

# India e-Visa Processing Time: What to Expect

Most applications clear in a few working days — here's what affects the timeline and how much buffer to build in.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Many applications are processed within a handful of working days when the form and documents are clean
- Processing time isn't fixed — it varies by nationality, visa type, season, and application accuracy
- Business and medical e-Visa categories can take longer than the standard e-Tourist Visa
- The government doesn't publish a guaranteed turnaround time — treat any "guaranteed in X hours" claim from a third-party site as a red flag, not a government commitment

Apply with meaningful buffer before your flight rather than the bare minimum the portal technically allows — processing windows are typical ranges, not promises.

## WHAT SLOWS AN APPLICATION DOWN

- Name, date of birth, or passport number that doesn't exactly match the passport
- A blurry, cropped, or non-compliant photo or passport scan
- Peak travel season, when application volume is higher
- Errors that trigger manual review instead of automated processing

## WHILE YOU WAIT

- Don't book non-refundable flights until you have an approved e-Visa in hand
- Check your email, including spam, for the approval notice
- If your travel date is close and you haven't heard back, the official portal — not a third-party agent — is the right place to check status

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