

# New passport charges for Indian expats

Embassy revises charges for expats in Bahrain starting today

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain has officially announced a revised fee structure for passport and passport-related services for its citizens residing in Bahrain, effective July 1, 2026. This decision follows a global notification by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India, resulting in an updated fee schedule across Indian missions globally.

While individual Indian missions abroad configure exact local-currency pricing based on consular exchange rates, the baseline global fee adjustments introduced by the MEA have increased passport fees significantly. According to the updated fee schedule for normal passport services in Bahrain, a 36-page fresh passport for children aged 0-8 years is set at BD 30,800. For applicants aged 0-15 years requiring a 36-page fresh or reissued passport, the rate is BD 34,100. For adults aged 18 and above, a standard 36-page fresh or reissued passport with a 10-year va-



lidity will cost BD 47,100 whereas a 60-page jumbo booklet for the same age group is priced at BD 65,600. In cases of lost, damaged, or stolen passports, the fee is adjusted to BD 93,300 for a 36-page booklet and BD 111,800 for a 60-page booklet.

Passports issued to adults will continue to carry a validity of up to ten years, while those issued to minors will remain valid for five years or until the applicant turns 18, whichever comes first.

For urgent requirements, the updated Tatkaal service fees have also gone into effect. A 36-page passport under Tatkaal for minors up to 18 years is BD 80,400. For adults 18 and above, Tatkaal reissue fees are BD 93,300 for a 36-page booklet and BD 111,800 for a 60-page booklet. Miscellaneous consular services have also been updated, with Police Clearance Certificates (PCC), Surrender Certificates, NRI Certificates, Duplicate Birth Certificates, and

## Revised Indian Passport Fees in Bahrain

- Children (0-8 years, 36-page passport) : BD 30,800
- Children (0-15 years, 36-page passport - fresh/reissue) : BD 34,100
- Adults (18+ years, 36-page passport, 10-year validity) : BD 47,100
- Adults (18+ years, 60-page jumbo passport) : BD 65,600
- Lost/Damaged/Stolen (36-page passport) : BD 93,300
- Lost/Damaged/Stolen (60-page passport) : BD 111,800

Fees updated under MEA global revision and adjusted for local consular exchange rates. Applies to Indian passport services in Bahrain effective from today.

miscellaneous passport services now costing BD 9,800. Emergency Certificates are set at BD 6,400, Birth Registration at BD 8,000, NRI Certificate / Duplicate Birth Certificate at BD 9,800 and Marriage Registration at BD 18,800.

The Embassy noted that these listed fees are inclusive of the Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) contribution of BD 0.800. In addition to the Government of India fees, applicants are required to pay an ICAC service

charge of 180 fils (BD 0.180) along with any applicable bank charges. Detailed information regarding the full schedule of services can be accessed on the official embassy portal at <https://eoibahrain.gov.in/passport-misc-consular-service.php>. Expatriates are advised that fees once paid are non-refundable, and they are encouraged to review the updated costs before submitting their applications at the designated centers.

## Jordan reaffirms solidarity with Bahrain



Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani received a phone call from Ayman Safadi, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

During the call, Safadi expressed Jordan's solidarity with Bahrain and strongly condemned recent Iranian attacks that targeted civilian facilities and installations. He reaffirmed Jordan's support for all measures Bahrain is taking to safeguard its security, stability, and the safety of its citizens and residents.

## New push for logistics and trade links



Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa meets MSC Air Cargo CEO Jan de Vlieger and UK Special Adviser Varun Chandra along with UK Export Finance CEO Tim Reid in Manama

Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa held two high-level meetings focused on strengthening Bahrain's role as a regional hub for logistics, transport, and investment. The discussions highlighted opportunities to expand strategic partnerships and support the Kingdom's infrastructure and economic development goals.

During a meeting with Jan de Vlieger, Chief Executive Officer of MSC Air Cargo, the Minister

discussed ways to enhance cooperation in air cargo operations, ports, and logistics services. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah reaffirmed Bahrain's commitment to developing an advanced transport sector supported by modern infrastructure, innovation, and an attractive investment environment.

