

**Ministerial Resolution No 25 / 1976 issued by the Minister of Interior
Regarding Entry Visa to Bahrain**

The Minister of the Interior

Having reviewed the Aliens Immigration and Residence Act - 1965 and based on the approval of Council of Ministers,

Decides :-

Article 1

A non-Bahraini person may not enter the State of Bahrain, unless he holds a valid passport and an entry visa from one of the Embassies of the State abroad.

Article 2

A non-Bahraini, who is intending to work in Bahrain, may not be granted entry visa unless a no objection certificate has been issued from the Immigration and Passports Department. Certificate of no objection shall be issued only upon obtaining a work permit from the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, or under the sponsorship of the contracting government body.

An Entry visa may not be issued to a non-Bahraini for visiting purposes, if it was proved from his documents or the circumstances that the applicant, intends to work in Bahrain.

Article 3

In exception of the provisions of article 1 of this Resolution, the Passport officers at the International Airport, of Bahrain may issue an entry visa for 72 hours to a non-Bahraini who does not hold such visa in advance.

The issue of such visa shall be subject to the following conditions :-

1. Valid passport and return ticket for travel outside Bahrain.
2. Applicant shall not be prevented from entering Bahrain in accordance resolutions issued in this condition.
3. Purpose for of entry into the Sate shall not work.

This visa shall be granted to the following categories:

- 1- Tourists
- 2- Businessmen
- 3- Merchants known for their commercial activities
- 4- Transit travelers
- 5- Wife and children of a person working in Bahrain
- 6- Persons to whom orders to grant such visas are issued by the Immigration and Passports Department, case by case.

Article 4

Passports officers may stipulate, if deemed necessary, and before the issuance of such visa, the signature of a Bahraini sponsor.

Article 5

Period of stay in Bahrain may be extended for a non-Bahraini, if he has obtained a visit visa or an visa for 72 yours, if the Immigration and Passports Department considers the circumstances, involved after checking each case single, on light of the application submitted to the said department and after the payment of the fees due.

In other cases, a non-Bahraini must leave the country by the end of the period of stay in accordance with the visa granted to him.

Article 6

Entry visas are subject to the rules applicable at present as regards payment of fees or exemption therefrom.

Article 7

All ministries, government departments, institutions, public authorities, travel agencies, touring offices, hotels and other institutions, whose work is linked with aliens, shall be informed of this resolution to circulate and adhere to it.

Article 8

The Assistant Deputy Minister for Immigration and Passports Department Affairs shall implement this resolution which shall be published in the Official Gazette and put into effect as of date of its publication.

The Minister of the Interior

Issued on 3rd August, 1976

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Ministerial Decree
No 39 for 1986
Issued by the Minister of the Interior

**Amending Certain Articles of Resolution No 25 for 1976 Concerning Entry Visas
to Bahrain**

The Minister of the Interior:

Having reviewed the Aliens Immigration and Residence Act for 1965,
And the Ministerial Resolution No 25 for 1976 concerning entry visas to Bahrain and
the approval of the Council of Ministers.

Decides:

Article (1):

Texts of articles 3, 4, 5 of the Ministerial Resolution No 25 for 1976 concerning entry
visas to Bahrain shall be replaced by the following texts:

“(Article 3) In exception of the provisions of article 1 of this Decree, passports
officers at the International Airport, of Bahrain may issue an entry visa to a non –
Bahraini who does not hold ticket visa, for 72 hours or 7 days.

Issuance of this visa shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. Valid passport and a return visa to a country outside Bahrain.
2. Applicant has not been prevented from entering Bahrain in accordance with
concerned regulations or orders.
3. Purpose of entry to the Sate shall not be for work.

Entry visa for 72 hours is granted for the following categories:

- 1- Tourists
- 2- Businessmen
- 3- Merchants known for their trade activities
4. Transit travelers.
- 5- Wife and children of a person working in Bahrain
6. Persons for whom orders to grant such visa are issued from General Directorate of the Immigration and Passports, case by case.

