Conference Visa

A Conference visa is granted to a foreigner whose sole objective of visiting India to attend an international conference / seminar or workshop being held in India. For Business meetings, to discuss business matters of a particular company/ organization and Board meetings, a foreigner may obtain either a Business Visa or e-Business Visa. Conference Visa shall not be issued for events which involve politically and/ or socially sensitive subjects.

Conference visa will be granted to delegates on production of an invitation letter from the organizer(s), a copy of Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) clearance for holding the conference and a copy of the communication from the Ministry of External Affairs conveying political clearance.

Prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding conference/seminar will be required if the event has participants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons; and if participants of conferences /seminars/workshops who are required to visit 'Restricted' or 'Protected' areas in India.

*Applicants of Pakistani origin are requested to see this link before applying for an Indian visa.

Documents Checklist for paper Conference Visa

- Duly filled up and printed copy of the Online Application Form (click here).
- Valid Canadian/Foreign passport* (Original and Copy)
- Proof of Address (Original and Copy)
- Photograph (link)
- Copy of Invitation Letter from the organizer of Conference / event in India
- Letter from organization in Canada sponsoring the applicant
- Fee (For Canadian nationals link) (For non-Canadian nationals link)

Note:

- 1. For details about the above, please see the <u>Information Booklet</u>. Please go through all the details mentioned in the Checklist, Information Booklet and application form carefully before submitting the application.
- 2. In case required, additional documents can be asked by the Consulate.
- 3. While submitting the application, please keep the documents with the application form as per the above serial order.

Please refer the FAQs page for queries regarding the application process.