

VISA DOCUMENT GUIDE / 2026 EDITION

South Korea

A clear, beautifully organised checklist for your application.

South Korea issues short-term visas through consular processing, with decisions based on financial stability, travel history and a clear purpose of visit.

VISA TYPE

Sticker visa

ENTRY

Single, double or multiple entry

VALIDITY

3 months to 5 years

YOUR APPLICATION, AT A GLANCE

Application essentials

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VALIDITY

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STAY

Up to 90 days per visit

BIOMETRICS

Required for some applicants

Photograph specification

- 1 35 x 45 mm colour photograph
- 2 White background, taken within the last 6 months
- 3 Ears and full face visible, no headwear
- 4 No glasses, neutral expression

Eligibility checklist

- ☐ Clear purpose and matching itinerary
- ☐ Stable financial background
- ☐ Employment, business or study ties at home
- ☐ No record of overstay in Korea

DOCUMENTS TO PREPARE

Complete checklist

REQUIRED FOR EVERY APPLICANT

- ☐ **Passport**
Valid for at least 6 months with blank pages; old passports strengthen the file.
- ☐ **Application form**
Korean visa application form, completed and signed.
- ☐ **Photograph**
One 35 x 45 mm photo affixed to the form.
- ☐ **Identity proof**
Aadhaar or national ID copy along with address proof.

FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Bank statements**
Last 6 months, bank-stamped or e-statements with the bank logo and IFSC visible.
- ☐ **Income tax returns**
ITR acknowledgement for the last 2 to 3 assessment years.
- ☐ **Salary slips**
Last 3 months for salaried applicants.
- ☐ **Proof of funds**
Fixed deposits, investments or a sponsor letter with the sponsor's own statements.

OCCUPATION PROOF

- ☐ **Employed**
Leave sanction letter on company letterhead, employment certificate and ID card copy.
- ☐ **Self-employed**
Business registration / GST certificate, company bank statements and partnership deed if applicable.
- ☐ **Student**
Bonafide certificate from the school or college plus latest mark sheet.
- ☐ **Retired**
Pension order or retirement proof, plus proof of savings.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Confirmed flight itinerary**
Round-trip booking showing entry and exit dates.
- ☐ **Accommodation proof**
Hotel bookings for the full stay, or a host invitation with their address proof.
- ☐ **Day-wise itinerary**
Cities, dates and planned activities for the full trip.

PURPOSE-SPECIFIC DOCUMENTS

- ☐ **Tourism**
Itinerary, hotel bookings and return flight reservation.
- ☐ **Visiting family**
Invitation letter, host's alien registration card copy and relationship proof.
- ☐ **Business**
Invitation from the Korean company, business registration copy and your employer's letter.
- ☐ **Student**
Certificate of admission, standard admission letter, academic records and tuition payment proof.

FINAL REVIEW & NEXT STEPS

Before you submit

Application journey

01

Profile assessment

We review your finances and history against consular expectations.

02

Document preparation

Checklist built around your occupation and purpose.

03

Form and submission

Application completed, verified and filed at the correct centre.

04

Tracking

Regular updates until passport collection.

Important to know

- Applicants with a strong travel history to OECD countries often receive longer validity.
- The K-ETA requirement applies separately to visa-exempt nationalities.
- Documents in regional languages need certified English translations.

READY WHEN YOU ARE

Let's make your file submission-ready.

Start your application at imigro.com. Our team will tailor this checklist to your profile, travel purpose and circumstances.