

# Egypt Visa Renewal Cheat Sheet 2022

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Must take	Optional	Do not take
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Your Passport.</b> If you have more than one, the one with the visa in it.</li> <li>2. <b>Copy of your e-Visa</b> if you got one (lost it? Take the file on a USB stick to print there)</li> <li>3. <b>Cash of ~3000 LE per person</b> OR a debit card OR an Egyptian visa card</li> <li>4. <b>The lease contract</b> for your stay (or booking confirmation) with an <b>address written in Arabic</b></li> <li>5. A <b>pen</b>. Plus a spare pen!</li> <li>6. Patience!</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Food &amp; water</b> — there are some long breaks (you can buy snacks there)</li> <li>• <b>Debit card</b> — in case you need more cash</li> <li>• <b>Passport photos (1 + backups)</b></li> <li>• <b>Photocopies</b> of your <b>passport main page</b> and <b>all Egypt visa pages</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Camera</b> — you'd have to leave it at security</li> <li>• <b>Any valuables</b> you're worried you'll have to leave at security. (Phone, wallet and passport are OK.)</li> </ul>

## Day One: Application Paperwork (2 hours)

- **Time Taken:** ~3-8 hours (go early) — usually 1 hour inside.
  - **Cost:** 1175 per person (+ photos/photocopies)
1. **Leave at 7:30 with a taxi to the Visa & Passport building.** Tell the driver “*abbassia, maktab al gawaazaat*”. ([Google Maps link](#))
  2. **Go to the first floor to get your photocopies/photo** taken if you don't have them. Cost: about 60 LE per person. Get extras for next time
  3. **Optional: Go to the third floor to have your lease contract in Arabic stamped** by police (if you have it)
  4. **Go to the second floor (two above ground) for visa extensions.** It should be relatively empty compared to the chaos of the first floor you'll pass
  5. **Don't always need to: Go to window 20.** Present your passport, and they'll give you a number.
  6. **Go to window 37 on the other side of the building and get some A3 forms (you may have to line up).** Get some spare ones if you plan on coming back.
  7. **Wait for your number to be called.** It can take hours (come early). The number will be displayed on a big screen with a robo-voice announcing it and the window you are to go to.
  8. **Fill out the form with the pen you remembered to bring.** Tips: 1. For address, you need an address for the whole duration, written in **Arabic**. 2. You don't need to put your phone number. 3. For 'Religion', put something uncontroversial. 4. Duration: 3 months/6 months/12 months (people have been known to get 3 or 6 months with no questions).
  9. **When your number is called,** hand in the documents. You get a receipt.
  10. **Go to the bank counter.** Pay the fee at the counter. Get a receipt.
  11. **Go back to your teller** where you were and hand them the receipt. The person will give you a military security form.
  12. **Fill out the security form.** Don't mention Israel if you can avoid it.
  13. **Take the form back to the teller.** Get your photo and fingerprints taken.
  14. **Get your passport + receipt,** and you're told to come back the next day

## Day Two: Paperwork and collection

- **Time taken:** 4-8 hour round trip — usually 1 hour inside, over two periods
  - **Cost:** Take 775 LE per person + coffee/food costs.
1. **Leave at 7:30 am**, to arrive around 8 again.
  2. **Go to window 1-4 on the third floor.** You get a ticket. Grab two — one for when you return.
  3. **Wait to be called.** It's a bit random. Hand over your passport when you are.
  4. **Head to the bank window** to pay the second fee. Get a receipt
  5. **Go back to the counter.** They'll tell you to come back in the afternoon.
  6. **You can now leave (temporarily).** On the way out, notice the number signs, and watch them: the numbers don't go in order. You're grouped somehow. But still, you can leave the building.
  7. **Come back after 1 pm (or later),** go up to the security guard and give him your number. He'll either wave you through, or tell you to go wait outside.
  8. Once you're called, you can pick up your passport/foreign resident card from one of the open tellers.

## Optional: Re-entry visa

You can get a re-entry visa once you've already got your foreign residency card.

- **Time taken:** Full day, but only in the office briefly twice
  - **Take:** Photocopy of foreign residency card, passport + visa pages, pen
  - **Cost:** 815 LE + taxi + coffee/food costs
1. **Go early**, as usual.
  2. **Go to the 2nd floor**, counter 26, and pick up a form, and get a number.
  3. Fill out the form.
  4. **Wait for your number to be called**, and hand over all documents.
  5. **Go to the cashier** to pay the fee.
  6. **Take proof of payment** back to counter 26.
  7. You'll be told to come back in the afternoon (up to 5 pm). You can leave, and go have a nice day.
  8. **Come back later, and go to any counter on the 2nd floor** that's open and pick up your passport.

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