



Consulate General of India
Erbil

TRAVEL INFORMATION ABOUT KURDISTAN VISA/RESIDENCE PERMIT

Kurdistan Region of Iraq issues 30 days Single Entry paper Visit visa for Indian nationals who are coming to Kurdistan Region(Iraq) for work and/or their family members, after completion of formalities by the sponsors/employers in Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Upon arrival in Kurdistan Region of Iraq, after completing the requisite formalities like mandatory medical checkup, payment of fees etc. by the applicant & sponsor/employer, the concerned Directorate of Residency issues Iqama (Residence Permit/Card) valid for period of one year from date of issue normally, which can be renewed annually(subject to conditions). Holders of Kurdistan Region(Iraq) paper visas or Residence Cards are allowed to enter Kurdistan Region(Iraq) only through **Erbil International Airport (EBL) & Sulaimaniyah International Airport (ISU)** or any other designated entry points.

2. Kurdistan Regional Government does not paste any visa sticker on the passports of Residence Permit holders. Instead, they issue Residency Card which contains personal particulars of the holder like name, date of birth, passport number, photograph, name of sponsor etc. Minor children are not issued separate Residency Cards, their names are included in the the Residency Card of either or both parents. A valid residency card and Passport is a valid document to legally enter Kurdistan Region(Iraq) through designated entry points.

3. All immigration authorities in India ma scrupulously check the visa/residence card(Iqama) of Indian nationals coming to Kurdistan Region of Iraq. It is also emphasized that genuine visitors with valid visa or residence card (Iqama) should not face any difficulty subject to other conditions, at the airport.

Note: Holders of Kurdistan Region of Iraq Residency or Paper Visas are not allowed to enter Iraq, however, those holding Visa issued by Government of Iraq can enter Iraq including Kurdistan Region of Iraq. Specimen Residence Card issued by Kurdistan Regional Government may be seen below(for reference purpose only):-

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