

## 'Entry procedures for Syrians in Lebanon'

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As of 5 January 2015 if you are a Syrian national wishing to enter Lebanon you must inform the border authorities of the reason for your entry and provide relevant supporting documentation including a valid national identity card, and/or passport, and a family booklet if you are travelling with your family.

### The procedure allows Syrian nationals to enter Lebanon under different categories:

**1- Tourism:** Written confirmation of hotel reservation, or furnished apartment or something similar, and amount of \$2,000 in cash. Entry given for the duration of reservation with a maximum duration of 2 weeks and non-renewable.

**2- Business visit:** Only granted to professionals, business or religious persons for business visits and will be given for 15 days and non-renewable.

**3- Property owner:** If you own property in Lebanon you will receive two weeks residency in order to approach the regional GSO office to receive a one-year residency permit and pay the necessary fees, the residency is issued and renewed at the regional GSO offices. Under this category, family members can visit you for a 2 weeks max.

**4- Tenant:** If you have a lease agreement registered with the Municipality and GSO and proof of livelihood (ie. bank account) you will be granted two weeks residency in order to approach the regional GSO office to receive a one-year residency permit and pay the necessary fees, the residency is issued and renewed at the regional GSO offices.

**5- Student:** You need to provide proof of acceptance by a Lebanese university, and a valid student card and previous certificates obtained. You will be granted a 7 days entry permit to finalize your student residency permit

**7- Travelling to another country:** In case of transit through Lebanon, you must present: valid passport, visa to a third country and a non-refundable airplane/boat ticket. You will be granted 48 hours entry permit.

**8- Medical visits:** For entry for medical treatment you need to present medical reports from a hospital or doctor in Lebanon. You will receive a 72 hours entry renewable for additional 72 hours once based on medical reports (certified by the hospital) that proves the continuation of the treatment. One family member can accompany you.

**9- Appointment with a foreign embassy:** 48 hours entry permit renewable upon presentation of proof of an appointment.

**10- Pledge of responsibility (sponsorship):** for a year after paying 200 USD as fees.

Your children below 15 years old are allowed to accompany you according to your valid residency based on sponsorship. However, residency based on sponsorship can no longer be extended to a female spouse and accordingly the wife can't enter based on her husband residency but needs to apply for a separate visa category to be able to enter.

**11- Displaced:** Under exceptional circumstances to be finalized by the Ministry of Social Affairs.