

**Regulations on the Entry and Residence of
Foreign Nationals in the Free Trade, Industrial
Zones of the Islamic Republic of Iran**

Article 1

In this Decree the following terms are used in hey of other following phrases:

Country: The Islamic Republic of Iran
Zones: The Free Trade- Industrial Zone of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Authority: The Organization of each of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Article 2

For direct entry into the authorized points of arrival and departure in the Free Zone, foreign nationals are not required to obtain visa beforehand.

Note 1

For individuals specified in this Article, law enforcement officials shall affix the respective residence permits on their valid traveling documents in the arrivals and departures in the Free Zone.

Note 2

Issuance of residence permit is prohibited for the following persons:

- a- The nationals of the countries whose entry into the Islamic Republic of Iran has been banned by the government.
- b - Persons who are banned to enter the Country.
- c - Persons who are banned to enter Free Zones.

Article 3

To enter into the Zones adjacent to the other parts of the country where direct entry is not possible, the foreign nationals have to obtain entry visa from the Islamic Republic of Iran legations abroad.

Note 1

The Islamic Republic of Iran legations abroad shall grant double entry visa, each one bearing a three-day validity, with regards to the invitation made by the Authority and the return air ticket, without enquiring from the center (capital).

Note 2

The conditions mentioned in Notes Nos.1 and 2 of Article 2 of the present Decree shall be applied to the foreign nationals who, subject to this Article, have entered into the country.

Article 4

The foreign nationals who have entered into the Zones and intend to enter into the country shall submit their application to the Representative Section of Foreign National's Affairs located in the Disciplinary Forces Headquarters stationed in the Zone.

Note 1

The above-mentioned Section shall, within 48 hours, consider the pertinent application and make their response.

Note 2

In case the Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, subject of the Article 4 of the Executive by-law on the Issuance of Visa to Foreigners, is not located in the Zone, the foreign nationals subject of the Article 4 of the said by-law who intend to travel to the other parts of the country, shall submit their application to the Representative Bureau of Foreign Nationals Affairs situated in the Headquarter of the Zone's Disciplinary Forces. The said Bureau, in coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is, within 48 hours, to make its response to the applicant.

Note 3

Residence permit is issued for the duration of two weeks and may be renewed, up to six months upon the proposal by the Authority.

Article 5

The permitted resident foreign nationals (in the mainland), do not have to obtain separate visa for entering into the Zones. Such individuals can, with a view to the domestic regulations and presenting the valid documents, travel to the Zones.

Article 6

Upon request by an applicant and at the discretion of the officials concerned, the issuance of transit visa and residence permit, subject of Note (1) of Article (2) of this Decree, affixed on a separate paper is allowed.

Article 7

Any foreign national who intends to reside in the said Zones is required, within the period of residence, to fill in and sign the forms relating to entry permit and residence permit and submit, together with other necessary documents, to the Foreign Nationals Affairs Section of the Zone in which he/she intends to reside; Foreign Nationals Affairs Section of the Zone shall issue residence permit or refrain from doing so, based on inspecting the documents of the applicant concerned.

Note

Application for issuance of residence permit for foreign nationals must be channeled through the Authority of Free Zones.

Article 8

The Officials of Public Places Office are obliged to record the identity and the time of their arrival in special forms within 24 hours after the arrival of foreign nationals and submit to the Foreign Nationals Affairs Section of the Law-Enforcement Unit (“NAJA”) stationed in the Zone.

Note 1

From the standpoint of this Decree, Public Places include hotels, motels, inns, boarding houses and, in general, all establishments which receive guest in one way or the other.

Note 2

In cooperation with Foreign Nationals Affairs Section of the Zone, the special forms for the arrival of the travelers are prepared by the Zone Authorities and are put at the disposal of the owners of public places.

Article 9

For employment of foreign nationals in the Zones, it is required to observe the provisions of the Regulations Governing the Employment of Human Resources, Insurance and Social Security in the Free Trade-Industrial Zones of Islamic Republic of Iran.