

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Notice on Suspension of ‘Visa Stamp’

Visa Stamp for South Korean visa applicants will be converted into PDF file format. Only the issuance format of visa stamp will be changed and the entire visa application process, screening standards, minimum requirements remain the same. This policy first applies to the Korean Missions in 24 European countries from 24 February 2020 and will be expanded to all the Korean Missions worldwide from 1 July 2020.

Until 21 February 2020	
‘Visa Stamp’ was issued in a sticker format and affixed on one of empty VISAS pages of an applicant’s passport.	
Effective from 24 February 2020	Effective from 1 July 2020
‘Visa Grant Notice’ will be issued in a PDF file format from the website – www.visa.go.kr All applicants need to print their ‘Visa Grant Notice’ either in color or black & white version and need to submit a printed copy when passing through airport immigration in South Korea.	
Starting from the 24 Korean Missions in Europe: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom	Applies to all the Korean Missions worldwide.

Temporary Automatic ARC extension

Due to a sharp increase of Coronavirus outbreak in South Korea, the Ministry of Justice has announced an automatic ARC extension policy in order to minimize face-to-face works.

For ARC holders whose current ARC expiry date is in between 22 February 2020 and 29 April 2020 (both dates inclusive), their ARC expiry date has been automatically extended to 30 April 2020. This policy is applied to all visa holders except E-9 and E-10 visa holders.

ARC holders who fall under this automatic extension policy do not need to visit their district immigration offices to apply for ARC extension as it has been automatically done already by the Ministry of Justice.

Entry ban to Korean passport holders or Those who have visited Korea within the last two weeks

This is another update related to the rapid increase of Coronavirus infections in South Korea. As of 24 February 2020, 20:00 KST, a total of 15 countries have applied entry ban or separate quarantine process for foreigners who traveled South Korea within the last 2 weeks:

Bahrain, Brunei, Ethiopia, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Macau, Oman, Qatar, Samoa, American Samoa, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Kingdom

As the situation is very fluid, the above country list can be changed at any time. Please ensure to check each country's immigration policy before schedule any business trip for Korean nationals or other nationals who have visited South Korea within the last two weeks.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our team:



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