

## Consulate General of India

### Atlanta

#### Outsourcing of Visa Services to VFS Global

In continuation of our Public Notice dated 3 November, 2020 ([https://www.indiainatlanta.gov.in/eoial\\_listview/MjIx](https://www.indiainatlanta.gov.in/eoial_listview/MjIx)) regarding the appointment of VFS Global as the new Outsourcing Service Provider for Visa, OCI, Renunciation, Passport, Global Entry Programme (GEP) and Police Clearance Certificate (PCC) services for the Embassy of India, Washington DC, it is informed that **with effect from 13 December, 2021 (12:01 AM Eastern Standard Time)**, VFS Global will start accepting visa applications. A service fee of US\$ 15.90 (inclusive of all taxes) per application will be charged, in addition to applicable Government of India fees for these services.

2. Applicants are advised not to send any applications by post to VFS Global before completing the online application. Applicants residing within the [CONSULAR JURISDICTION](#) of the Consulate General of India, Atlanta may contact VFS Global as per details given below:

#### **VFS Global India Consular Application Centre,**

5607, Glenridge Drive, Suite No.725,

Atlanta, GA-30342.

Website: <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/ind>

General Helpline: +1-800-320-9693

3. Pursuant to this:

- i. **The Consulate will stop accepting direct visa applications w.e.f. 13 December, 2021** and the applicant will need to submit the visa application to VFS, details of which are available at <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/usa/en/ind>

- ii. In view of ongoing Covid pandemic, while majority of visas have been restored, it has been decided that only a Single Entry Tourist Visa will be granted with validity for 120 days and a maximum stay permitted of 30 days within this 120 day period. In addition, Entry Visas are issued to US passport holders of Indian origin, subject to eligibility. The details of currently permitted categories are available at [PERMITTED CATEGORIES FOR TRAVEL TO INDIA](#)

4. Details of visa fees are available here: **(Click)**. In addition, the applicant will be required to pay US\$ 3.00 on account of Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF), apart from VFS service charges and for any value-added services such as courier, etc.

5. **Emergency Visa Service**: VFS will accept in-person applications, with prior appointment, on working days as well as on weekends/holidays, from US passport holders of Indian origin and their family members who are required to visit India due to genuine family emergency, such as critical illness or death of a family member. Documentary evidence will need to be provided and the applicant will be charged an emergency service fee. Applicant within the consular jurisdiction of Consulate General of India, Atlanta may contact VFS as per details given below:

**From Monday – Friday: Between 9 AM to 4 PM**

**Email: VFS\_VisaATL@vfsglobal.com**

**Weekends and Holidays Only: Between 9 AM to 4 PM**

**Tel: +1 470 884 2590**

6. **Diplomatic and official passport holders** may contact the Special Issuance Agency of the Department of State for procedure/guidance for their visas. Such applicants may send their visa applications directly to the Consulate. For any queries in this regard, please send an email to [cons.atlanta@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.atlanta@mea.gov.in)

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