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ANNOUNCEMENT

The main changes to visa issuance services for foreign nationals residing in the Maldives, effective from 23rd November 2025, following the introduction of the e-visa service and the transition of all related services to an online platform, are outlined below.

Work Visa

1. Effective from 23rd November 2025, an electronic visa (e-visa) will be issued to all work permit holders.
2. For expatriates working in the Maldives with a work permit, even if they have a valid work visa on their passport, issued before 23rd November 2025, their visa will be automatically converted to an e-visa within the system starting from 23rd November 2025. The validity of this e-visa will be based on the validity of the expatriate's work permit.
3. Effective from 23rd November 2025, even if an expatriate working in the Maldives with a work permit has a previously issued, valid work visa on their passport, it will no longer be considered as a valid visa.
4. Effective from 23rd November 2025, the only document considered a "valid" work visa for expatriates working in the Maldives with a work permit will be the e-visa issued to them within the system.
5. Effective from 23rd November 2025, even if an expatriate working in the Maldives with a work permit has a valid work visa on their passport issued before 23rd November 2025, permission to enter the Maldives on a work visa will only be granted to those who hold a valid e-visa.
6. Effective from 23rd November 2025, even if an expatriate working in the Maldives with a work permit has a valid work visa on their passport issued before 23rd November 2025, permission to depart from the Maldives on a work visa will only be granted to those who hold a valid e-visa.
7. Foreigners arriving in the Maldives with a new work permit will be granted entry only if they hold a valid "Entry Pass" issued by the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology.



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8. It is the responsibility of the party registered in the xpat online system as the employer to apply for the work visa of the foreigner arriving in the Maldives on new work permit within 15 (fifteen) days from their date of entry to the Maldives.
9. Effective from 23rd November 2025, a foreigner arriving in the Maldives with a new work permit (entry pass), who is required to depart from the Maldives within 15 (fifteen) days of their arrival without completing the work visa process, shall be granted permission to depart, provided their work permit is still valid. Under such circumstances, departure without completing the work visa process will be permitted only once within the 15 (fifteen) days from the date of the foreigner's entry into the Maldives.
10. For foreigners working in the Maldives on a work permit, even if they hold a work visa on their passport that was issued before 23rd November 2025, it is the responsibility of the party registered in the xpat online system as the employer to ensure the validity of the foreigner's e-visa, once their visa automatically converts to an e-visa through the system, effective from 23rd November 2025.
11. Effective from 23rd November 2025, all work visa applications must be submitted via www.immigration.gov.mv

Other Visa's

1. Effective from 23rd November 2025, foreigners residing in the Maldives on other visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa) will be issued an electronic visa (e-visa).
2. Although an e-visa will be issued to foreigners residing in the Maldives on other visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa), any valid single/multiple entry visas issued to them before 23rd November 2025, will not be automatically converted to an e-visa within the system.
3. Although e-visas will be issued to foreigners residing in the Maldives on other visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa), effective from 23rd November 2025, if foreigner holds a valid single/multiple entry visa (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa), issued before this date, that visa will remain valid until its expiration.
4. Foreigners residing in the Maldives on visas other than a work visa (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa) who hold a valid single/multiple entry visa issued before 23rd November 2025, shall apply for an e-visa 30 (thirty) days prior to the expiration of their existing visa.
5. Foreigners residing in the Maldives on other visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa), holding a valid multiple-entry visa on their passport that was issued before 23rd November 2025, will be granted permission to enter the Maldives on that visa.





6. Foreigners residing in the Maldives on other visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa), holding a valid multiple-entry visa on their passport that was issued before 23rd November 2025, will be granted permission to depart from the Maldives on that visa.
7. Effective from 23rd November 2025 applications for all visas (excluding work visa, meeting visa & tourist visa) must be submitted via www.immigration.gov.mv

Also, arrangements have been made for the collection of passports that were submitted to Maldives Immigration before 23rd November 2025, for the purpose of visa processing for foreigners residing in the Maldives for various reasons, and have not yet been collected. These passports can be collected from Maldives Immigration, Visa Division (Star Cloud Building, 8th Floor) between 8:30am and 1:30pm from Sunday to Thursday.

Furthermore, starting from 23rd November 2025, the validity of e-visas can be verified through www.immigration.gov.mv/visa/status.

Additionally, information regarding e-visa services will be published on various platforms. Those who wish to obtain further information about e-visa services are requested to contact Maldives Immigration by calling 1434, 9199157, or 9919153, or by emailing info@immigration.gov.mv.

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