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- **Professionals doing good volunteers are required to arrange and pay for their own visas.**
- Visa is mandatory to enter the country and it can be obtained at the Visa counter upon arrival at Cambodian 3 airports: Phnom Penh, Siem Reap and Sihanouk international airports, and at the borders.
- For some nationalities (Afghanistan, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Sudan) though, visa must be obtained prior to arrival through the closest overseas Cambodian embassy.
- There are some other countries which are not on any official list, but whose citizens are likely to be refused a Visa upon arrival. These countries tend to be either African or in the Middle East. We advise that it is best to enquire and apply for a visa to the closest Cambodian embassy of your country.
- If you are holding the passport of one of the ASEAN Countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) you are not required to get a Visa to enter Cambodia and you can stay between 14 and 30 days, depending on which country your passport is from.
- You will need at least 6 months validity remaining on your passport and the passport must have at least 1 or 2 blank pages left.

TYPES OF VISA UPON ARRIVAL

You can apply for two types of visa

Tourist Visa (T)

- It costs \$30
- is single entry. If you leave Cambodia you will need to gain another visa on re-entry.
- is valid for 1 month starting with the date of entry into Cambodia.
- It can be extended for 1 month while you are in Cambodia, but only 1 time. If you wish to stay longer than 2 months, you will need to leave the country and come back in on a new visa.

Ordinary Visa (E)

- It costs \$35
 - is single entry. If you leave Cambodia you will need to gain another visa on re-entry.
 - it is valid for 1 month starting with the date of entry into Cambodia.
 - It can be extended for additional 3-6-12 months while you are in Cambodia.
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- **Please discuss with your host organization and Professionals doing good what visa is the most suitable to your volunteer project**

TOURIST VISA ON ARRIVAL - PROCESS

You'll need...

- Passport valid for at least 6 months from the arrival date
- The Application form, provided at the airport or on the plane before you touch down
- Two free pages in your passport (visas takes up a whole page).
- Visa Fee cash payment: USD 30 (Visa Type T), in exact bills

Fill out the form given to you on your flight and provide the desk at the arrival gate with your form, passport, and payment in USD.

The staff will process your application and your passport will be returned to you with your visa stuck on a page inside.

You can then proceed through the immigration desks and to collect your bags.

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WARNING

When purchasing an Ordinary Visa (Type E) on arrival at airports or land crossings, please double check your visa has an "E" and a series of 8 numbers on the left hand side of the visa.

There has been circumstances where immigration officials will charge newcomers for a Ordinary Visa (Type E) but paste in a Tourist Visa (Type T) into the passport - pocketing the additional charge for themselves.

This is rare but does happen so please check BEFORE going through immigration.

If there is a problem, respectfully & calmly discuss the "mistake" with the immigration officials. There is usually a way to fix it, even if it means you paying an additional \$5.

Gaining the correct visa on entry will save you a lot of trouble, so make sure you are getting the right one !

VISA EXTENSION

- **Either Tourist and Ordinary visa can be extended while you are in Cambodia.**

TOURIST VISA EXTENSION

The Tourist Visa (T) can be extended for one month only, without you having to leave the country.

However if you have a tourist visa and wish to stay longer than 2 months, you will need to leave the country and come back in on a new visa.

ORDINARY VISA EXTENSION

The Ordinary Visa (E) can be extended for 3, 6 or 12 months.

3 months extension is single entry. With the 6 and 12 months extension allowing multiple entries into the country (go and come back on the same valid visa).

VISA EXTENSION COSTS AND TIMING

- You can renew Visas through a local travel agent in town. It may seem strange giving your passport to a travel agency but it is the only way, as your passport must be passed to the Department of Immigration in Phnom Penh to be processed.
- Processing time is typically 3 – 5 days and must be done before your visa expires.
- In proximity or during national holidays, travel agencies and Department of Immigration are closed and the extension process will take longer, possibly two or three weeks.

EXTENSION COSTS

- 1 month visa (TOURIST / ORDINARY) - not valid for re-entry once you exit Cambodia - \$45 - \$50
- 3 month visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - not valid for re-entry once you exit Cambodia - \$80
- 6 month visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - multiple entries - \$160
- 1 year visa (ORDINARY ONLY) - multiple entries - \$290

OVERSTAY

- If you remain in Cambodia beyond the date of your authorized stay, Cambodian immigration officials will impose a fine per day overstayed.
- The cost is \$10 per day, payable at Immigration on your way out of the country.