

Vietnam immigration policies regulated that almost resident of the countries must have [Vietnam visa](#) prior to arriving Vietnam to travel or do business, except the citizens in the Vietnam visa exemption list. You should check carefully if you are in the Vietnam visa exemption list or you are obligated to make a Vietnam visa (or visa approval letter) before entering country. It will keep you away from many troubles during your entry.

- NG1 and NG2 visas are issued within 01 working day from the day the Viet Nam's mission abroad receives valid and complete visa applications and visa approval granted by the Consular Department or the Department of External Affairs of Ho Chi Minh city.

- Other types of visas are issued within 03 working days form the day the Viet Nam's mission abroad receives valid and complete visa applications, and visa approval granted by the Immigration Department, Consular Department or the Department of External Affairs of Ho Chi Minh city.

When applying for [Vietnam visa on arrival](#) online, there is no document and original passport required. The applicants just need to provide the visa information by filling in the online application form with full name, gender, date of birth, nationality and passport number. A letter of approval issued by the Vietnam Immigration Department will be delivered via email at a given time.

Vietnam Visa on arrival (Law No. 47/2014/QH13 on 16 June 2014 on entry, exit, transit, and residence status of foreigners in Viet Nam).

The following foreigners are eligible for visa on arrival:

- Departing from a country where there is no competent Vietnamese visa-granting authority;
- Travelling through many countries before entering Viet Nam;
- Visiting Viet Nam on tours organized by an international travel agency operated in Viet Nam;
- Foreign crewmembers on board vessels anchored in Vietnam's seaport wishing to exit through another border checkpoint;
- Visiting Viet Nam to attending a relative's funeral or visit a seriously ill family member;
- Entering Viet Nam to engage in emergency response, search/rescue activities, disaster or epidemic control or for other special purposes at the request of the competent authority in Viet Nam.

- Before entering Viet Nam, applicants for visa on arrival must apply for a visa approval for picking up visa at the border checkpoint issued by the Immigration Department, the Consular Department or the Department of External Affairs of Ho Chi Minh city.

- Foreigners eligible for visa on arrival shall submit their passports or international travel documents and fill in the visa application form with an attached photo at the Viet Nam's border control authority. Over-14-year-old children sharing passport with others must fill in a separate visa application form.

- The visa on arrival shall be granted after the Viet Nam's border control authority completes checking applicant's information and the visa approval.

Applicants eligible for loose-leaf Vietnam visa:

- Holder of a valid passport running out of blank page for a visa sticker.
- Holder of a passport issued by a country that has not yet to establish diplomatic/consular relations with Viet Nam.

- Holder of a valid international travel document.
- For diplomatic, national defense, and security purposes.