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**Press Release**

Subject: Grant of 5-year and 1-year multi-entry Business Visa to visit India

Frequent visitors from Kuwait to India are strongly advised to avail 5-year or 1-year, multiple entry Business visa facilities to India.

2. Visas granted by Embassy have been increasing due to streamlining of visa procedures, with immediate grant of 5-year and 1-year business visas (multiple entry) and 6- month tourist visas (multiple entry) to Kuwaiti nationals (as well as foreign nationals resident in Kuwait). All visas are granted within 72 hours. Visa fee structure is as below:

**Visa fees for Kuwaiti nationals**

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| Sl. No. |  Visa Type | Validity Period | Number of entries | Visa Fee(in KD) |
| 01 | Tourist  | 6- month | Multiple | 13 |
| 02. | Business  | 1-year | Multiple | 38 |
| 03. | Business | 5-year | Multiple | 63 |
| 04. | Transit | 15-days | Single/double | 7 |
| 05. | Student  | 1-year | Triple  | 24 |
| 06. | Medical Visa | 1-year | Multiple | 38 |
| 07. | Medical Visa | 6-months | Multiple | 25 |
| 08. | Employment  | 1-year | Multiple | 38 |

[Exclusive of service charge of KD 3.250 by CKGS and KD 1 towards ICWF by Embassy]

3. As the visa work of Embassy has been outsourced to M/s CKGS, Kuwait since August 2014, applicants are advised to visit Passport and Visa Centres of CKGS at (a) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, 17 Floor, Behbahani Building, Sharq, Kuwait : Tel. No. 22440392 (e- mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com )or ; (b) Indian Visa and Passport Application Centre, Complex Kais Alghanim, 4 Floor, Mecca Street, in front of Annod Complex, Fahaheel, Kuwait: Tel. No. 22909229 (e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). (c) Jleeb Al Showaikh (Abbasiya) 2nd Floor,Jleeb Al Shuyoukh Block 1,Street 1, Xcite building, Kuwait Tel. No. 24342428) ( e-mail: indiavisa.kuwait@ckgs.com). The website of CKGS, Kuwait is <http://www.kw.ckgs.in/>

4. The Indian Passport & Visa Service Provider, M/s Cox & Kings Services (CKGS), Kuwait has been providing visa services to Kuwaiti nationals and expatriates through their three centers – Sharq (City), Fahaheel and Abbasiya (Jleeb Al-Showaikh) as well as passport services to Indian community. The above centre functions from 8 AM – 12 noon and, thereafter, from 4 PM - 8PM on all working days. However, on closed holidays on Fridays and Saturday, the working hours are from 4 PM-8PM only. Attestation services are provided at Embassy premises only.

5. In emergency cases, Embassy will accept visa applications at its Visa Wing from applicants seeking urgent service. Embassy’s Visa Officer may be contacted at Tel. No. 22550600 Extn. 279 and for passport related queries applicants may call First Secretary (Consular) at Mobile No. 97229948.

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