

Egypt Visa Renewal Cheat Sheet 2022

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

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](https://www.google.com/maps))
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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