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VFS Global launches the Netherlands visa services in Bangladesh with state-of-the-art centre in Dhaka

- *Starting 02 November 2025, the Netherlands short stay visa applicants (C visa category and Caribbean visas) will be able to submit their applications with ease at our visa application centre in Dhaka's Banani.*
- *Applicants can register and complete their applications on <https://consular.mfaservices.nl/> and then secure a slot through VFS Global's appointment system to submit applications with ease.*
- *Applicants also get a host of additional services including Courier, SMS, and Form Filling among others for an added convenience.*

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and VFS Global, the global leader in trusted technology services, empowering secure mobility for governments and citizens, have announced the launch of the state-of-the-art the Netherlands Visa Application Centre located in Banani, an upscale and easily accessible area in Dhaka, to provide an enhanced visa application experience to the Netherlands visa applicants in Bangladesh.

Starting 02 November 2025, the Netherlands short-stay (C visa category and Caribbean visas) visa applicants in Bangladesh will be able to submit their applications at the state-of-the-art the Netherlands Visa Application Centre in Dhaka with ease by booking a prior appointment online. Appointment bookings have already started, and applicants can register and complete their applications on <https://consular.mfaservices.nl/> and then secure a slot through VFS Global's appointment system to submit their applications with ease.

The inauguration of the new Netherlands Visa Application Centre was done by H.E. Joris van Bommel, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh, on 3 November 2025.

H.E. Joris van Bommel, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Bangladesh, said, "Bangladesh continues to be an important partner for the Netherlands, with growing people-to-people, business, and educational exchanges. The launch of the new Netherlands Visa Application Centre in Dhaka marks a key step in strengthening these connections by providing travellers with more convenient, efficient, and modern visa application experience. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to fostering closer ties and facilitating greater mobility between our two nations."

This spacious, state-of-the-art facility will be supported by well-trained customer service representatives who will guide applicants through every stage of the visa process. Designed for convenience, the centre offers multiple benefits, including easy appointment booking and extended operating hours for both application submission and passport collection.

Commenting on the launch, a VFS Global spokesperson said, "The launch of the Netherlands Visa Application Centre in Bangladesh marks another significant step in facilitating travel access and strengthening the longstanding relations between Bangladesh and the Netherlands. VFS Global is honoured to extend its partnership with the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands through this modern, well-equipped centre

in Dhaka. We are confident that this facility will deliver a seamless and enhanced experience to applicants, reflecting our continued commitment to service excellence and convenience.”

Applicants get an option to choose from a range of optional and additional services to enhance their overall visa application submission experience such as SMS alerts, Courier and Form Filling, among others. It is important to note that opting for these additional services does not have any bearing on the timeline or decision on visa applications.

VFS Global has been a trusted partner for the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for visa processing services since 2006. The company offers visa services on behalf of the Netherlands across 52 countries through a network of 107 dedicated visa application centres globally.

VFS Global's role in the visa application process is limited to front-end administrative tasks only, which include collecting visa application forms, required documentation as per the checklist, and enroll biometrics. VFS Global has no role in the decision-making process of granting or refusing a visa. Decision making on the granting or refusal of visa is the sole prerogative and sole responsibility of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague within the Schengen coordination system.

The Netherlands Visa Application Centre in Dhaka:

- **Address:** Borak Mehnur, 51/B, Level 7, Kemal Atatürk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh
- **Business hours:** Sunday to Thursday, 9AM to 5PM

For more information, please visit <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/bgd/en/nld>.

About VFS Global

As the global leader in trusted technology services, empowering secure mobility for governments and citizens, VFS Global embraces technological innovation including Generative AI to support governments and diplomatic missions worldwide. The company manages non-judgmental and administrative tasks related to applications for visa, passport, and consular services for its client governments, increasing productivity and enabling them to focus entirely on the critical task of assessment.

With a responsible approach to technology development, adoption and integration, the company prioritizes ethical practices and sustainability while serving as the trusted partner to 69 client governments. Operating over 3,900 Application Centres in 165 countries, VFS Global has efficiently processed more than 514 million transactions* since 2001.

Headquartered in Zurich and Dubai and majority owned through investment funds managed by Blackstone Inc, along with minority stakeholders including Swiss-based Kuoni and Huentobler Foundation.

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