Foreign Government Official (A-2)

ACTIVITIES ALLOWED	Official Business/Mission
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS	You are eligible to apply for an A-2 Foreign Government Official visa if you are
	A civil/public servant employed by a foreign government or an international organization in a non-diplomatic capacity travelling on an official mission. For example, you are
	1) An attaché of the diplomatic corps of a foreign government accredited by the government of the Republic of Korea.
	2) An attaché of the consulate general of a foreign government accredited by the government of the Republic of Korea.
	3) An employee of an international organization whose headquarter is located in the Republic of Korea
	4) An international organization employee or a foreign government employee stationed at your Korean branch office for an official mission with the government of the Republic of Korea (Eligible applicants for 1) to 3) are NOT included.)
	5) Sent by a foreign government or an international organization for an official mission with the government of the Republic of Korea (Eligible applicants for 1) to 4) are NOT included.)
	6) An attendee of meetings hosted by international organizations
	An immediate family member of the people listed above
	- Family members of the above 1) through 6) forming the same household
MAXIMUM LENGTH OF	You are allowed to stay in the ROK until your official duty is over.
STAY	Tou are anowed to stay in the ROK until your official duty is over.
VISAS ISSUED	1. Following visa types are issued at the discretion of the Chief of Mission.
AT THE DISCRETION OF	A single-entry visa or multiple-entry visa will be issued to an eligible applicant for an A-1 Diplomat visa.
THE CHIEF OF MISSION	A single-entry visa will be issued to an eligible applicant for an A-2 Foreign Government Official visa.
○ CONTENTS	An A-1 or A-2 single-entry visa valid for 30 days or less will be issued to a foreign government attaché or an international organization attaché (including his/her immediate family members and attendants)
	A long-term stay visa, which is valid for 91 days or more, may be issued to employees of the UN or UN-affiliated organizations and agencies (including their immediate family members) <u>IF</u> they choose to be stationed in the Republic of Korea.
	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS
	① Visa Application Form (form no. 17), Passport, One Standard-Size Photograph, Fee

- ② A document demonstrating your current employment status and overseas assignment, or an official letter written by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of your country or the head of your organization requesting cooperation (the letter shall indicate that you are on official mission)
- ** Please note that we will check whether or not you have a valid ID (i.e. official passport) in order to verify your identity. An ordinary passport is accepted only if you are an attaché, or employee (or immediate family member) of a foreign government or an international organization.
- ** The Chief of Mission may request additional documents in order to examine the purpose of your stay, genuineness of the invitation, and qualifications of inviter and invitee.

2. A-2 Foreign Government Official Visa Issuance Standard for Employees and Conference Participants of International Organizations of Which the Republic of Korea is a Member

A. Eligible Applicants

- You are eligible to apply if you are NOT eligible to apply for an A-1 Diplomat visa while currently carrying out an official mission of an international organization, or if you are a family member of such person.*
- * Refers to those who live with an international organization employee and satisfy any of the conditions below (Management Regulations and I.D. Issuance of Foreign Diplomats, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 2013.3.23)

[Range of Eligible Accompanying Family Members for A-2 status]

- 1. Spouse in a legally-recognized marriage (Nevertheless, if the spouse has violated Korean laws before or is considered a someone against social order or good traditions of Korea, the spouse status may not be recognized in Korea.)
- 2. Underage child in accordance with Article 4 of the Korean Civil Act, who is unmarried and living with his/her parents
- 3. Unmarried child living with his/her parents at age 26 or under, who wants to enroll in a post-secondary education course at a university-level academic institution (or higher), or who wants to conduct research at such an institution.
- 4. Parents of the primary visa applicant or his/her spouse who is coming to Korea at age 60 or older, on a condition that he/she will not engage in any activities that may produce financial gains or profits.
- 5. Disabled child living with his/her parents, who is financially incapable of maintaining livelihoods without parental helps even though he/she is considered an unmarried adult in accordance with the Korean Civil Act.

B. Visa Issuance Details

If an international organization employee encloses his/her dispatch order or proof of employment when applying for a multiple entry visa to be stationed in the Republic of Korea, he/she will receive the multiple entry visa valid for 3 years.

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- Accompanied family members of the international organization employee indicated above will receive the same type of multiple entry visa* valid for 3 years**
- * However, in principle, A-1 visas for family members are only issued to those that satisfy qualifications prescribed in a respective international agreement.
- ** Even if the family members are nationals of countries different from their primary visa applicant or are regular passport holders, a visa will be issued if they submit an official letter of cooperation from the respective international organization.
- A person who lives with an international organization employee but is not part of his/her family will receive a single entry F-1-3 Cohabitee of Foreign Government Official visa which allows him/her to stay for 1 year or less.
- * Refers to those who are not included in the definitions of 'Accompanied Family Members' as set froth in Article 2(2) of the "Management Regulations and I.D. Issuance of Foreign Diplomats..."
- A multiple entry C-3 Short-Term General visa valid for one year will be issued to an unaccompanied family member. The visa permits 90 days of stay or less.
- If you are coming to Korea temporarily, for example to participate in a meeting or to carry out an official mission rather than being stationed in Korea for work, you will receive a single entry visa valid for 3 months.*
- * However, a multiple entry visa may be issued on a reciprocal basis to a diplomat and an official of a country which issues a multiple entry visa to Korean diplomats and officials.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE VISA ISSUANCE CONFIRMATION

- 1. A confirmation of visa issuance will be issued to employees and conference participants of international organizations whose headquarters are located in the Republic of Korea.
 - (To issue a Confirmation of Visa Issuance) A confirmation of a visa issuance may be issued at a jurisdictional immigration office for the convenience of employees or those who have relevant works of international organizations secretariats located in the Republic of Korea
- (Eligible Applicants) You are eligible to apply if you are one of those whom the international organizations want to invite regardless of your stay status, such as those who want to visit Korea temporarily as international organizations' employees, household helpers, adult children and others.

REMARKS

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- In order to qualify for the A-2 visa, (1) you must possess an official passport and (2) the purpose of your trip to the Republic of Korea shall be concerned with official businesses/duties.
- The criteria for the A-1 visa issuance shall apply when issuing an A-1 visa.