

Information Regarding Yemeni Nationals

Following examination of the new conditions set by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to grant visas to Yemenis incoming to Jordan, and the procedures that will be applied to those already on Jordanian territory, and having referred to the Ministry of Interior, and Department of Borders and Residence Management, we can state the following to you:

- Summary of the decision to impose visas on Yemeni nationals

As a start, anyone who is a Yemeni national must before coming to Jordan obtain a visa / prior approval from the Jordanian official authorities or the embassies of the Kingdom and under sponsorship of a Jordanian sponsor. It shall be a condition that such visa/prior approval is granted for the purposes of medical treatment, study or visit to relatives or to attend a conference and participate in a workshop.

- Yemeni national residing in the Gulf Cooperation Council countries, Europe ,the United States, Australia or Canada are exempted from the requirement to obtain prior approval, provided that they have been resident in the country they come from for at least six months, and thus they can get a visa directly through the official border crossings, and in case they do not have a valid residence permit in the country they come from, they will not benefit from this exemption, and they have to get the approval as stated above.
- Exempted diplomats who are Yemeni nationals are exempted from obtaining visas as well as holders of service passports.

Procedures for arrivals:

- When the above conditions are met and upon Yemenis entering to Jordanian territory, they will be granted at border centers a residence permit valid for one month, and then they must visit the nearest security station for the purposes of obtaining an extension for two months, and if there is a justification the period will become three months, and here they must visit the Ministry of Interior for the purpose of getting an annual residence permit or they must leave the country after the expiration of the period granted to them.

- **Procedures for Yemenis currently present on Jordanian territory:**
 - Under the said decision, it is also applicable even to of Yemeni nationals present on Jordanian territory before the decision has been issued, and therefore the Yemeni nationality is no longer listed under the categories exempted from obtaining residence permit, thus becoming like any other foreigner.
 - Under the decision, Yemeni nationals who present on Jordanian territory have been granted a respite/deadline to straighten their positions starting from 12.15.2015 and ending on 04.14.2016 for the purposes of straitening their positions.

Conclusion:

Through the decision of the Jordanian official authorities on the imposition of visas to persons of Yemeni nationality, we can state the following to you:

1. Residence and Foreigners Affairs Law applies to all persons present on Jordanian territory of Yemeni nationality.

- therefore, all Yemenis must within the time limit straighten their positions either by extending the period of temporary residence (if allowed period did not expire) or get an annual residence permit, otherwise he/she will be considered in violation of Residence And Foreigners Affairs Law, and therefore he/she will be charged for the amount of Forty-five dinars for each month the limit is exceeded, or part of the month by one and a half dinar for each day of that part, and the Minister of Interior may, upon the recommendation of the Secretary-General of the Ministry, issue an exemption from these fines if they do not exceed two hundred and fifty dinars, but if they exceed this amount, exemption shall be by a decision of the Prime Minister upon the recommendation of the Minister, which is a permissive matter that can either be yes or no.

2. In case any Yemeni national is stopped after the expiration of position straightening period, he/she may be arrested and one of the following actions may be taken:

- He/she may be released (through Jordanian sponsor) in exchange for ordering him/her to straighten his position during a certain short period and to pay fines incurred by him/her and leave the country, or obtain annual residence permit , otherwise an order to deport him/her may be issued.

- A decision of immediate deportation against the violating person may be issued, and the person against whom such decision is issued may be arrested temporarily until deportation procedures have been completed, and the person who has been deported may not be allowed to return to Jordanian territory except only by a special authorization from the Minister of Interior, and in such case the fines he/she is required to pay may be suspended for the purpose of execution of the deportation decision.

3. Under Residence and Foreign Affairs Law, and under Article 26, which defined the conditions for granting annual residence permit, which provides: A foreigner shall be granted residence permit, if the competent authorities are satisfied that the reasons that justify his/her residence are valid, and to grant such permit it shall be required that one of the following reasons shall be present in the applicant:

- a- He/she shall have obtained a contract to work with a registered company, store or business or with a businessman known in the kingdom provided that he/she does not compete with Jordanians in their business and jobs, and to prove this by a certificate from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, or by the competent authorities.
- b- To have during his residence a guaranteed livelihood by legitimate ways from inside or outside and he/she shall prove this by an attested official certificate.
- c- His purpose of coming to the Kingdom shall be to invest his/her money in trading or industrial projects that shall be approved by the Ministry of National Industry.
- d- To be of a scientific or professional efficiency that is not available in the Kingdom, provided that he/she shall prove this by a formal written certificates from an authorized side and agreed on by the competent Jordanian authorities.
- e- He/she is a staff or an employee in a diplomatic mission or consulate in the Kingdom, provided a reciprocity treatment is present
- f- Be incapacitated or a minor and his only provider is a resident of the Kingdom.

- g- Be a student who has obtained acceptance from/ admission in a Jordanian institute, in addition to other conditions such as a woman married to a Jordanian shall be granted a residence permit for five years.