

**Embassy of Nepal
Pretoria, South Africa**
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Visa Information update

Information regarding issuance of Nepali visa, from this Embassy and Nepalese Honorary Consulate General/Honorary Consulate stationed in the countries with whom this Embassy is accredited to, to the passport holders of Ebola-virus affected declared countries and to the persons of other nationalities who have recently visited to one or more of these countries:

- The Embassy of Nepal in Pretoria, South Africa and Honorary Consulate General/Honorary Consul of Nepal in Embassy accredited-other countries, responding to the call of the WHO declaration that “Ebola-virus outbreak in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria is an extraordinary event and it meets the criteria for international public health emergency”, has put in place a new requirement to facilitate the issuance of visa to travel to Nepal to the passport holders of any of these countries and nationals of other countries who have visited these countries since the start of the Ebola outbreak in March 2014.
- According to new requirement set by the Government of Nepal and currently in place in all the Nepalese missions and Honorary Consulates abroad, a visa applicant applying for Nepali visa on the passport from any one of the above countries and others that may meet similar criteria, regardless of the purpose, must submit at this Embassy or to the designated Honorary Consulate General/Honorary Consulate of Nepal, a “Ebola-virus – free Medical Certificate” belonging to the applicant along with other documents.
- Passport holders from other than abovementioned nationalities who have visited one of these countries since the outbreak of this problem in March 2014 and applying for a Nepali visa must also submit the “Ebola-virus-free Medical Certificate” along with other documents.
- According to the new requirement, however, the passport holders of any one of the countries meeting the criteria for the emergency or Ebola-virus affected countries, and who have been the long-term resident outside these countries and have not travelled to their countries since or before March 2014, are not required to submit the “Ebola-virus-free Medical Certificate” while applying for the visa to travel to Nepal.
- The Embassy could receive only those visa applications that fulfil the new requirements and therefore the visa applicants are advised to contact the Embassy before submitting the visa application.
- The Embassy officials may ask the visa applicant questions related to this before entertaining visa applications in order to ensure that the applicants are duly informed in advance prior to processing visa application or sending them through couriers.
- Any inconvenience caused by this new requirement is regrettable and it needs to be understood in a broader context of a greater interest of all people.
- The new requirement has been put on place from Tuesday 12 August 2014.
- All the Honorary Consulate General/Honorary Consulates of Nepal stationed in the countries for which this Embassy is accredited to, are strictly instructed and advised to follow the same procedure mentioned above and update information regarding visa issuance accordingly immediately until further notice.