



WCPOS IV

4th World Congress of Paediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

1-3 December 2017

See You in Hyderabad!



General Visa Information

When to apply

It is advisable to apply for a visa well in advance, but not earlier than 3 months before the date of the conference. If approved, a single entry Conference Visa will be issued. Please note that the validity of a visa begins on the day it is issued. A Conference Visa is normally valid for three months after it is issued, but the minimum duration is at the discretion of the Embassy.

List of Indian diplomatic missions

The list of Indian diplomatic missions overseas can be consulted at:

http://goidirectory.gov.in/country_wise_view.php?ct=1001

<http://passportindia.gov.in/AppOnlineProject/mission/mission>

Many Indian embassies and consulates have outsourced their visa processing services to VFS Global (<http://www.vfsglobal.com>)

In the USA, services are outsourced to BLS International (<http://www.visa.blsindia-usa.com/visa.php>)

Types of Visas

An entry visa is essential for all international participants visiting India. There are several types of visas available; individuals travelling specifically for the 4th WCPOS will need to apply for a Conference Visa. Accompanying Persons are not entitled to attend the conference sessions and should apply for a Tourist Visa, for which the processing time is much less.

Document Checklist

Conference Visas are issued by the relevant Indian Embassy if the visa application is accompanied by the documents listed in the document checklist downloadable from the following website : <http://www.vfsglobal.com/India/UK/Conference.html>

Some embassies may have additional requirements, we request you to check with your respective embassies.

Documents provided by the Conference Organizers : In the document checklist, the following documents are provided by the Conference organizers

- An invitation letter to the conference*
- Copies of permissions from three Indian Government Agencies for the staging of a particular conference

*Letters of invitation can only be issued to delegates attending the Scientific Congress; not accompanying persons including spouses or others.

These documents are not required by those applying for a Tourist Visa, i.e. those not entitled to attend the scientific sessions of the conference.

The responsibility of getting a visa lies with the applicant, and neither WSPOS India nor the Conference Organiser can influence the embassy to grant a visa.

Other Documents Required for Conference Visa

It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain and enclose the following with their visa application.

- Valid Passport
- Online Visa Application Form
- Copy of letter from Applicant's Institution
- Photographs

Passport

Foreign visitors entering India must possess a passport valid for at least 6 months after their date of entry into India. There must be at least two blank pages in the passport.

Nationals of Bhutan and Nepal, do not need a passport or visa if they are entering India directly from their country. They need to only carry official identification papers.

Online Visa Form

Indian Embassies, Consulates and High Commissions, now require visa applications to be made online. This can be done from the Indian Government website: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/>

Photographs

You will need to provide two 50mm x 50mm photos. Please ensure they present the full head from top of hair to bottom of chin, with both ears showing. The neck and width of shoulders should also show. Background should be white.

Copy of Letter from your Institution

This is a simple letter from the Institution / Employer you are associated with on their letterhead with their address. It should mention your name and their relationship with you, and should mention that they understand you intend to visit India for the 4th WCPOS, & plan to be in India from the 1st – 3rd of December, 2017 (Please make sure they write the correct duration of your stay & include any additional days in case you plan to arrive earlier & / stay on for a few days after the conference)

Citizens of Afghanistan, China, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, Persons of Pakistani-origin currently holding citizenship of any country and Stateless persons please note :

Delegates from the above mentioned countries are requested to apply for a Conference Visa more than 60 days before the start of the Congress. The Congress organisers are required to send the passport details of these participants to the Ministry of Home Affairs for scrutiny. This scrutiny usually takes 45 - 55 days.

We request you to send us the bellow mentioned details once you have applied for a visa to enable us to do the same.

Name	Father's / Husband's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality	Passport Number	Date of Issue	Place of Issue	Date of Expiry	Online Visa Application Number	Address in country of Residence

Participants from these countries are requested to purchase only refundable air tickets, in view of the time taken by Ministry of Home Affairs for scrutiny.

Pakistani citizens are requested to clarify the latest port-of-entry restrictions with the local Indian Embassy / Consulate before booking their air tickets. Ports-of-Entry for Pakistani citizens at present are Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai.

Integrated Conference and Event Management (ICE) - Our Events Management Team & Conference Organizer (India), will be sending the WCPOS IV invitation letter to all our registered Delegates as an email soon.

Please feel free to email Mr. Manish Palle; ICE - Manager, Operations (manish.palle@iceindia.in) should the need arise.