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**Circular**

Sub: Issuing visa on arrival.

Source: 1. H.M (E-2)/1P-7/2006/2881,	Dated: 19 October 2006
2. H.M (E-2)/1P-7/2006/516,	Dated: 04 April 2007
3. H.M (E-2)/1P-2006/1434,	Dated: 19 August 2007
4. H.M (E-2)/1P-2008/1046,	Dated: 30 November 2008
5. H.M (E-2)/1P-2008/860,	Dated: 01 November 2009
6. 44.00.0000.039.13.013.12.38	Dated: 08 January 2013

In reviewing the above mentioned circulars, the government would like to facilitate the arrival and staying of foreign nationals, including Bangladeshi origin, for the expansion of trade and commerce, promoting of tourism and promotion of foreign capital and technology in Bangladesh. Immigration authorities of international airports and land ports ,citizens coming from different countries are fully satisfied with the conditions described in the following passports holders as per the requirement of maximum 30 (thirty) days of on arrival visa without the facility of multi travel:

- a. Countries where Bangladesh has no embassy, only the incoming citizens of those countries can be given on Arrival Visa justifying necessity of travel.
- b. On arrival Visas can be issued on the basis of invitation letter from the inviting company and the Bangladesh Investment Promotion Board / BEPZA's certificate for foreign investors / traders. However, the inviting company will have to inform in advance about arrival of foreign national to the directorate of immigration and passport and the Immigration authorities.
- c. Citizens coming from The United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, China, Japan, Singapore, Malaysia, South Korea, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Egypt, Turkey, Brunei and European countries to Bangladesh for government job, trade, investment, and tourism may get visa on arrival. Immigration authorities of international airport and land port can issue visa on arrival for passport holder of those mentioned countries being satisfied after examination of the documents.

- d. If a person arrives in Bangladesh from a country other than his own country, where there is no embassy of Bangladesh, he can be given on Arrival Visa by verifying the justifiability of the travel.
- e. Arrival Visas can be given to foreign citizen of Bangladeshi born and their spouse /children on the basis of Bangladeshi citizenship certificate / certificates of Bangladeshi origin.
- f. On arrival Visas can be provided for official and staff of foreign embassy, United Nations office in Bangladesh verifying relevant papers. Visa fees will not be applicable for the passport holders of United Nations.

02. Visas issued in the above categories, if foreigners need to increase tenure of visas, then in the light of the existing visa policy, the departments of immigration and departments of passport can increase the duration of the visa.

03. For the purpose of connecting flight, the Immigration Authority can issue transit visa up to the next available flight or Transit visa for a maximum of 72 hours on the request of the concerned passenger airlines. For this, a service charge of 20 (twenty) USD or equivalent amount per capita will be deposited in the scheduled bank in the government appropriate account. According to the visa exemption agreement, diplomat of certain country, special or official passport holders of the respective countries will get a transit visa free of charge.

04. The following procedure will be followed in order to provide on arrival visa:

- a) Visa fee have to be paid in foreign currency (dollar / pound / euro).
- b) Except government work, in other purpose a foreigner have to carry minimum of 500 (five hundred) US dollars / equivalent foreign currency in cash / credit card;
- c) Incoming person have to possess return ticket.
- d) Incoming person should have necessary documents for the on arrival visa.
- e) Only Citizen of those countries, who are exempted from the visa fees for on arrival visa, would get the facility accordingly.
- f) on arrival visas is given to some countries on the basis of mutual agreement Except those countries other countries have to pay visa fee for on arrival visa .
- g) Security agency will collect details data about incoming foreign citizen by on arrival visa. Immigration authority will send monthly report to the higher authority.

05. while issuing on arrival visa , immigration authority have to confirm about the purpose of travelling. Provided that before issuing on arrival visa for the members of foreign military and security personnel, prior permission of the public Security Services Division and the Home Ministry is required.

06. while issuing On arrival visa , the Immigration authorities at the land and airports will provide the arrival and departure seal accordingly.

07. As soon as these circulars are in force, all previous circular issued before about on arrival visas shall be deemed to be canceled.

08. This order shall be effective immediately.

Signed /-  
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