The meeting also reviewed Bahrain's competitive advantages, investment opportunities, and incentives available for cargo operators.

In a separate meeting, Dr. Shaikh Abdullah met Varun Chandra, Special

Adviser to the UK Prime Minister on Business and Investment, and Tim Reid, Chief Executive of UK Export Finance, where they discussed enhancing Bahrain-UK cooperation in transport, telecommunications, logistics, and investment.

The talks focused on infrastructure development, financing solutions, and expanding partnerships that support strategic projects and reinforce Bahrain's position as a regional centre for business and connectivity.

## National Alert System project earns top innovation honour

The Ministry of Interior won the Public Safety Innovation Award for its National Alert System project at the Bahrain Smart Cities 2026 Conference.

Lieutenant General Adel bin Khalifa Al Fadhel, Deputy Minister of Interior, received the award. He highlighted the ministry's commitment to advancing civil protection and public safety through proactive risk management and early warning systems. He noted that the



National Alert System enhances emergency communication by delivering real-time alerts to citizens and residents via smart

devices, which improves response speed and coordination across government and civil sectors.

## Arab Women Diplomats celebration in Cairo

Fawzia Zainal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Egypt and Permanent Representative to the League of Arab States, participated in a ceremony held at the Arab League headquarters marking the International Day of Arab Women Diplomats. The event was organised by the League's General Secretariat in cooperation with the Arab Council for Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development.



During the celebration, Ambassador Zainal received the 2026 Arab Woman Award for Social Responsibility in recognition of her distinguished diplomatic and parliamentary career. She was honoured for her historic roles, including being the first elected female Speaker of a parliament in the Arab world and Bahrain's first female Ambassador to Egypt, as well as her contributions to promoting women's leadership in the region.

## GCC-EU Review Strait Of Hormuz Risks

Talks in Brussels focused on Iran-related tensions, maritime stability, and strengthening strategic coordination

The European Union High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Kaja Kallas, received the ambassadors of the Gulf Cooperation Council member states to the European Union in Brussels.

The meeting was chaired on the GCC side by Dr. Mohammed Ali Behzad, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Belgium and Head of Bahrain's Mission to the EU, representing the current GCC presidency.

Discussions focused on recent regional security developments, including the Iranian attacks against Bahrain and other GCC member states. The talks also addressed growing concerns over developments in the Strait of Hormuz and their impact on freedom of navigation and broader international maritime security.

Both sides emphasized the importance of strengthening GCC-EU coordination on diplomatic and security matters, with the aim of supporting regional stability and advancing shared strategic interests.

The two delegations also re-



EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas meets GCC ambassadors in Brussels, with Bahrain's Dr. Mohammed Ali Behzad chairing for the bloc's current presidency.

viewed the overall progress of GCC-EU relations, upcoming joint engagements, and wider regional and international issues of mutual concern as part of ongoing political consultation and coordination mechanisms.

High Representative Kaja Kallas reaffirmed the European Union's solidarity with Bahrain and other GCC states, condemning the recent attacks attributed to Iran.

In a separate engagement, the Ambassador of Bahrain to Belgium, Dr. Mohammed Ali Behzad, met with the President of the Wallonia Region of Belgium, Adrien Dolimont, at the regional government headquarters.

The meeting reviewed the growing bilateral relations between Bahrain and Belgium,



Bahrain Ambassador Meets Belgian Wallonia Region Leader

highlighting expanding cooperation in political, economic, commercial, and investment sectors.

Both sides discussed opportunities to further develop partnerships and encourage mutual investments that benefit both countries and their peoples, while also exploring new avenues for collaboration in key development areas.

## Bahrain and Botswana establish diplomatic relations



The Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of Botswana officially established diplomatic relations after signing a Joint Communiqué at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, marking a new step toward strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two countries.