Consulate General of India

Toronto

PRESS RELEASE

Submission of Entry Visa application on Emergency Ground

In order to facilitate faster processing of applications for Entry Visa on Emergency Grounds, it has been decided to set up special counters at BLS Centres in Toronto and Brampton w.e.f. Monday, 17 October, 2022 for acceptance of such applications. The applicants are therefore advised not to approach the Consulate directly for submission of such applications.

In the cases of death of immediate family members (Parents, Grandparents and Siblings only), visa application should be submitted from 8.00 AM to 11.00 AM during weekdays and from 10.00 AM to 11.00 AM on Saturdays at BLS Centres at 1448 Lawrence Avenue E, Unit 6 A, Toronto ON M4A 2V6 and 60 Gillingham Drive, Unit 403, Brampton, ON, L6X 4X7. Such applicants should approach the security personnel at BLS with all the required documents for further directions. Please note that in addition to the requisite documents, applicants are required to submit the following documents :

- i. Copy of death certificate/medical document, which confirms that the death has happened within the last 72 hrs
- ii. Copy of Photo ID of the deceased
- iii. Copy of Proof of relation of applicant with the deceased.

Once application is accepted and fee is paid at BLS, the applicant can bring the application with proof of payment (alongwith air ticket if travelling on the same day) to the Consulate latest by 2.00 PM during the weekdays and by 12.00 (Noon) on Saturdays for issuance of visa on the same day. The applicant can choose to leave the application at BLS Centre, in which case the visa will be issued on the next working day.

In the case of serious medical emergency cases involving hospitalization of immediate family members, the applicant must submit a request for emergency appointment to the Consulate at SAMPARK portal on the website of the Consulate : <u>https://www.cgitoronto.gov.in/sampark/enquiry.php?id=9</u> and wait for approval of the request from the Consulate. The applicant can thereafter submit the application alongwith copy of SAMPARK approval at special counters of BLS as per details mentioned above.

Entry Visa in all such cases will be granted for a maximum period of 90 days with Single Entry.

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13th October, 2022