

country-specific information ~ india

- Please note that whilst the entry requirements for cats and dogs entering India are relatively straightforward, India is in fact highly complex with regard to you, the owner's status and the extensive documentation required to be submitted to the Indian authorities in order to relocate your pet to India. Whilst the Indian entry requirements are unified, interpretation by the local city authorities differs and only an agent in India can advise on the requirements specific to you, your situation and your status as determined by the Indian authorities. Please also note that individual officers in the Animal Husbandry and Customs departments frequently require additional documentation and information at very short notice.

No Objection
Certificate (NOC):

REQUIRED: An agent in India will obtain this on your behalf from the Animal Quarantine & Certification Service.

Veterinary Certificate
for the Import of
Dogs and Cats into India

A Veterinary Certificate for the Import of Dogs (Annexure I) and Cats (Annexure II) into India is required for each dog and cat, and must be completed and then attested by the UAE Ministry of Climate Change & Environment (MOCCAE) within 10 days of travel in order for your chosen agent in India to gain the NOC for your dog or cat.

Please note that the UAE Health Certificate is also required to be sent through at this time.

Very importantly, prior to being able to proceed with gaining the NOC, the agent in India will need to have received your documentation and information in full, so this must be supplied well in advance of the 10-day validity period of your pet's travel health certificates.

Ports of Entry:

Please note that India permits the entry of pets into the following 6 cities only: Bangalore, Chennai, Cochin, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and New Delhi.

Kolkata: Please note that Customs clearance at this airport is an extremely complicated and bureaucratic process requiring an import license from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), instead of the usual NOC. Due to this it is highly recommended that your pet travel with you as accompanied baggage, and if this is not possible, for your pet to travel into one of the other permitted airports for Customs clearance, with a subsequent domestic flight into Kolkata arranged.

Official Entry Regulations:

Two pets per family/household are permitted and pets must arrive within 30 days of their owner's first immigration arrival stamp in India after being issued a work visa. Please note, however, that some cities do offer flexibility outside of the 30-day window. The agent in India will be able to advise you on this.

Microchipping:

All pets entering India must be microchipped.

It is recommended the microchip meet ISO standard 11784 or Annex A ISO Standard 11785. If your pet's microchip does not meet either of these standards, you might be required to provide a compatible microchip reader upon arrival at your destination country.



Vaccinations:	<p>All dogs and cats must have current booster vaccinations administered at least 30 days prior to travel and within a year of travel. Their vaccination records must also show their previous vaccinations.</p> <p>Vaccinations required: Rabies. Also, for dogs: Distemper, Hepatitis, Parvovirus and Parainfluenza. For cats: FVRCP, including Feline Enteritis and Feline Pan Leukopenia.</p>
Owner Documentation/Status	<p>Whilst the full details of the documentation and information required will be advised by the agent in India, minimally the following will need to be supplied and/or criteria met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You must be returning to India on a Transfer of Residence (TR) basis.• You must have been abroad for two continuous years and any short visits to India during the past two years should not exceed 180 days.• A copy of every single page of your passport will be required.• A copy of your UAE transferee/full employment contract (for the last two years minimum). Your salary and designation must be shown on this as well.• A copy of your full employment contract for your new position in India. This must show minimally a two-year assignment/position with your new company.• A copy of the letter that your new employer in India sent to the Indian authorities for gaining your Category E work visa.• A copy of your Indian Category E work visa.• Utility bill copies (either electric, water, cable or phone) will be required to prove residency in the UAE for a minimum period of two years.• Quarantine Declaration form (your agent will provide this) notarised by a public notary or attested by the Indian Consulate in the UAE.• A copy of your airline reservation/e-ticket confirmation for entering India following India visa issuance. A copy of your boarding pass will subsequently also be required.
Upon Arrival:	<p>Please note that your original passport must be presented to the authorities at the time of clearance through Customs in India.</p>
Custom Duties/Taxes:	<p>If travel is as manifest cargo, in addition to airport and clearance fees, please note that Customs duties and taxes are applicable. This is determined by the Customs office and is generally based on a percentage of the value of a new puppy of the same breed as your dog.</p>