

## Student Visa : Frequently Asked Questions

**Q.1** Can foreign students study in India?

**A.** Yes, they can.

**Q.2** Can foreign students come on Tourist Visa to explore admission in some courses/institutes and get Student Visa while in India?

**A.** No. In order to enable the foreign students to explore various options to study in India, he/she can apply **for provisional Student Visa of 6 months duration** from Indian Mission abroad and once he/she gets the confirmed admission while in India, he/she can apply for a Student Visa to the local FRRO/FRO along with necessary documentary evidences of confirmed admission, financial standing etc.

**Q.3** Can foreign students get a Student Visa directly from Indian Missions abroad?

**A.** Yes, they can provided they have confirmed admission to a course in a reputed/recognized institute in India.

**Q.4** What is the duration of Student Visa?

**A.** Student Visa can be of 5 years or for the duration of the course whichever is earlier.

**Q.5** What are the formalities that foreign students should do on arrival?

**A.** Foreign students holding Student Visa of more than 180 days are required to register himself/herself with the local FRRO/FRO **within 14 days of arrival.**

**Q.6** Is there any restriction on the number of courses that a foreign student can pursue?

**A.** No. However, the overall band of the Student Visa regime cannot exceed more than 5 years.

**Q.7** Can a foreign student change the course or institute or both while in India?

**A.** Yes, but with the permission of the local FRRO/FRO and the Institute(s) concerned and subject to no adverse activity.

**Q.8** Is any approval/NOC required from any other Ministry or Department for technical courses?

**A.** So far as admission to diploma/degree/post-graduate degree in engineering and Technology, Architecture & Town Planning, Pharmacy, Applied Arts, MBA, MCA, Hotel Management & Catering Technology are concerned, there is no requirement of NOC from MHRD. However, with respect to courses in medical or para-military courses, NOC from M/o Health will be required.

**Q.9** Can Student Visa be extended on the ground of clearing supplementaries?

**A.** Yes, provided the concerned university/institute permits and suitable documentary evidences to this effect are submitted to the local FRRO/FRO.

**Q.10** What a foreign student should do for extension of his/her Student Visa?

**A.** He/she should approach the local FRRO/FRO with bonafide certificate, proof of adequate financial standing etc.

**Q.11** How may 'entries' are allowed to foreign students?

**A.** Normally one entry. However, on bonafide reasons, a foreign student can apply for additional entries at Visa Facilitation Centre, Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Jaisalmer House, 26, Mansingh Road, New Delhi – 110003.