

India e-Visa Extension & Overstay Rules — What's Actually Possible

An e-Visa isn't designed to be extended. What FRRO actually handles, and what overstaying risks.

THE SHORT VERSION

- e-Visas are generally not extendable in the ordinary course — the stay limit attached to your visit is fixed, not something you can top up
- Extensions, where they're possible at all, are handled by the FRRO (Foreigners Regional Registration Office), not the e-Visa portal — and are not automatic
- Genuine emergencies, such as a medical situation or a flight disruption, are the kind of circumstance FRRO has discretion to consider — a routine "I'd like to stay longer" request is not guaranteed any relief

Extension policy, any applicable fees, and what counts as a qualifying emergency are set by FRRO and can change, including temporary relief measures introduced for specific situations. Go directly to the official e-FRRO portal or your nearest FRRO office — don't rely on a fee or timeline quoted by a travel blog.

IF YOU THINK YOU NEED AN EXTENSION

- Apply well before your current stay limit expires — don't wait until the last day
- Go through the official e-FRRO process directly, not a third-party "visa extension service"
- Be ready to document your reason — medical records, an airline disruption notice, or similar evidence

WHAT OVERSTAYING ACTUALLY RISKS

- Penalties and consequences for overstaying are determined by Indian immigration authorities and can include fines
- Extended or repeated overstays can lead to more serious consequences, including restrictions on future entry
- If you've already overstayed, contact your nearest FRRO directly rather than waiting until your departure day

THE BETTER PLAN

- Choose the e-Visa validity type and stay duration that actually matches your itinerary up front, rather than assuming you can extend later
- Build a buffer into your return date instead of planning right up to the last allowed day

