



Immigration Practice

Population and Immigration Authority guidelines regarding visas for foreigners in Israel in light of the Coronavirus outbreak

In light of the outbreak of the Coronavirus in Israel, and the significant restrictions imposed on foreign nationals entering Israel, the Population and Immigration Authority has recently issued a series of guidelines regarding visas for foreigners and foreign workers in Israel. For your convenience, we have summarized the relevant instructions below.

Preventing the entry of tourists and foreigners - except for citizens who will prove that the "center of their lives" is in Israel:

Israel prevents foreign nationals, from all countries of the world, from entering its borders, including citizens holding visas of all kinds. Only a foreign resident who will prove that his life center is in Israel will be allowed to enter the country. The application for entry will be submitted to the Israel consulate abroad, with appropriate references. Spouses and children of Israeli citizens can also enter the country.

Automatic extension of visas of foreigners staying in Israel

Any foreign national who holds a permit of one of the following types, and which his visa expires these days, his visa will be automatically renewed by June 30, 2020, without the need to reach the Population and Immigration Authority Bureau:

- A5 visa (temporary resident)
- B1 visa (work visa without restrictions - not including building, experts and nursing)
- A1 visa (people eligible to make Aliyah according to the Law of Return)
- A2 visa (Student)
- A3 visa (clergyman)
- A4 Visa (visa for accompanying A2 and A3 visas)
- B4 visa (volunteer)

Extending visas for people holding a visa under section 2(a)(5) (infiltrators and asylum seekers):

Any infiltrator who holds a residence permit that expires these days, the visa will be extended automatically for two months from the day of expiry.

Experts and foreign workers in the building and agriculture industry:

Employees who hold a B/1 visa in these branches, whose visa ends between March 3rd, 2020 and May 10th, 2020, their visa will automatically be renewed for a period of two months from the end of the original visa. In addition, the permit granted to these employees' employers will also be automatically extended for two months without the need to file an application and pay a fee.

We would be happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

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