

List of South Korean visas

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This is a **list of visas issued by South Korea**. The government of South Korea, through the Bureau of Immigration, issues one of these visas to all non-citizens entering the country. In 2005, 5,179,848 visas were issued, not including military and landing-permit visas, a slight increase over the previous year. More than half of these were B-2 visas.

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A visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
A-1	Diplomat (외교)	7,070	7,060
A-2	Government official (공무)	11,854	10,883
A-3	Agreement (협정)	27,946	25,583

B visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
B-1	Visa exemption (사증면제)	496,356	517,526
B-2	Tourist/transit (관광통과)	3,404,923	3,344,602

The B-2 status allows travellers who are passport holders of various jurisdictions, including the People's Republic of China mainland, to stay in South Korea for a maximum period of 30 days, provided that they are using Incheon International Airport as a transit stopover. It applies to ordinary PRC passport

bearers when they are travelling between the Chinese mainland and Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Japan or 30 European countries.^[3] The B-2 status is encoded in Article 7 of the South Korean immigration law.^[4]

C visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
C-1	Temporary news coverage (일시취재)	2,217	1,266
C-2	Short-term business (단기상용)	214,621	258,844
C-3	Short-term general (단기종합)	444,822	501,559
C-4	Short-term employee (단기취업)	11,944	12,523

D visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
D-1.	Artist (문화예술)	241	349
D-2	Student (유학)	25,635	35,979
D-3	Industrial trainee (산업연수)	41,365	48,203
D-4	General trainee (일반연수)	10,257	16,496
D-5	Journalism (취재)	379	357
D-6	Religion (종교)	2,086	2,225
D-7	Business supervisor (상사주재)	8,369	8,126
D-8	Corporate investor (기업투자)	35,712	36,302
D-9	International trade (무역경영)	5,917	8,099
D-10	Job Seeking	N/A	N/A

E visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
E-1	Professor (교수)	3,204	3,500
E-2	Foreign language instructor (회화지도)	12,439	15,001
E-3	Research (연구)	5,406	5,838
E-4	Technology transfer (기술지도)	819	606
E-5	Professional employment (전문직업)	581	886
E-6	Artistic performer (예술흥행)	4,759	4,518
E-7	Designated activities (특정활동)	13,514	14,927
E-8	Training employment (연수취업)		
E-9	Non-professional employment (비전문취업)	38,244	38,713
E-10	Vessel Crew (내항선원)		

F visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]	Number issued (2006) ^[2]
F-1	Visiting or joining family (방문동거) ^[5]	74,479	120,190
F-2	Resident (거주) ^[6]	88,391	93,759
F-3	Accompanying spouse (동반) ^[7]	20,741	21,243
F-4	Overseas Korean (재외동포)		
F-5	Permanent resident (영주)	11,239 ^[8]	
F-6	Marriage to Korean Citizen (결혼이민)		

G visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[1]
G-1	Miscellaneous	1,247

H visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[9]
H-1	Working holiday (관광취업)	1,113
H-2	Working visit (방문취업제) ^[10]	

M visas

Visa Category	Name (Korean name)	Number issued (2005) ^[9]
M-1	Military (군인)	73,014 ^[11]

Notes

- ↑ *^{*^*} *a b c d e f g** Bureau of Immigration (2006). "체류자격별 외국인 입국자". *2005년도 출입국관리 통계연보 (Electronic version)*. Seoul: Author. p. 17. Retrieved from http://immigration.go.kr (자료실:통계) on 2006-11-26.
- ↑ *^{*^*} *a b c d e f** Bureau of Immigration (2007). "체류자격별 외국인 입국자". *2005년도 출입국관리 통계연보 (Electronic version)*. Seoul: Author. p. 14. Retrieved from http://immigration.go.kr (자료실:통계) on 2008-03-08.
- ↑ (Chinese) *Epoch Times* (http://www.epochtimes.com/b5/5/6/28/n968078.htm), Xinhuanet.com (http://big5.xinhuanet.com/gate/big5/news.xinhuanet.com/world/2005-06/29/content_3152036.htm)
- ↑ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea (http://www.mofat.go.kr/me/me_a008/sme_b032/1181013_1031.html)
- ↑ Also includes returning Korean adoptees.
- ↑ Various sub-types exist. Formerly also given to foreign spouses of Korean citizens.
- ↑ Limited to those married to a visa holder.
- ↑ Bureau of Immigration (2006). "국적 및 체류자격별". *2005년도 출입국관리 통계연보 (Electronic version)*. Seoul: Author. pp. 420–473. Retrieved from http://immigration.go.kr (자료실:통계) on 2006-11-26.
- ↑ *^{*^*} *a b** Bureau of Immigration (2006). "국적 및 체류자격별 외국인 입국자(승무원·상륙허가자 제외)". *2005년도 출입국관리 통계연보 (Electronic version)*. Seoul: Author. pp. 166–231. Retrieved from http://immigration.go.kr (자료실:통계) on 2006-11-26.
- ↑ 5 years multiple-entry visa for oversea Koreans in China and former Soviet Union (available since March, 2007)[1] (http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/NtcCotnDetailR_en.pt?bbsGbCd=BS10&bbsSeq=4&ntccttSeq=9&langCd=EN)
- ↑ 72,806 of these were from the United States of America. *See* USFK

See also

- Visa (document)
- Immigration in South Korea
- South Korean law
- Visa_policy_of_South_Korea

External links

- [Entry Info for Korea \(http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/OO/OO_EN_13_8_3.jsp\)](http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/OO/OO_EN_13_8_3.jsp) - The Official Korea Tourism Guide Site
- [Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade \(http://www.mofat.go.kr/english/main/index.jsp?lang=eng\)](http://www.mofat.go.kr/english/main/index.jsp?lang=eng)
- [Hi KOREA \(http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main_en.pt\)](http://www.hikorea.go.kr/pt/main_en.pt) e-Government for Foreigners

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