

VISA INFORMATION

1. Documentary requirements

- A completed application form signed by the applicant.
- Two recent photographs, size: 40 x 60 mm.
- A valid passport for at least six months from the date applying for a visa.

2. Types of visas, Length of stay permits and additional documents required

Transit visa

- Stay permit: maximum five days (in Vientiane only).
- Proof of a valid entry visa and air ticket to a third country is required.

Tourist visa

- Stay permit: 30 days (non-extendable).
- Application may be submitted through a tour company which has an office in Laos or a contract with a tour company in the Lao PDR, or submitted directly at a Lao Embassy or Consulate in a foreign country ([see annex](#))

Visit visa

- Stay permit: one month (extendable).
- Application can be submitted either through a guarantor in Laos or at an embassy of the Lao PDR abroad.

Business visa

- Application must be arranged by a sponsor/partner in Laos and it can not be issued until it is authorized or approved by the authorities concerned in Laos.
- Stay permit: one month and can be extended until completion of the business term.

3. Visa Validity

- All types of visas are intended for one entry and must be used within three months from the date of issuance. Multiple entry visas may only be obtained at or in the authorization of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR

4. Notification on immigration

The Consular Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has the pleasure to inform foreign nationals who intend to visit the Lao PDR for official, tourist, commercial or other purposes that the Government of the Lao PDR has decided that the 21 check points in the table below are international checkpoints in Laos. Some checkpoints on the opposite sides corresponding checkpoints in the concerned neighbouring countries are also indicated. Both Lao and foreign citizens who have valid passports and visas may enter and exit Laos through these international checkpoints. A visa at arrival can also be obtained at these check points as well:

1. Wattay International Airport (Visa on arrival) in Vientiane Capital
2. Luang Prabang International Airport (Visa on arrival is applicable) in Luang Prabang City
3. Pakse International Airport (Visa on arrival is applicable) (In Champasak Province)
4. Mittaphab Bridge, Vientiane Capital Laos (Visa on arrival is applicable) Nongkhai, Thailand
5. Houaixay, Bokeo Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Xiangkong Thailand
6. Meuang Mom, Bokeo Province, (No visa on arrival) Vangpung, Myanmar
7. Thakhek , Khammuan Province, Laos (Visa on arrival is applicable) Nakhonphanome, Thailand
8. Savannakhet, Savannakhet Province, Laos (Visa on arrival is applicable) Moukdahan, Thailand
9. Vangtao , Champasak Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Xongmek, Thailand
10. Namphao, Borikhamxay Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Caucheo, Vietnam
11. Paksan, Borikhamxay Province, (No visa on arrival)
12. Ban Densavanh, Savannakhet Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Laobao, Vietnam
13. Naphao, Khammuan Province, Laos (Visa on arrival applicable) Jalor, Vietnam
14. Namkan, Xiengkhouang Province, Laos(Visa on arrival) Namcan, Vietnam
15. Boten, Luang Namtha Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Bohan, China
16. Panghoke, Phongsaly Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Tay Trang, Vietnam
17. Namsoi, Huaphan Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Na Meo, Vietnam
18. Nam Ngeun Xayabury Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Huai Kone, Nane Province, Thailand
19. Mittaphab Bridge, Xayabury Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Nam Heuang Leuy Province Thailand
20. Phoukeua, Attapeu Province, Laos (Visa on arrival) Kongtum Vietnam,
21. Nong Noke Khien, Champasak (No visa on arrival) Traprengkrien, Triengteng Province, Cambodia

A. Visa Categories:

- **Diplomatic visas (A1)** Diplomatic visas are issued for foreign high level governmental delegation, diplomats, consular officers, heads of the United Nations Agencies and other International Organizations accredited in Laos and their dependents (spouse and children) holding diplomatic passports.
- **Official visas (A2)** Official visas are issued for members of foreign state/governmental delegations, the staff members of foreign diplomatic missions, consulates, United Nations Agencies and other international organization agencies and their dependents (spouse and children) holding official passports.
- **Courtesy visas (B1)** Courtesy visas are issued for foreign experts and their dependents holding diplomatic, official and ordinary passports visiting Laos under a subcontract with a project funded by the Lao Government's bilateral cooperation or grant assistance, persons on official visits such as attending meetings and conferences invited by a government agency of the Lao PDR.
- **Business visas (B2).** Business visas are issued for foreign experts who are under loan-funded projects, experts and volunteers of Non-Governmental organisations, staff members of Diplomatic Missions, General Consulates, the United Nations Agencies and other international organizations that hold ordinary passports, as well as foreign businesspersons.
- **Visit visas (B3).** Visit visas are issued to foreign citizens holding ordinary passports and intending to visit relatives working in the Lao PDR, for tourism or conference without formal requests from ministries of foreign affairs of the countries concerned/from inter-governmental organization concerned.

B. Visa Status:

- **Diplomatic visas (A1)** and official visas (A2) are exempted from visa fees. Multiple entry visas may be obtained for a period of one year and may be renewed every year until the completion of the assignments of the bearers concerned.
- **Courtesy visas (B1)** are exempted from visas fees. Multiple entry visas may be obtained for a period of six months and may be extended every six months until the assignment's completion.

- **Business visas (B2)** are subject to the payment of mandatory visa and service fees. Multiple entry visas may be obtained for a period of six (6) months and may be renewed every six (6) months until completion of assignments.
- **Visit visas (B3)** are subject to the payment of visa and service fees upon each entry into the Lao PDR. B3 visas do not allow their holders to work or apply for multiple entries. Visa fee +service charge rates vary from region to region. In eurozone, the rate is 40 euros inclusively.

C. Visa and Identity Card Application Procedures:

- Diplomats, Consuls, Heads of International Agencies whose assignments in the Lao PDR need more than thirty (30) days to complete are required to apply for visas from the Embassies or General Consulates of the Lao PDR abroad in accordance with the procedures provided for in relevant bilateral agreements and international law. Upon their arrivals in the Lao PDR, the relevant foreign mission or agency shall apply for identity cards and multiple entry visas from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for them.
- Foreign experts of different categories and volunteers, together with their dependents, holding official or ordinary passports whose missions in the Lao PDR need more than thirty (30) days to complete are required to apply for visas from Embassies or General Consulates of the Lao PDR abroad. Upon their arrivals, the international organization or Lao governmental agency concerned shall apply for identity cards and multiple entry visas from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the Ministry of Public Security as the case may be.
- Diplomats, staff members of Consulates and International Agencies, foreign experts and volunteers entering the Lao PDR with visit visas (B3) will not benefit from diplomatic or consular privileges or other benefits provided for them according to their relevant visas. In order to change their visa status, they are required to leave the Lao PDR and apply for visas in relevant categories from Embassies or General Consulates of the Lao PDR in a foreign country before re-entering the country.
- Diplomats, staff members of Consulates and International Agencies, foreign experts and volunteers based abroad visiting Laos on short missions which need not more than thirty (30) days to complete, may obtain a thirty (30) day visa upon arrival at Wattay International Airport or at the Friendship Bridge checkpoint in Vientiane Capital City, as well as at the Luang Prabang International Airport checkpoint. Visas obtained in this procedure may be extended twice.
- Diplomatic missions, General Consulates, International Agencies and non-governmental organizations missions based in the Lao PDR cannot recruit foreign experts or volunteers who have completed their contracts with project(s) and are seeking further employments under other projects without due process in line with the procedures or regulations laid down by the Lao Government.

Notes:

- All applicants wishing to travel to the Lao PDR on the above mentioned purposes can obtain a visa in advance before their arrivals.
- For more information, please contact a [Lao Embassy](#) or Consular Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.