Somalia visa guide for Bangladeshi passport holders

How to apply: Online eVisa (etas.gov.so); do not travel · Last checked: 6 November 2026 · Online version: https://travelcsbd.com/visa/somalia/

SECURITY WARNING: the UK government (FCDO, updated 4 June 2026) advises against all travel to Somalia including Somaliland, except Awdal, Maroodijeh and Sahil regions where it advises against all but essential travel. It cites terrorism and continuing violence, with fighting between al-Shabaab and the government near Mogadishu. For entry, UK advice says a visa is required, and the Somali embassy in Washington states the eVisa (eTAS) system at etas.gov.so has been mandatory since 1 September 2025. UK advice also warns of an ongoing data breach affecting the eVisa system. No fee or processing time was shown on the official pages we could open, so these are marked for confirmation. Last checked 6 November 2026.

Quick facts

Security advisory
UK FCDO advises against all travel to Somalia incl. Somaliland, except Awdal, Maroodijeh and Sahil (all but essential travel). Consular support severely limited.
Official source checked

Visa needed?
Yes: 'You must have a visa to enter Somalia, including Somaliland' (UK advice). Bangladesh-specific rule not seen on an official page.
Partly verified

Where to apply
Online eVisa via etas.gov.so, mandatory since 1 September 2025 per the Somali embassy in Washington; the Immigration & Citizenship Agency (immigration.gov.so) is the reference authority.
Official source checked

Fee
Official pages we could open do not state an amount. Third-party sites quote about USD 64-65 plus agent fees. Confirm with our office.
Confirm with our office

Processing time
Not stated on official pages we read; apply well in advance.
Confirm with our office

Stay
Not confirmed from an official page.
Confirm with our office

Hargeisa (Somaliland)
The eVisa may be needed to board but is not valid for entry at Hargeisa; a single-entry visa valid one month is bought on arrival (UK advice).
Official source checked

Data breach warning
UK advice says an ongoing data breach could expose personal data entered into the eVisa system.
Official source checked

Passport validity
At least 6 months after arrival (UK advice).
Official source checked

Letter of invitation
You may need a letter explaining your visit, usually from an employer; without it you may be refused entry (UK advice).
Official source checked

Yellow fever
Not mentioned in UK entry advice; check TravelHealthPro and with our office.
Confirm with our office

Cash and khat
In Somaliland declare cash of USD 10,000 or more; khat cannot be taken out (UK advice).
Official source checked

Insurance
Travelling against FCDO advice may invalidate travel insurance.
Official source checked

Where to apply: receiving authority

Somalia eVisa platform (eTAS, online)
Address: Online only; Immigration & Citizenship Agency, Mogadishu
Phone: Confirm with our office
Email: Confirm with our office
Hours: Online, 24 hours
Web: https://etas.gov.so
Note: Mandatory since 1 September 2025 per the Somali embassy in Washington. The site returned an access error to our checker, so confirm the address.
Partly verified

Security warning

- The UK government advises against all travel to most of Somalia and Somaliland because of terrorism and violence. There is no in-person help from the British Embassy Mogadishu or British Office Hargeisa, and anyone who stays does so at their own risk. Travel Counsellor Ltd. does not recommend travel against official advice.

Official source checked

How to apply

- Complete the online form on the eTAS eVisa platform (etas.gov.so), upload the required documents including your passport, pay the applicable fee and wait for approval by email. Print or save the approval to show on arrival. Use only official addresses and not intermediaries. Note the UK warning about an ongoing data breach affecting the system.

Official source checked

Processing time

- No official processing time was stated on the pages we read. The Somali embassy advises applying well in advance. Third-party estimates of 3 to 10 business days are unverified.

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Total cost

- Government fee: not stated on official pages we could open; third-party sites quote about USD 64-65, with agents adding USD 59-89. Travel Counsellor Ltd. service charges, if any, are quoted separately in BDT by our office.

Confirm with our office

Document checklist

Tick each item as you collect it. Documents change by visa type and profile; our counsellor confirms your exact list.

Core documents (all applicants)

- ☐ Passport valid at least 6 months after arrival
- ☐ Online eVisa application on etas.gov.so with passport scan and photo
- ☐ Online fee payment and printed approval
- ☐ Letter explaining the visit, e.g. from employer or host (UK advice)
- ☐ Return ticket and accommodation details (genuine only)
- ☐ Yellow fever certificate as a precaution (confirm)

Partly verified

Employed applicants (supporting)

- ☐ Job letter, NOC and bank statement

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Business owners (supporting)

- ☐ Trade licence, bank statement and business invitation

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Students (supporting)

- ☐ Institution letter and sponsor bank statement

Confirm with our office

Children (supporting)

- ☐ Birth certificate and parent consent letter as a precaution

Confirm with our office

Things to watch

- Serious security advisory: UK FCDO advises against all travel to Somalia including Somaliland (except three regions: all but essential travel).
- UK warns of an ongoing eVisa data breach; use official addresses only.
- Travel Counsellor Ltd. is a private consultancy, not an embassy. Decisions rest with Somali authorities.
- No approval is guaranteed and fees can change.

Frequently asked questions

Is it safe to travel to Somalia?

The UK FCDO advises against all travel to Somalia including Somaliland, except three regions where it advises against all but essential travel.

Do I need an eVisa?

Yes. UK advice says a visa is required, and the eTAS eVisa at etas.gov.so is mandatory per the Somali embassy in Washington.

How much is the Somalia visa?

We could not confirm an official fee. Third-party sites quote about USD 64-65. Ask our office.

Is approval guaranteed?

No. Somali authorities decide, and rules can change.

Official sources

UK government - Somalia travel advice: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/somalia
UK government - Somalia entry requirements: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/somalia/entry-requirements
Embassy of Somalia, Washington - how to apply for eVisa: https://usa.mfa.gov.so/how-to-apply-somali-evisa-online/

Need help with your application?

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