

NOTICE

MANDATORY BIOMETRIC ENROLLMENT FOR INDIA VISA APPLICANTS

All visa applicants who wish to visit India are required to undergo biometrics enrollment in the facilities available at VFS Global Centres, South Africa, w.e.f. 17 July 2017.

Biometric enrollment, comprising fingerprints and facial image scan will be taken along with visa applications at respective jurisdiction of VFS Global Visa Application centres in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, viz, VFS Global, 2nd Floor, Harrow Court 1, Isle of Houghton Office Park Boundary Rd, Parktown, Johannesburg, 2198; VFS Global, Office 401, 4th Floor, 91-123 Cowey Office Park (Problem Mkhize Road), Essenwood, Durban, 4001; VFS Global, 1st Floor, 47 Strand Street, Cape Town, 8001.

VFS Global Durban Centre will cover KwaZulu Natal, Eastern Cape and Free State Provinces; VFS Global Johannesburg Centre will cover Gauteng, Limpopo and Mpumlanga Provinces and VFS Global Cape Town Centre will cover Western Cape, Northern Cape and North-West Provinces.

However, applicants availing Electronic Tourist Visa will be required to enroll biometrics with the Immigration authorities at select Indian airports upon landing.

Process to enroll biometrics

- Once the application form is filled-up and submitted online, applicants can schedule an appointment with VFS India Visa Application Centre for enrolling biometrics and submit applications.
- Applicants can visit the centre at the allotted time and undergo biometrics enrolling and submit application.
- Once biometrics enrollment is done, applicant will be exempted for 59 months from this process.
- The High Commission of India/Consulate General of India, however, reserves the right to demand repeat enrollment on case-to-case basis whenever required by them.