

Algeria

Immigration country brief



The purpose of this Immigration Country Brief is to serve as a resource and provide a general overview of the immigration requirements related to business visitors and employment authorization in Algeria. The information contained in this document is provided as a resource only and should not be construed as legal advice. If you have any further enquiries regarding the applicability of this information, please contact Crown's Immigration Manager, EMEA.

Overview: Business visas

Entry visa requirements for visits to Algeria depend upon the applicant's citizenship. Citizens of certain countries do not need a visa to visit Algeria for business purposes for stays of up to 90 days.

Visa types

Business Visa

Summary: Business visas can be applied for at the Consulate in home country and it is up to their discretion whether a one, three or six months visa is issued.

Maximum stay: Depends on the validity of the visa. For a six month visa it is usually 90 days in a period of 180 days.

Typical processing time: Varies by applicant citizenship and Consulate.

Activities permitted as a business visitor typically include:

- Attend conferences, meeting, seminars, training
- Lead conferences, meeting, seminars, training

Limitation or special requirements:

Not permitted to receive local salary and local contract and also not allowed to work.

Overview: Employment authorization

Foreign nationals who wish to work or undertake gainful employment in Algeria are required to obtain work authorization. Several categories are available for application depending on purpose and length of stay.

Work Permit types

Standard Work Permit

Summary: This is the standard immigration process for foreign nationals on assignment to Algeria. The host entity in Algeria should be registered to receive foreign workers and have a current "Global Agreement in Principe" (Demande d'Accord de Principe)

Maximum stay: Permit issued for maximum two years.

Processing time: Processing timeframe is typically two to three months until entry to Algeria.

Dependents: Dependents (spouse, children under 18 years old) can accompany principal applicant in dependent immigration status. Dependents can study in dependent immigration status. Dependents cannot work with dependent immigration status after receiving residence cards.

Limitation or special requirements:

Should the host entity not have the Demande d'Accord de Principe yet, it should be applied for and an additional 30 days processing time should be added.

Work permit for general managers

Summary: This is the immigration process applicable for general managers who are to be registered on the company documents and in the Trade Register. They are seen as employers and not as employees.

Maximum stay: Permit issued for maximum of two years, depending on the employment contract.

Typical processing time: Processing timeframe is typically one to two months until entry to Algeria.

Dependents: Dependents (spouse, children under 18 years old) can accompany principal applicant in dependent immigration status. Dependents can study in dependent immigration status. Dependents cannot work with dependent immigration status after receiving residence cards. Validity of the dependent permits issued is always one year, with option to renew if needed.

Limitation or special requirements:

Host entity needs to hold a Trade Card in order to process this application. If the host entity does not hold one, they have to apply for it first which can take up to six months. In that case, it is usually decided to apply for the standard work permit first and hold off the registration at the Trade Register until that process is fully completed.

Additional information and resources

- www.immiguru.com