

Digital Nomad Visa Category

Sri Lanka offers a Digital Nomad Visa (DNV) designed to attract foreign professionals who wish to live and work remotely from Sri Lanka while serving clients or companies based outside the country.

This initiative aims to position Sri Lanka as a preferred long-stay digital destination, contributing to the national economy through extended stays, tourism expenditure, and global knowledge exchange.

1. Eligible persons

- ❖ Foreign Nationals (must be 18 years of age or older)
- ❖ Spouse and Dependents of the main applicant

2. Eligibility Criteria

- ❖ Main Applicant must be 18 years or older
- ❖ Main Applicant must be engaged in remote employment, freelancing or own a business (not registered in Sri Lanka) that serves clients outside Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Minimum monthly income remittance of USD 2,000 for the main applicant and if the dependent count increases more than 2, additional USD 500 should be remitted monthly for each

3. All applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- I. Dully filled Visa Application Form
- II. Request Letter from the applicant
- III. Photocopy of Passport (valid for at least 6 months)
- IV. Two recent passport-sized photographs
- V. Marriage Certificate (for spouse)
- VI. Birth Certificate (for dependants)
- VII. Dully filled Security Clearance Form
- VIII. Medical Clearance Report
- IX. Recent Police Clearance Certificate from the applicant's home country or country of residence (not older than 3 months)
- X. International Health Insurance that covers medical care in Sri Lanka
- XI. Recommendation from Ministry of Digital Economy
- XII. Proof of the minimum monthly remittance for the main applicant and the dependents

4. Visa Issuance Procedure

- I. Step 1 – Submission
Submit the required documentation to the Department of Immigration and Emigration – Residence Visa Division.
- II. Step 2 – Evaluation
Documents will be reviewed for eligibility and compliance.
- III. Step 3 – Approval & Visa Issuance
Once approved, the visa endorsement will be issued on the applicant's passport.

5. Visa Duration

- ❖ 01 year

6. Visa Extension

- ❖ Along with the required documents for first issuance applicant must submit a proof of Tax registration via Inland Revenue Department

7. Visa Fees

- I. Main applicant - USD 500 per year
- II. Spouse - USD 500 per year
- III. Each Dependant - USD 500 per year

8. Residency Benefits

Holders of the Digital Nomad Visa are entitled to:

- ❖ Reside legally in Sri Lanka for up to 12 months, renewable annually
- ❖ Open and maintain personal bank accounts in Sri Lanka
- ❖ Enter into property rental or lease agreements
- ❖ Enrol dependent children in international or private schools
- ❖ Access Sri Lankan telecommunications, internet and utility services
- ❖ Participate in co-working spaces, ICT programs, and tourism related events organized by government or private sector entities

9. Terms and Conditions

- I. Applicant should comply with all immigration laws, tax, and legal obligations in Sri Lanka.
- II. Not permitted to engage in local employment within Sri Lanka; all income must be earned from foreign sources.
- III. Refrain from any political or disruptive activities.
- IV. Any changes in employment, income or dependents must be notified to the Department of Immigration and Emigration within 30 days.
- V. Any violation of visa conditions may result in immediate cancellation of the visa

8. Termination of Visa

- I. By Request;
 - a. Provide 2 months' written notice from the applicant.
 - b. Notify authorities 14 working days in advance if leaving Sri Lanka permanently.
- II. By the Department;
 - a. Failure to meet income, legal or compliance requirements.
 - b. Determination by the Department that the applicant poses a legal or national security risk.

9. Contact & Inquiries

Department of Immigration and Emigration –Visa Division
“Suhurupaya”, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka

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