

Procedure on a Working/ Holiday program in Israel

1. Background:

- The government of Israel ratified the agreement of Working/Holiday program between foreign governments with whom it signed this agreement with the cooperation of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. So far we signed this sort of an agreement with New Zealand, Australia, Korea, Germany and the Czech Republic. We are in the process of negotiating with a several other countries.
- The program is designed to provide extensive/wide opportunities for young people from Israel and from foreign countries to learn and appreciate the culture and life of the other country so to bring a better understanding between the young people of each state .
- According to the agreement , each country should issue a limited number of visas to enable these young people to visit and travel to the other country and as well as work in the other country (in order to support themselves) - Subject to the conditions set forth in the agreement and its guidelines .
- The main purpose of the applicant is a vacation in Israel and the purpose of the work is secondary and minor to the applicant .
- The maximum period of stay is one year and can not be extended beyond that.
- The visa application should be submitted at the Israeli consulate and always in the country of origin. It will be dealt with according to the principles signed and by the bilateral terms.

2. Conditions and requirements :

The requirements and conditions are to be verified at the Israeli Embassy in the country of origin ;

- The applicant has a national passports of the state of origin with which there is an agreement , and which is valid for 18 months from the date of issuance of visa .
- The applicant's age is between 18-30 years.
- The applicant's personal presence at the Israeli Embassy in the other state is essential/necessary/required.
- The applicant filled in an application form.
- This is the first time the applicant is participating in this program.
- The applicant is not accompanied by any dependent minors.
- **The following are required to be displayed at the Embassy at a second stage and after obtaining formal approval in accordance with section 3.6:**
- The applicant has a document of integrity – including his original name.
- The applicant holds an open ticket to return to Israel.
- Means of support: the applicant holds sufficient funds in order to provide for his/her stay in Israel.
- Medical insurance - medical insurance valid for the period of time the applicant is in the country.
- The applicant shall provide a medical certificate from a recognized doctor of the country of origin, according to the approval of the consul, showing he is not sick or has any infectious diseases.
- Fee for service - service charge fee as specified in the table of fees.

3. The procedure of the request at the Israeli Embassy:

- The preliminary and first request for review will be submitted at Israeli Embassy in the applicant's country of citizenship through regular mail, e-mail or personal presence.
- The application form must be attached to a photocopy of the first page of the passport as well as a receipt of the payment of the fee.
- The Embassy will check the individual's form and the documents attached to the application and make sure that all the details were filled in as required.
- The consul will check the details of the applicant in consular system and make sure there is no limitations to his/her entry into Israel. The consul will ensure that there are no other constraints under the law including security grounds before approving the issuance of the visa.
- If there is a restriction or any prevention in which the applicant is refused he/she will be notified in writing within 14 days .
- If the applicant meets the conditions and requirements and there is no reason to not to approve the application , the consul will send the applicant a message that the application was approved in principle and he/she should complete and submit the other documents: certificate of good conduct , a plane ticket and means of support, medical insurance – all should be presented within one month after receiving the message .
- Applicants who fail to transfer the rest of the documents during the month their request for a visa will be rejected. If other documents were received during the month , the consul has to check whether the documents meet the conditions and requirements .
- The consul will transfer the information to the headquarters via email and will be updated about the request .
- The information should include the personal details of the applicant: last name, first name, parents name , date of birth , passport number. If no comments were received from the headquarters during the week, the Embassy could refer to the application as confirmed.

- Once all the documents have been reviewed and approved, the applicant will be invited to the Embassy in order to present the original documents and a visa will be issued.
- The maximum quota for issuing visas shall be in accordance with the agreement signed. The quota shall be for the calendar year which begins in January and ends in December that year.
- The consul shall keep a record of all requests submitted and at what stage the treatment is, so as not to exceed the limit.
- The consul will issue B / 1 general visa for six months in the passport, including "multiple entry visa" on the sticker it will indicate "working holiday" program.
- At this stage the consul shall give the applicant information on the terms of the agreement, emphasizing that, the applicant can work in Israel in every field with the same employer for a maximum of three months.

4. Headquarters:

The Population Immigration and Border Authority will review the details of the applicant in no later than one week from receipt of material and ensure that there is no limitation for the entrance. If it turns out that there is a limit the Embassy will be informed in detail and will be asked not to continue in the process.

PIBA will update the specific information in the systems indicating that the applicant received a type B / 1 visa " for the working/holiday " for the year which includes multiple entries for a period of a year.

They shall also keep a record of all requests so as not to exceed the limit agreed upon.

Israeli Border ;

- Upon entrance into Israel, the visitor will be recognized at the border that he/she is a tourist that is coming within the framework of the agreement of the Working/Holiday program and was issued a B / 1 General visa for the trip which includes a multiple entry visa.
- The border control will carry out the necessary examinations to make sure that nothing prevents the entry of these tourists to Israel.
- Because this is a unique program the border controller will give priority treatment to this population and shall exclude them from groups of foreign workers i.e. look for them as tourists who come to Israel on a trip.
- Upon entrance into Israel after going through the necessary examinations at the border, a B / 1 visa will be issued - general working holiday program for one year (the text appears on the label in Hebrew and English) including multiple-entry visa (visa Inter)
- The beneficiary of this visa, in accordance with the procedure, will not be dealt with in the regional bureaus of the Population and Immigration Border Authority. Only in exceptional matters he/she would be transferred to the Authority's headquarters, visas department, which will deal with the matter in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.