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VFS Global launches France visa services in Bangladesh with state-of-the-art centre in Dhaka to enhance mobility

- *Starting 17 September 2025, France short and long-stay visa applicants will be able to submit their applications with ease at our visa application centre in Dhaka's Gulshan Avenue.*
- *Applicants can book visa appointments to visit our centre for application submission by visiting <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/bgd/en/fra/>.*
- *Applicants also get a host of additional services including Premium Service, Courier, and Form Filling among others for an added convenience.*

The Embassy of France in Dhaka 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 France Visa Application Centre located in Gulshan, an easily accessible area in Dhaka to provide an enhanced visa application experience to France visa applicants in Bangladesh.

Starting 17 September 2025, France short and long-stay visa applicants in Bangladesh will be able to submit their applications at the state-of-the-art France Visa Application Centre in Dhaka with ease by booking a prior appointment online. Appointment bookings have already started, and applicants can book them via VFS Global by visiting <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/bgd/en/fra/>.

The inauguration of the new France visa application centre was done by **H.E. Mrs. Marie Masdupuy, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh**, on 16 September 2025.

H.E. Mrs. Marie Masdupuy, Ambassador of France to Bangladesh, said, "The Embassy of France is very happy to inaugurate this new visa application centre. The aim of outsourcing the collection of visa application is to facilitate travel for Bangladesh residents. This shift will increase the number of daily applications submitted, reduce the waiting time to get appointments, modernise payment options, and generally improve applicant experience via a specialised centre. I would like to emphasise the fact that VFS Global's responsibility will be limited to welcome the applicants and collect their application files. The processing of visa applications will continue to be the sole responsibility of the Embassy."

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 flexible payment options (cash, card, and online), 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 France visa services marks a significant step forward in enhancing travel access for Bangladesh residents and strengthening the enduring friendship between Bangladesh and France. VFS Global shares a long-standing relationship with the Government of France since 2004 and we are excited to expand our partnership further. We are confident that these visa application centres will support the rising demand for travel between the two nations by making the application submission process even more smooth and seamless thereby enhancing customer experience."

Applicants get an option to choose from a range of optional and additional services to enhance their overall visa application submission experience such as Premium Service, 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 France for visa processing services since 2004. The company offers visa services on behalf of France across 29 countries through a network of 70 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 Embassy within the Schengen coordination system.

France Visa Application Centre in Dhaka:

- **Address:** Rangs Z Square, Level 7, 118 Gulshan Avenue, Gulshan 2, Dhaka.
- **Business hours:** Sunday to Thursday, 8:30-4 PM

For more information or to book an appointment, please visit <https://visa.vfsglobal.com/bgd/en/fra/>.

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 68 client governments. Operating over 4,000 Application Centres in 165 countries, VFS Global has efficiently processed more than 504 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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