



Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Tourism & Antiquities
Minister Cabinet

New Digitized Visa-On-Arrival System

Dear Partners,

Greetings from Cairo.

As per the ongoing efforts to enhance visitor services and facilitate entry procedures into the Arab Republic of Egypt, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new **Digital Visa-on-Arrival System**.

The new system replaces the current paper visa sticker with a fully digital process, providing a faster, more efficient, and seamless arrival experience for international travelers.

Pilot Phase

The pilot phase will start on 1 August 2026 at Cairo International Airport (all arrival terminals) as the first stage of implementation.

During this pilot phase, both the new digital system and the current paper visa system will operate in parallel for a limited period to ensure a smooth transition. The duration of the pilot phase will be announced in due course.

Following the successful completion of the pilot phase, the current paper visa-on-arrival system will be discontinued, and the digital system will become the standard visa-on-arrival process. The rollout to all other Egyptian airports will then take place gradually according to an implementation schedule, which will be shared with you in advance.

Key Features of the New System

- Travelers may obtain a Visa QR Code instead of the current paper sticker, this will be through: the official online portal (will go live 48 hours before the implementation); the dedicated mobile application; or a self-service machine (SSM) located in Cairo International Airport arrival halls. Links to website and mobile apps will be published.
- After receiving the QR code; on email, or printed from the SSMs, it will be scanned by the passport control officer upon checking in with his/her passport.
- The QR Code may be issued before travel, onboard of a flight, or after arrival to the entry port, either by the traveler or through a travel agency.
- The QR Code will remain valid for up to 48 hours from the time of issuance.



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- The total fees will be USD36, comprising: USD30 visa fee; and USD6 issuing and service fee.
 - Once the new system is fully implemented, the current paper visa sticker will no longer be available.
 - According to the progress of the Pilot Phase, we will announce the time plan for implementation in the other airports in Egypt.

In this regard, we appreciate your continued cooperation and support during this important digital transformation. We kindly ask you to share this information with your relevant teams and travel partners to ensure travelers are well informed.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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