Entry visa for 7 days is granted for the following categories:

1. Businessmen
2. Merchants known with their trade activities.
3. Businessmen coming to convene meetings in the country and members of conferences and exhibitions.
4. Tourist groups which are coming according to earlier preparations with Tourism Department in the Ministry of Information or with agencies working in the field of tourism in the country.
5. Labors working with families from Gulf Cooperative Council countries and have residence license in these countries, who are accompanying these families, after paying the due fees.

“(Article 4) Passports officers at Bahrain International Airport may ask, if deem necessary, before issuance of visas mentioned in the earlier article, signature from a Bahraini sponsor.

“(Article 5) Period of stay in Bahrain may be extended for non – Bahraini if he has obtained a visit entry visa or entry visa for 72 hours or 7 days if the Directorate of the Immigration and Passports considers the requiring circumstances after checking cases individually on light of the application presented to the said department and payment of due fees.

In other cases, non – Bahraini must leave the country on the end of the permitted period for stay in accordance with the visa which he has received.

And in all cases the alien shall be obliged to pay due fees for his stay in the country after the expiry of the visa period which is granted to him and these fees should be paid to the Directorate of the Immigration and passports or at one of its offices in Bahrain International Airport.

Article (2):

The Adjutant Deputy Minister for Immigration and Passports Affairs shall implement this resolution and to be published in the official gazette and enters into force as of 1/10/1986.

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Ministerial Resolution
No 50 for 1990
Issued by the Minister of Interior

Amending Ministerial Resolution No 25 for
1976 concerning entry visas to Bahrain

The Minister of the Interior:

Having reviewed the Aliens Immigration and Residence Act for 1965, and its amendments

The Ministerial Resolution No 25 for 1976 concerning entry visa to Bahrain and its amendments.

The Ministerial Resolution No 46 for 1986 concerning points specified for entry into the State of Bahrain and exit therefrom,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers.

Decides:

Article (1):

The Texts of Articles 3, 4, 5 of the Ministerial Resolution No 25 for 1976, amended by Ministerial Resolution No 39 for 1986 concerning entry visa to Bahrain shall be replaced by the following two texts:

“(Article 3) In exception of the provisions of article 1 of this Decree, passports officers in the identified places specified for entry of the State of Bahrain, may issue entry visa for non – Bahraini that does not hold visa before, for 72 hours or 7 days in accordance with the following:

Firstly: This visa is granted to whom applies for, from the following categories:

- 1- Tourists
- 2- Businessmen
- 3- Merchants known for their trade activities
- 4- Businessmen coming to convene meetings in the country and members of conferences and exhibitions
- 5- Transit travelers.
- 6- Wife and children of a person working in Bahrain
- 7- Labors working with families from any of the Gulf Cooperative Council countries, who are accompanying these families and have residence licenses in a country which is member of the Council.
- 8- Persons who are residents in one of the member countries of the Gulf Cooperative Council and who have valid residence license of more than six months at the time of applying for visa and who have stayed actually in these countries for a similar period.
- 9- Members of international and regional delegations which have been accredited in one of the countries of the Gulf Cooperative Council and who have official residence licenses, issued through Ministries of Foreign Affairs in the countries of the Gulf Cooperative Council. This article is applicable to the administrative employees in the embassies and institutions except local employees and workers in these embassies.
- 10- Persons for whom orders to grant such visa are issued from General Directorate of the Immigration and Passports, case by case.

Embassies of the State of Bahrain in the countries of the Gulf Cooperative Council may grant entry visas for persons mentioned in articles 7, 8 and 9.

Secondly: Issuance of these visas is subject to the following:

- a. Applicant of visa should have valid passport.
- b. He should have a return ticket to a country outside Bahrain in case of arrival via airport.
- c. His entry to Bahrain shall not endanger the security or public discipline or national interests.
- d. His intention for entering Bahrain should not be for work.

“(Article (4) Passports officers, before issuance of visas, may ask if deem necessary, for a Bahraini sponsor.

Administrators of first class hotels may sponsor tourist groups which are coming in groups but not individuals.

Article (2):

The Adjutant Deputy Minister for Immigration and Passports Affairs shall implement this resolution and to be published in the official gazette and enters into force as of 1st of June 1990.

Minister of Interior