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Syria

Syrian Arab Republic

Reciprocity Schedule

Select a visa category below to find the visa issuance fee, number of entries, and validity period for visas issued to applicants from this country*/area of authority.

Explanation of Terms

Visa Classification: The type of nonimmigrant visa you are applying for.

Fee: The reciprocity fee, also known as the visa issuance fee, you must pay. This fee is in addition to the nonimmigrant visa application fee (MRV fee).

Number of Entries: The number of times you may seek entry into the United States with that visa. "M" means multiple times. If there is a number, such as "One", you may apply for entry one time with that visa.

Validity Period: This generally means the visa is valid, or can be used, from the date it is issued until the date it expires, for travel with that visa. If your Validity Period is 60 months, your visa will be valid for 60 months from the date it is issued.

Visa Classifications



A

B

C

D

E

F

G

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I

J

K

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M

N

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P

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R

S

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V

**Visa
Classification**

Fee

**Number
of Applications**

**Validity
Period**

A-1

None

One

6 Months

A-2

None

One

6 Months

A-3 [1](#)

None

One

6 Months

ALL **+**/**-**

Country Specific Footnotes



Visa Category Footnotes



ALL +/—

General Documents



The Civil Affairs offices in Syria maintain records of birth, marriage, divorce and death for most Syrians. When a marriage contract or a divorce decision is issued by the religious authority, it must be registered with Civil Affairs to be recognized as legal. Once the birth of a child is registered, the Civil Affairs office issues a civil birth certificate and an individual civil record. The Civil Affairs office may also issue a family extract record, which lists the names of current and prior spouses as well as family members. Civil documents in Syria are now available to different offices and localities through a central database.

As of July 2011, Syrian citizens can register new civil events (birth, marriage, divorce, and death) and obtain civil documents from any Civil Affairs office in Syria without going back to the original secretariat of their civil records. This new service became possible after the completion of the Electronic Gate project, which made Syria one Civil Secretariat.

Civil documents are reasonably reliable for events occurring after 1924 but are usually unavailable for earlier dates. Church records are generally the only source of information for documents pertaining to events prior to 1924. Care should be taken, however, to ensure that information on documents has not been officially changed by court order. Certified extracts from the Civil Affairs offices are readily available upon request. A fee is charged for this service.

Birth, Death, Burial Certificates



Birth Certificates

Available

Fees: 20 SYP

Document Name: Birth Record

Issuing Government Authority: The Civil Affairs - Ministry of Interior

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Usually round red with eagle emblem - Arabic writing "The Ministry of Interior-The General Directorate of Civil Affairs" on top of the eagle - "The Civil Affairs Directorate in the City of (Name of the city)" below

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: The Civil Registrar

Registration Criteria: Usually after checking the Civil Registration book if done in the same office, or contacting the office of origin through a computer request.

Procedure for Obtaining: 1- In Person. 2- A family member. 3- A lawyer

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are available

Alternate Documents: 1- Identity card. 2- Family card. 3- Individual Civil Extract

Exceptions: None

Comments: The seal added to the document will be of an issuing authority other than Civil Affairs if issued under another government department, e.g. the Ministry of Municipalities. This service became available in Syria in 2011 to facilitate document issuing procedures.

Death Certificates

Available

Fees: There are no fees

Document Name: Death Statement

Issuing Government Authority: The Civil Affairs - Ministry of Interior.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Usually, round red with eagle emblem - Arabic writing "The Ministry of Interior-The General Directorate of Civil Affairs" on top of the eagle - "The Civil Affairs Directorate in the City of (Name of the city)" below.

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: The Civil Registrar

Registration Criteria: Usually after checking the Civil Registration book if done in the same office, or contacting the office of origin through a computer request.

Procedure for Obtaining: 1- A family member 2- A lawyer

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are available

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments: The seal added to the document will be of an issuing authority other than the Civil Affairs if issued under another government department, e.g. the Ministry of Municipalities. This service has become available in Syria in 2011 to facilitate document issuing procedures.

Marriage, Divorce Certificates



Marriage Certificates

Available

Fees: 20 SYP

Document Name: Marriage Record

Issuing Government Authority: The Civil Affairs - Ministry of Interior.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Usually round red with eagle emblem - Arabic writing "The Ministry of Interior-The General Directorate of Civil Affairs" on top of the eagle - "The Civil Affairs Directorate in the City of (Name of the city)" below

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: The Civil Registrar

Registration Criteria: Usually after checking the Civil Registration book if done in the same office, or contacting the office of origin through a computer request.

Procedure for Obtaining: 1- In Person 2- A family member 3- A lawyer

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are available

Alternate Documents: Family Extract

Exceptions: None

Comments: The seal added to the document will be of an issuing authority other than Civil Affairs if issued under another government department, e.g. the Ministry of Municipalities. This service has become available in Syria in 2011 to facilitate document issuing procedures.

Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Syria follow their own laws in regard to marriage and divorce. For example, a Muslim Court is presided over by a Muslim Judge, and a Christian Court is presided over by the Bishop or Metropolitan (a bishop who is head of an ecclesiastical province) of that church.

In the case of a foreigner who wants to marry a Syrian citizen in a Syrian Religious Court and register the marriage in the Civil

Affairs, the foreign spouse must provide a proof of their religion and file for a security clearance with the Syrian Intelligence, which normally takes up to six months, but could take longer in times of civil conflict. In Syria, Muslim men can marry Christians or Jews (Muslim men cannot marry outside of the three Abrahamic religions), but Muslim women cannot marry outside their religion.

Marriage in Syria has to be religious. The only civil marriages in Syrian Civil Courts are for foreigners who are not Muslims, Christians or Jews.

According to Syrian law, marriage and divorce documents shall be submitted by the Religious Courts to the Secretary of the Civil Register where the event has taken place within 15 days if the event has taken place within the jurisdiction of the Secretariat of the Civil Register, and 30 days if the event has occurred outside the jurisdiction (Article 22/amended by legislative Decree 102 of 1969). Under Syrian law, a marriage or divorce is not recognized until it is registered with the Civil Registry. Therefore, marriage contracts and divorce court orders should not be accepted as proof of marriage or divorce by the U.S. government for immigration purposes since they must be filed with the Civil Registry to be recognized by the Syrian government. As for marriage and divorce rulings, the legal period begins on the date when these rulings become final.

Same-sex marriage is not recognized in Syria.

Divorce Certificates

Available

Fees: 20 SYP

Document Name: Statement of Divorce

Issuing Authority: The Civil Affairs - Ministry of Interior

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Usually round red with eagle emblem - Arabic writing "The Ministry of Interior-The General Directorate of Civil Affairs" on top of the eagle - "The Civil Affairs Directorate in the City of (Name of the city)" below.

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: The Civil Registrar

Registration Criteria: Usually after checking the Civil Registration book if done in the same office, or contacting the office of origin through a computer request.

Procedure for Obtaining: 1- In Person 2- A family member 3- A lawyer

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are available

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments: The seal added to the document will be of an issuing authority other than Civil Affairs if issued under another government department, e.g. the Ministry of Municipalities. This service has become available in Syria in 2011 to facilitate document issuing procedures.

Adoption Certificates



Unavailable: The Syrian Catholic Church obtained authority to issue adoption court orders according to decree number 31, issued on June 18, 2006. This decree was later cancelled by decree 76, issued in 2010. Syrian law does not allow adoption. However, the Islamic court may grant custody of an orphan to a guardian. There is no available documents regarding Adoption and you can always get custody from the court so this should be under court documents below.

Identity Card



National ID Cards

Available: After the age of 14

Fees: 1000 SYP

Document Name: Personal Card

Issuing Government Authority: The Civil Affairs - Ministry of Interior.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: No seal. Plastic ID

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: The Civil Registrar

Registration Criteria: Checking the Civil Affairs database.

Procedure for Obtaining: In person

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are not available

Alternate Documents: Individual Civil Extract with a photo registered with the local mayor.

Exceptions: None

Comments: None

Police, Court, Prison Records



Police/Prison Records

Available: Available to Syrian citizens residing in Syria, but may be unavailable to citizens living outside the country.

Fees: 55 SYP

Document Name: Non convicted certificate

Issuing Authority: Ministry of Interior

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format:

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: Criminal Security Administration

Registration Criteria: There is no registration criteria

Procedure for Obtaining: 1-In Person, 2- Family member

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are not available

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments: Police records (Non Convicted) will be issued for the requesting person in case of availability of one of the following documents:

- The personal identity card with a copy.
- For those, whom their identity cards have not been issued, it would be granted according to a civil extract record with proof of application for identity card.
- In case of lost identity card, it would be granted according to a civil extract record with a copy of the lost report.

Court Records

Available

Fees: Variable in a form of stamps.

Document Name: Court Order

Issuing Authority: Syrian Court - Ministry of Justice.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Usually, for Muslim Religious Court, round black with eagle emblem - Arabic writing "Ministry of Justice" and name of the court. Or round blue for Christian courts. Generally, the form of the seal is different from court to court.

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: Judge or Bishop.

Registration Criteria: Checking the courts records and civil record.

Procedure for Obtaining: 1- In Person 2- A person with a Power of Attorney 3- A lawyer

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are available

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments: There are different types of courts in Syria: Civil Courts, Criminal Courts, Economic Courts, Military Courts, and Religious Courts.

Military Records



Available

Syrian males over the age of 18 must present themselves for the mandatory military service, and when they do, they receive Military Cards. Syrian males keep this document after their discharge from the service and present it again when they are called up for reserve. This document records the dates, all events and duties of the bearer from the first day in military service until the time of discharge from duty. If this document is lost or unavailable, military statements can be obtained from the Mobilization Department.

