



South Korea Visa Application Checklist (2026)

Please check with your local Korean Consulate for any specific local requirements.

1. MANDATORY DOCUMENTS (FOR ALL TYPES)

- ☐ **Passport:** Original & 1 Copy (Must be valid for at least 6 months)
 - ☐ **Visa Application Form:** Completed and signed by the applicant
 - ☐ **Passport Photo:** 1 Color photo (3.5cm x 4.5cm, white background, taken within 6 months)
 - ☐ **Visa Fee:** Paid in local currency or USD (Check the exact amount via our calculator)
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2. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS BY VISA TYPE



E-2 (English Teaching)

- ☐ **Employment Contract:** Original signed by the employer
- ☐ **Apostilled Degree Certificate:** Original copy with Apostille or Consular confirmation
- ☐ **Criminal Record Check:** National-level background check (Apostilled)
- ☐ **Health Statement Form:** Provided by the embassy/consulate



H-1 (Working Holiday)

- ☐ **Travel Itinerary:** A brief monthly plan of your intended stay in Korea
- ☐ **Proof of Funds:** Bank statement showing a minimum of \$3,000 (approx. 4M KRW)
- ☐ **Medical Insurance:** Minimum coverage of €30,000/\$40,000 for the entire stay
- ☐ **Return Flight Ticket:** Or proof of funds to purchase one



D-2 (Study Abroad)

- ☐ **Certificate of Admission (CoA):** Issued by the Korean University
- ☐ **Business Registration Copy:** From the hosting university in Korea
- ☐ **Proof of Final Academic Credentials:** Graduation certificate or transcripts
- ☐ **Bank Statement:** Showing sufficient funds for tuition and living expenses

THE "BIG TWO" (FOR E-2, F-4, H-1)

These two are the most common reasons for delays in the USA, UK, and Canada.

- [] **Criminal Record Check (CRC):** - USA: FBI Identity History Summary
 - **UK: ACRO Police Certificate**
 - **Canada: RCMP Certified Criminal Record Check**
 - **Note: Must be Apostilled (USA/UK) or Consular Authenticated (Canada).**
- [] **Apostilled Original Degree:** Required for E-2 and some D-2/F-4 applicants.

C-3 (Short-term Tourism)

- [] **Flight Booking:** Round-trip flight itinerary
- [] **Hotel Reservation:** Confirmation of your accommodation
- [] **Proof of Employment:** Or student certificate
- [] **Bank Statement:** Typically for the last 3-6 months

3. FINAL REMINDERS

- All documents must be in **English or Korean**. (Translate & notarize if needed)
- Double-check the **K-ETA exemption status** for 2026 before applying.
- Make an **appointment** with the embassy or KVAC center in advance.

"This checklist is for general guidance only. Requirements may vary depending on your nationality and the specific Korean Embassy/Consulate. Always confirm with the official website of your local Korean diplomatic mission before submitting your application."

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