

EGYPT ENTRY VISA INFORMATION

To enter Egypt, U.S citizens must acquire a visa. The types of visas available are tourist visa, student visa, work visa/permits and business visa. Key points/information on the different visas are highlighted below. Information is not comprehensive, and individuals must conduct their own research.



Tourist Visa

U.S. citizens can obtain a renewable single-entry 30-day tourist visa on arrival at Egyptian airports for a US\$25 fee. A multiple entry visa is also obtainable for US\$60. For each must have a passport valid for at least the next six months.

- Single entry visa only works for one entry into the country, so if individual exits the country and return, a new visa will be issued and will reset the 30-day count
- If entering from Sharm El Sheikh Airport, persons can get a no-fee, 14-day visa that is only valid for travel within the Sinai Peninsula.
- Alternately, you can apply at an Egyptian consulate in home country for visa prior to visit at a fee of US\$15 (single and multiple entries). Apply 4-6 weeks before needed.

Student Visa

Non-Egyptian students must first obtain a tourist visa to enter the country. Within 7 days of entering the country you must register with information at a local police station. The institution of study should provide a visa application form. Take completed application form along with valid passport and a passport-sized photo to the Ministry of the Interior to complete application. Application fee will be between 50 EGP and 100 EGP (approximately \$3 -\$6)

Work Visas/Work Permit

- Foreigners can apply for work permits once inside the country; however, the process can be lengthy
- Upon approval the work permit is valid for one full year and is renewable
- For these permits, Egypt is known for moving quite slowly on the government's end, so the employer's help in this process is necessary
- After a work permit is acquired, the foreign national's visa is converted into a work visa
- Foreign nationals must get security clearance from National Security in Egypt before they can begin the process of applying for a work permit
- Must provide proof of health, which involves undergoing an HIV test
- Documentation for the work permit is more thorough. In addition to the usual valid passport and application individual will need 7 passport photos, both the originals and copies of certificate (college degree, etc.) that qualifies individual for the position, a

reason that a foreigner should have the job rather than a qualified Egyptian, a representative from the prospective employer to sponsor individual, approval from Egypt's State Security office proving that individual is not a threat to the nation, and approval from the ministry relevant to employment field.

- Application fee of 1,000 EGP must be paid to complete the application (approximately US\$56.28)
- See also <https://www.visahunter.com/visa/jordan/how-to-get-a-work-permit-for-jordan/>

Temporary Residence Visa

After obtaining a tourist visa, then, if planning to stay in Egypt for an extended period of time, renew this initial entry visa as a 6-month temporary residence visa (for touristic purposes).

Process for temporary residence permit is fairly straightforward.

- First, obtain tourist/entry visa then apply at the local police station or visa office with an application in both English and Arabic with a valid passport (which should be current up to six months) and a passport photo.
- You will need to provide the address of where you live and an Egyptian phone number.
- Cost for visa is around 1750 EGP (approx. \$100 USD) paid in Egyptian Pounds (cash)
- Return to the office to pick up your resident visa if approved, in two weeks from the application date.
- Qualifications can change so check with local Embassy of Egypt to be sure before heading out.

Visa Renewal

Renew visa as necessary. The renewal process is the same as the initial application process, apart from needing to reapply for a tourist visa, as the residency visa falls into the same category. **Make sure to go to the office 2 to 3 weeks prior to your residency visa's expiration date, to avoid paying any fines.**

After the second renewal (making total stay 1-year) you must exit and re-enter the country to begin the process all over again.

- Recent updates reportedly allow another standard 3-month renewal before needing to exit the country and return, but this requires an official interview by government officials.
- View steps on [renewing visa here](#).

Other Useful Links

Embassy/Government

<http://egypt.embassy-online.net/Egypt-Consulate-General-New-York.php>

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Egypt.html>

Visas

<https://www.egyptembassy.org/content/pdf/visafees.pdf>

<https://www.escapeartist.com/egypt/live/residency-options-egypt/>

<https://www.justlanded.com/english/Egypt/Egypt-Guide/Visas-Permits/Visas-for-Egypt>

For a list of Frequently Asked Questions regarding Exodus transitions visit:
<https://hisvineofwisdom.org/faqs>.