Military service is mandatory for all Syrian males. However, the mandatory military service requirement can be waived for different reasons. (e.g. if the candidate has a permanent disability, which prevents him from performing his duty, if he is the only male child of his parent(s), if he has a brother who died on duty, or if he is a resident in another country and paid the military exemption fee. Additionally, the requirement can be postponed if the candidate is a student.

Fees: Free

Document Name: Flag Service Card

Issuing Authority: Ministry of Defense.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: Oval or round.

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: Branch Officer

Registration Criteria: Checking the Civil Affairs database and Ministry of Defense database.

Procedure for Obtaining: In person

Certified Copies Available: Certified copies are not available

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments: There are other types of military extracts or statements that provide specific piece of information concerning

military service. These documents are usually handwritten, or computer typed on normal paper.

Passports & Other Travel Documents



Types Available: There are four different types of Syrian passports:

- Service (green), (NOT ACCEPTED)
- Diplomatic (red),
- Special (light brown), and
- Regular (dark blue).

Other Documents Available:

- Travel documents for Palestinian Refugees in Syria.
- Transportation Letter in case the passport is lost or stolen abroad.
- **Fees:** Regular: 4000 SYP Expedited: 15000 SYP

Document Name: Passport

Issuing Government Authority: Department of Immigration and Passport - Ministry of Interior.

Special Seal(s) / Color / Format: The Syrian Government issues a photo-digitized machine-readable passport with security features. The current passport is 5 inches by 3.5 inches. The color of the passport is dark blue and has a golden eagle seal in the middle. The Syrian passport displays the following key features:

- The passport is 48 pages and is in ICAO format (smaller than the previous one).
- It is machine readable.
- The photograph is photo-digitized and printed on the bio-page.
- A small OVD eagle is printed onto the bio-page.
- Father's and mother's names are added to the bio-page.
- The biographic page is covered by a thin plastic laminate.
- The perforations on the bio-pages are covered by laminate as well.
- The signature is also printed at the back of the bio-page.
- The passport is laser perforated.
- There is micro-text printing on the regular pages underlining the word visas, and in a straight line down each page " Syrian Arab Republic" in English and French
- The background of the regular pages show historical or modern sites printed in blue.

- There is intaglio printing on the inside of the front and back pages of the passport.

Issuing Authority Personnel Title: Director of Department of Immigration and passports

Registration Criteria: Checking the Civil Affairs database.

Procedure for Obtaining: In person

Alternate Documents: There are no alternate documents

Exceptions: None

Comments:

- **Palestinian Refugees in Syria:** Syria issues travel documents for Palestinian refugees in Syria. Palestinians living in Syria have the same duties and responsibilities as Syrian citizens other than nationality and political rights. In 1960, Decree no. 28 granted Palestinian Travel Documents to Palestinians living in Syria. In 1963, Law no. 1311 required Palestinians living in Syria to register with GAPAR (The General Administration for Palestinian Arab Refugees) and hold Syrian provisional identity cards. The Palestinian Travel Document is valid for six years, like Syrian passports, and enables its holder to return to Syria without a visa. Travel Documents can also be reissued by any Syrian representative office outside Syria. In 1999, a new law was passed allowing Palestinian refugees in Syria to travel to and from Lebanon using their identity cards.
 - Palestinian refugees are granted freedom of movement in all parts of Syria.
 - The Syrian Government has taken strict measures to control the entry of Palestinian refugees with Egyptian, Jordanian and Iraqi Travel Documents as a precaution against any possibility of their resettlement in Syria.
- **Other Comments:** The Department does not accept Syrian service passports for visa purposes. The requirements stated in INA 101(a)(30) are no longer being met, and Syrian service passports do not comply with the definition of a passport. This action is in keeping with U.S. Government efforts to tighten restrictions on the movement of terrorists; in this case those using third country passports. However, this will not affect the issuance of visas to holders of passports in the other three categories. Applicants should be informed that the

United States Government is no longer accepting service passports for visas, but should the applicant wish to present any of the other three types of Syrian passports, the application will be considered. Visas will not be placed in the green service passports. Syrians who present these passports should be refused under INA 221(g). Form DS-232 may not be used to issue visas to Syrians who present service passports.

Other Records



Not applicable.

Visa Issuing Posts



Post Title: Damascus, Syria (Embassy)--Services currently suspended.

Street Address:

2, Al-Mansour Street
Abu Roumaneh

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 29
Damascus, Syria

Tel: (963) (11) 3391-4444

Fax: (963) (11) 331-9678

E-mail: acsdamascus@state.gov

Visa Services:

Amman, Jordan (Embassy)
P.O. Box 354

Comments / Additional Information:

Tel: 962 (6) 592-0101

Fax: 962 (6) 592-4102

Visa Services



Note: The U.S. Embassy workweek is Sunday through Thursday.

Additional Information for Reciprocity

Although care has been taken to ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the information provided, please contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you plan to apply if you believe this information is in error or if you have further questions.

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