies);
5. Visa application specifying the reasons for requesting residency and the length of time of permanence, as well as a commitment statement by the applicant to honor all the legal requirements for the requested visa.
6. In the case of a working visa, or a visa to establish permanent residency with the purpose of performing professional activities, the applicant must also attach:

Employees: proof of employment offer (original and 2 copies);

Entrepreneurs: participation in a corporation (original business registration in Timor-Leste and 2 copies);

Independent Workers: professional competence for performing an independent profession, or any other probatory document referred to the activity intended.

◆ **Qualification**

Extensions may be submitted at the Migration Department in Dili, within the 30 last days of visas validity.

Any expired visa may be fined between 70-250 usd, depending on expiry time detection, and may be charge upon the submission of a visa extension or at the departure from national territory.

Visas which can be extended (See visas extensions above) for the same duration of the initial visa, will require proof of working conditions maintenance (valid contract, tax payments, health conditions and clean criminal record) and availability of funds and lodging maintenance.