



BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION
Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India
Immigration Visa Foreigners Registration and Tracking

TRAVEL AND VISA RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19

Vide MHA order No.25022/24/2020-F.V/F.I dated 01.06.2020.

The following categories of foreign nationals has been permitted to come to India:-

- (i) Foreign businessmen coming to India on a Business Visa [other than on B-3 Visa for sports] in non-scheduled commercial/chartered flights.
- (ii) Foreign Healthcare professionals, health researchers, engineers and technicians for technical work at Indian health sector facilities, including laboratories and factories. This is subject to a letter of invitation from a recognized and registered healthcare facility, registered pharmaceutical company or accredited University in India.
- (iii) Foreign Engineering, Managerial, Design or other Specialists travelling to India on behalf of foreign business entities located in India. This includes all manufacturing units, design units, software and IT units as well as financial sector companies (banking and non-banking financial sector firms).
- (iv) Foreign Technical specialists and engineers travelling for installation, repair and maintenance of foreign-origin machinery and equipment facilities in India, on the invitation of a registered Indian business entity. These could be for equipment installation, or is under warranty, or for after sales servicing or repair on commercial terms.

Foreign nationals covered in sub-paras (i) to (iv) above shall have to obtain a fresh Business visa or Employment visa, as applicable, from the Indian Missions/ Posts abroad. Foreign nationals holding a valid long term multiple entry Business visa [other than B-3 visa for sports] issued by the Indian Missions/Posts abroad shall have to get the Business visa re-validated from the Indian Mission/Post concerned. Such foreign nationals will not be permitted to travel to India on the strength of any electronic visa obtained earlier.

