

Kurdistan Regional Government visa and residency applicant's guide

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Initial Steps

Before preparing to apply for a Kurdistan Region visa, you should make sure whether you need to apply for a visa to enter the Region or not. The KRG currently grants visa upon arrival to nationals of 44 countries. You can see a list of these countries on our website by clicking on the link below;

<http://www.quickandsure.net/eligibility/>

You should also be aware that KRG does not grant visit and tourism visas to nationals of certain countries. If you suspect you might be a citizen of one such country or need more information about requirements specific to your country, you can always get in touch with us through info@quickandsure.net

Visa Types

Aside from above, national of all other countries need to apply for a visa to enter the Kurdistan Region. The KRG currently issues five types of visa which are;

- A. *Visitor visa*
- B. *Tourism visa*
- C. *Student visa*
- D. *Family Reunion visa*
- E. *Work visa*

Each of the above visa categories has its own specific requirements, all of which you should meet to be eligible for and granted the visa.

A. *Visitor visa*

A Visitor visa has a validity duration of 90 days. Obtainers can stay in the Kurdistan Region for 30 days and following this period a one-time thirty-day visa extension application can also be made. To obtain a Kurdistan Region Visitor visa the following documents are needed;

1. A high-resolution scanned copy of the applicant's valid passport. The passport must have at least 6 months remaining until its expiration date (which is calculated from the date of the application).
2. A white-backgrounded, color, high-resolution scanned photo of the applicant.



Upon receipt and confirmation of the above documents, we will start to proceed with submitting your Kurdistan Region Visitor visa application.

Normally, (provided that the submitted documents are not rejected by the authorities and that the applicant is not blacklisted or forbidden to enter the Region for any reason) it takes KRG 1 working day to make a decision on the visa application.

Once your visa is issued we will get in touch with you through the contact details that you will have provided to us with your other application information.

B. Tourism visa

A Kurdistan Region Tourism visa is valid for 90 days and allows a 30-day stay duration. This type of visa serves similar purposes as a Visitor visa with a couple of noteworthy differences.

First, unlike a Visitor visa, a Tourism visa does not qualify for a *change of status* application - which means that the holder of a Tourism visa cannot apply for a Kurdistan Region residency permit after he/she has arrived in the Region. Second, Kurdistan Region Tourism visas can only be sought from tourism companies and agencies, which operate in the Region. For these reasons, Quick and Sure does not process Tourism visa applications.

All other requirements for obtaining a Kurdistan Region Tourism visa remain the same as Visitor visa requirements elaborated above.

C. Student visa

This type of visa is valid for a period of 90 days and the grantee is given a 30-day stay duration to apply for and finalize his/her Kurdistan Region residency permit.

The KRG Study visa requirements are as follows;

1. A high-resolution scanned copy of the applicant's passport with no less than 6 months remaining until its expiration date
2. A high-resolution scanned copy of the applicant's photo
3. Accommodation address and other information in the Kurdistan Region
4. Detailed proof of financial sponsorship/support for the intended study program
5. Letter of offer from an educational institution in the Kurdistan Region. The institution must be formally endorsed by either the KRG Ministry of Education or Ministry of Higher Education
6. The program duration must not be less than one academic year

D. Family Reunion visa

KRG grants Family Reunion visas as a matter of humanitarian urgency to family members of foreigners residing in the Region who wish to reunite with their family. A second class of individuals who may need to apply for a Kurdistan Region Family Reunion visa are Iraqi citizens residing in the



Region, who have family members abroad carrying non-Iraqi passports.

In applying for a Kurdistan Region Family Reunion visa the following should be noted;

- A Family Reunion visa is valid for 90 days and it provides a staying window of 30 days to allow the newly arrived family members of the foreign resident to apply for their Kurdistan Region residency permits.
- The 6-month validity passport rule applies to the Family Reunion visa type as well.
- Under this visa category, KRG only recognizes parents, spouse, son and daughter as family members

In addition to above, to proceed, make sure that you have the following documents ready to be submitted with your application;

1. A legal Kurdish translation of the marriage contract or a similar document to prove the familial relationship between the foreign resident and the family members for whom the visas are needed.
2. A high-resolution, color, scanned copy of each of the family members' valid passports.
3. A title-deed or lease agreement to prove the availability of accommodation means in the Kurdistan region.
4. A scanned copy of the residency card of the foreign resident.
5. An employment confirmation of the foreign resident.
6. Confirmation of social security registration of the foreign resident.
7. A scanned copy of the family book of the Iraqi citizen who wishes to invite his/her spouse/ family members to the Kurdistan region (applicable only to Iraqi citizens residing in the Kurdistan region).

E. Work visa

To acquire a KRG Work visa you need to follow below steps in order;

1. obtain your work permit from the KRG Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
2. apply for a Work visa from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs,
3. after approving, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs will send your Work visa application electronically to the KRG Ministry of Interior for final approval and issuance of the visa.

You should note that documents required to submit with your Work visa application remain the same documents required to submit with a Visitor visa application.

You should also note that KRG considers exceptions to the above procedure depending on the skills and qualifications of the Work visa seeker and under certain circumstances, the Work visa application can be submitted directly to the Ministry of Interior bypassing the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, which in this case the application procession time is considerably reduced.



Additionally, Work visa applications of all workers employed by oil and gas companies operating in the Kurdistan Region can be submitted directly to the KRG Ministry of Interior and there is no need to secure a prior work permit approval from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.

The KRG Work visa is valid for a period of one year, during which time, the grantee should apply for and get his/her Kurdistan Region residency permit.

Quick and Sure handles all KRG Work visa applications. It should be borne in mind, however, that any visitor arriving in the Region on a Visitor visa can also apply for a residency permit.

How to get a Kurdistan region residency permit on a Visitor visa?

To get a Kurdistan Region residency permit on a Visitor visa, a *change of status* application is made to the authorities. The change of status application can be made for either a six-month or one-year residency permit application. The following documents need to accompany your application in either case;

1. your employment contract
2. confirmation of your social security registration
3. high-resolution, color copy of your valid passport
4. a copy of your Visitor E-visa
5. one 3*4 photo

Additionally;

- you must also take a medical examination and pass the tests for transmittable diseases, etc.
- obtain security clearance from KRG security authorities.

It should be noted that shareholders and business owners do not need to provide an employment contract and social security registration confirmation with their residency permit applications. Instead, a shareholding register or establishment documents of the company in which the applicant owns shares will sufficiently qualify as a valid substitute document to be submitted with his/her residency permit application.

Fees

The KRG charges different fees and rates for each visa and residency application type.

Quick and Sure processes all visa and residency application types described in this guide. Our professional fees are guaranteed to be the lowest than you will get quoted in the market. You can always get in touch with us through info@quickandsure.net, or alternatively, +9647509883333, tell us your KRG visa and residency needs and ask for a quotation.

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