

VISA PROCEDURE INFORMATION
(valid as of 1 September 2011 and subject to change at any time)

This information is aimed at helping you obtain the relevant Visa document to enter Dubai, UAE, for the period of the World Congress of Cardiology (WCC) 2012.

- Citizens of Gulf Corporation Council Member States:

If you are a national citizen of a GCC country you do not require a visa to visit the UAE. You will simply need to produce your GCC country passport upon arrival at the point of entry into the UAE

- United Arab Emirates
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Qatar
- The Kingdom of Bahrain
- The Sultanate of Oman
- Kuwait

- Citizens of the following 32 countries:

If you are a national citizen of one of the following countries, you do not require a visa to visit the UAE for a stay below 30 days. You will simply need to produce your country passport with a minimum of 6 months of validity upon arrival at the point of entry into the UAE

- Andorra
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- USA
- Vatican City

Please note that **Canadian citizens** are not eligible anymore for a visa upon arrival since 2 January 2011. We kindly invite you to refer to the paragraph below.

- Citizens of all remaining countries (non-eligible countries):

If you do NOT fall into one of the above categories, you will require a visa to enter the UAE.

1. If you have made your hotel bookings through MCI (MCI Suisse SA, the official Registration & Housing Bureau on behalf of the Congress) we can process your visa application on your behalf. In order to do this, you must complete the required information that will follow in the "visa request" section of the registration process. This information will be used to make your visa application. You may be required to also send through a scanned copy of your passport – if this is the case, you will be contacted by MCI to ask you to send this.

MCI will apply a visa processing fee of USD 150 per person. To obtain a visa, normally a security deposit between AED 5,000 and AED 10,000 is required to be paid to the hotel which is handling the visa request; however, participants that have made their hotel reservation through MCI and applied for a visa in this way, will not be required to pay any visa related security deposit.

2. If you have NOT made your hotel bookings through MCI, you must contact your hotel directly to apply for a visa and you will be responsible for any visa processing fees charged by the hotel as well as any visa security deposit charged (see previous paragraph).

IMPORTANT: Please note that visa requests may potentially not be confirmed by the UAE immigration authorities until approximately 15 days before the date required.

It is the responsibility of the guest to ensure that visa conditions set out by UAE laws and regulations are still valid at the time of travel to the UAE.

For more information, please visit the following website: www.uaeinteract.com/travel/visas.asp

- Exceptions:

For Israeli passport holders, specific procedures may apply. For further information, please contact wcc2012dubai@mci-group.com

While looking forward to welcoming you to Dubai, we thank you for your collaboration and remain at your convenience should you need any further information.

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