

e-Arrival Card

Beginning October 1, 2025, India has replaced the physical arrival (disembarkation) card for foreign travelers with a digital e-Arrival card. All foreign nationals entering India must complete the online form within 72 hours of their arrival.

What you need to know about the new system

- **Who must fill it out?**
 - All foreign travelers, including those with an e-Visa, tourist visa, business visa, or student visa.
 - Indian passport holders and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) cardholders are exempt from this requirement.
- **How to apply:** The e-Arrival card can be completed through the following official platforms:
 - Indian Visa Online portal: indianvisaonline.gov.in/earrival/
 - Bureau of Immigration website: boi.gov.in/boi/
 - Indian Visa "Su-Swagatam" mobile app
- **When to apply:** You can submit the form up to 72 hours before your flight.
- **Required information:** The digital form requires the same information as the previous paper version, including:
 - Passport and visa details
 - Date of arrival and flight details
 - Purpose of visit
 - Your address in India
 - Contact information, including email and phone number
 - Emergency contact information
- **At the airport:** After submitting the form online, you will receive a digital confirmation, possibly including a QR code or reference number. While you should save this confirmation on your phone or print it, your information will be pre-loaded into the immigration system, which should speed up the clearance process.

Transition period

For the initial six months, a transition period is in place where physical arrival cards will still be accepted, though travelers are strongly encouraged to use the new online system for a faster and more efficient experience.