Visa Regulations

1. Except for citizens of Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions (SAR) of China, Rwanda, Rumania and all Commonwealth countries other than Great Britain, India, Canada, Nigeria, Pakistan, Australia, New Zealand, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, all foreigners entering the Republic of Tanzania need to obtain a visa.

2. The following documents have to be submitted for each visa applicant:
   a. one application form (PDF fillable form)
   b. one most recent original passport photo (Biometric) size 3.5 x 4.5cm. Scanned or copies of photos are not acceptable
   c. passport (not a copy) valid for at least 6 months after entering the country
   d. confirmed return flight
   e. visa fees according to regulations - see number 3 below
   f. Applications by mail should be sent by registered mail and include a sufficiently stamped, self-addressed secure envelope (Luftpolsertasche) also by registered mail.
      (Please note that international reply coupons are no longer accepted for applications sent by international mail. Postage can be sent together with visa fees.)

3. Visa fees are as follows:
   - Ordinary Visa 50.00 €
   - Express Visa 70.00 €

   NB:
   i. These fees are for all visitors wishing to enter the United Republic of Tanzania, except for visitors from the countries mentioned under number 1 above.
   ii. Due to demand, an optional express visa is available at an extra fee of 20.00 EUR (administrative costs) above the normal fee; normally processed within a full working day.
   iii. Fees may be paid by non-negotiable cheque or money order or cash. An additional bank-processing fee of 16.00 EUR applies to foreign cheques. Stamps cannot be accepted as payment.
   iv. Fees may also be paid through post bank to our address in Berlin.

4. Ordinary visas are valid for 3 months from the date of issue and for a single entry only.

5. Visa applications cannot be processed until all the documents mentioned above have been submitted. Visitors should submit their applications not more than one month before the intended travel date. Applications will be processed as soon as possible.

   If the issued visa expires before being used, you are required to apply for a new one by fulfilling all previous conditions without exception. MOREOVER, ONCE A VISA IS ISSUED, THE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.
Business Visa

A letter from an established company will be required to introduce the applicant, the nature of the trip and the business contact in Tanzania.

Student /Voluntary Visa

Students/Voluntary entry visa requirements are similar to above type of visas. However a letter of invitation from the contact Institution in Tanzania should be attached to the application. For those whose stay exceed more than three months needs to apply for a Resident/Work Permits.

Applications for Resident Permits should be submitted to the Director of Immigration in Tanzania while the applicant is outside the country. More information on types of permits and application procedures for missionaries, students, researchers, volunteers, expatriates, investors, envoys, artists, journalists etc. is available from the immigration guide provided by the Government of Tanzania.

Referred Visa

The referred visa is one that requires special clearance or permission from the Director of Immigration Services in Dar es Salaam or the Principal Immigration Officer in Zanzibar. This type of visa is required for nationals of Lebanon, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Morocco, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Chad, Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan Republic, and Uzbekistan.

Others that need referral visa are all refugees, stateless people, alien passport holders and other nationalities as may be specified from time to time by the authorities.

Decision to grant entry visa to Tanzania to Nationals of above countries is made at the Immigration Headquarters in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. However the application is forwarded by the Tanzania Embassy in Berlin. Applicants are required to fill in visa application form and attach one passport photo, photocopies of the first five pages of passport, invitation letters or introductory letters where applicable. The applicant is required to clearly state reason for entry to Tanzania, show his/her contacts in Tanzania. It therefore takes two months or more for such applications to be processed.

When the decision is made in Dar es Salaam, the Embassy will inform the applicant. If the decision is positive, the applicant is supposed to submit his/her original passport to the Embassy for stamping the visa permit.

Address:

All necessary application documents should be submitted to the following addresses:

The Embassy of the United Republic of Tanzania (Visa section),
Eschenallee 11
14050 Berlin (Charlottenburg, Westend)
Germany
Tel.: +49 (0)30-3030800
Fax: +49 (0)30-30308020
E-mail: info@tanzania-gov.de
Web: www.tanzania-gov.de

Office hours: (Mon. - Fri.) 9:00 - 16:30
Visa hours: (Mon. - Fri.) 10:00 - 13:00

Vaccine recommendations:

Although certification for immunization against yellow fever is mandatory for East Africa and bordering areas, travellers to Tanzania do not need to have proof of immunization. However, immunization against this deadly disease is recommended for all visitors entering Tanzania after having travelled in countries where yellow fever is a health risk (e.g. Central African and South American countries). Health wise it is always safe to have vaccinations especially when travelling abroad/overseas.

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