

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOREIGNERS AVAILING JOURNALIST VISA FOR PAKISTAN

1. The **journalist visa** is valid only for **Islamabad, Lahore, and Karachi** only.
2. Journalists planning to visit cities, other than these three, are advised to share their travel itinerary/plans with the Press/Visa Officer in our High Commissions/ Embassies/ Consulates for obtaining necessary permission/NOC.
3. Journalists are advised to share visa decision to the Mission, go through the Guidelines, register themselves with registration.epwing.gov.pk and visit epwing.gov.pk website before travel plans.
4. They will report to the External Publicity Wing, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Islamabad, before and after their arrival in Pakistan, either directly or through their Pakistani contact person/fixer/sponsor.
5. Journalists will abide by all the rules/ regulations /SOPs/ Guidelines laid down by Federal, Provincial and District authorities of Pakistan.
6. Journalists will follow the security protocols in letter and spirit and will not participate / conduct any public rally address at any public gathering, or hold press/media interactions.
7. While performing professional assignments in Pakistan, journalists will adhere to all cut-off timings prescribed by the local administrations time to time.
8. Journalists are not permitted to travel to restricted or prohibited areas, including cantonment areas of Pakistan. They will not take photographs of vital installations, security/ defence establishments located in the area during their visit/ stay.
9. Use of cameras and drones is subject to prior permission in the approved areas.
10. Journalist will not produce or report content that is detrimental to the law of the land or that incites violence.
11. Journalist will not offer comments against any faith, culture, race or ethnicity of the local populace and should not make any statement having bearing on politics.
12. For further queries or assistance, the relevant Press Officer / Attaché / Counsellor / Minister at the Consulate, Embassy, or High Commission may be contacted.
13. The following are the contact details in Islamabad.

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