## Discover Oman's New Visa Rules

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## <u>01</u>

#### INTRODUCTION

Oman, known for its culture, history, and growing job market, has updated its visa regulations. Understanding these new rules is essential for hasslefree travel. This article explains and compares the latest visa changes.

#### Key Changes in Oman's Visa Rules

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#### Overview of New Visa Rules in Oman

Oman has different visas for tourists, workers, and other travelers. Recent changes to the visa policy are important to know before you apply. The government often updates these rules.

#### Here are the key changes:

- Reduced Minimum Salary
   Requirement for Family Visas
- Visa-Free Entry for GCC
   Citizens and Residents
- Consultations on Schengen Visa Waiver
- New Visa-Free Policy for Citizens from Over 100 Countries



## <u>02</u>

#### **FAMILY VISA REQUIREMENTS**

Expatriates in Oman can bring their families by getting a family visa. The eligibility rules have changed. The Royal Oman Police now requires a minimum salary of OMR 150 per month, down from OMR 350. This change helps more expatriates reunite with their families, improving their well-being and boosting the local economy.

#### For more details, visit:

The Royal Oman Police website.



## <u>03</u>

#### VISA-FREE ENTRY FOR GCC TRAVELERS

Residents of GCC countries can now enter Oman visa-free. This rule applies to residents from all commercial professions who hold a residence visa with at least three months' validity. Previously, GCC travelers had to depart from their country of residence to enjoy visa-free entry to Oman. Now, they can travel directly from any location.

#### For more information visit:

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Oman.



#### UPDATES ON OMAN WORK VISA

Oman's growing economy draws many foreign professionals and investors. To work in Oman, expatriates must meet certain criteria:

- ▶ They must be between 21 and 60 years old.
- Have an employment contract.
- Have their employer apply for their employment visa.

The process includes getting a labor license from the Ministry of Manpower and applying to the Royal Oman Police for a residence card.

For detailed information, visit:

The Ministry of Manpower website.



#### **SCHENGEN VISA WAIVER EFFORTS**

Oman is working towards visa-free travel to the EU for its citizens. The government is in talks with the European External Action Service to secure a Schengen visa waiver. If successful, Omani passport holders can travel to the Schengen Area without a visa for up to 90 days within six months for tourism or business.

For updates, visit:

The European External Action Service.



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### VISA-FREE TRAVEL FOR OVER 100 COUNTRIES

Oman has recently abolished visa requirements for citizens of 103 countries, allowing short-term stays of up to 14 days without a visa. This decision aims to boost tourism and make Oman more accessible to international travelers.

## Countries eligible for visa-free travel include:

#### 1. European Union:

Hungary, Malta, Portugal, Italy, Romania, Spain, and more (except Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia)

#### 2. Other European Countries:

Ukraine, UK, Monaco, Norway

#### 3. South American Countries:

Colombia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Argentina, Brazil, and others

#### 4. Asian Countries:

Japan, Thailand, China, South Korea, Taiwan, and others

#### 5. North American Countries:

Canada, United States, and others

#### For the complete list, visit:

The Royal Oman Police website.



# O7 EVISA APPLICATION PROCESS

Oman advises travelers who aren't eligible for visa-free entry or who want to stay longer to apply for an eVisa. Launched in 2018, the eVisa system makes the application process easier. Travelers can apply online for single-entry or multi-entry tourist visas, depending on their nationality.

For more information and to apply, visit the Oman eVisa website. Staying informed about the new visa rules ensures a hassle-free trip to Oman. Always check official government websites for the latest information and guidelines.





