

Visible Identification Marks: What to Enter

Visible Identification Marks is a mandatory field on the Applicant Details page of the India e-Visa form. The form will not let you continue without it, and there are no instructions on what to write if you have none.

What the field is asking for

The field appears between Religion and Educational Qualification on the Applicant Details page. It asks for permanent physical features that could identify you: scars, moles, birthmarks, tattoos. The entry appears on your granted e-Visa.

Leave it blank and the form returns "**Visible mark is required**" in red. You cannot continue.

If you have no marks

Enter any of the following — the form accepts them equally:

- NONE
- NA
- NIL
- NO VISIBLE MARKS

There is no difference in how the application is treated. Pick one and move on. Do not type a space to bypass the validation.

If you do have a mark

Use the format **feature + location**:

- MOLE ON LEFT CHEEK
- SCAR ON RIGHT FOREARM
- BIRTHMARK ON BACK OF NECK
- TATTOO ON LEFT SHOULDER

- ✓ **One mark is enough.** Don't list everything.
- ✓ **Use the most visible one** — face, neck, hands, or forearms is most useful.
- ✓ **Specify left or right.** "Arm" alone is vague.
- ✓ **Plain English only.** "Scar," not "cicatrix."

Tattoos

Declare a tattoo if it's visible in normal circumstances — hands, forearms, neck, or face. Tattoos under clothing don't need declaring. India does not restrict entry on the basis of tattoos.

Does it need to match anything?

This field isn't cross-checked against a document. But it appears on your e-Visa, and immigration officers can compare it against you at the port of entry. Don't invent a mark you don't have. Use your current situation if a mark has since been removed.

Common mistakes

Leaving it blank. The red "Visible mark is required" message is easy to miss when scrolling quickly through the form.

- ✓ **Writing a paragraph.** One phrase is correct.
- ✓ **Listing every mole you have.** Unnecessary.
- ✓ **Overthinking** vs . They are identical.

Quick reference

Your situation	What to enter
No distinguishing marks	NONE or NA — both fine
One scar	SCAR ON RIGHT FOREARM
Prominent mole	MOLE ON LEFT CHEEK
Visible tattoo	TATTOO ON LEFT WRIST
Birthmark	BIRTHMARK ON BACK OF NECK
Several marks	Pick the single most visible one

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