

MOBILE BIOMETRIC CLINIC

The Mobile Biometric Clinic (MBC) service is a versatile and optional service which allows applicants who are resident in Maldives to submit their Germany visa application and biometric data using a mobile facility outside the current network of 2 Germany visa application centers in Sri Lanka.

The MBC service uses the Germany Embassy approved mobile biometric equipment to capture biometric data and scanned photograph. This service is delivered by the trusted partner of Germany Embassy in Sri Lanka, VFS Global.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. How do I apply?

The clinic service is by prior appointment only. The Schedule an appointment page on <http://www.vfs-germany.com/> contains more information about how to make your appointment to use the MBC in Malè. You will be provided with the full address and appointment time of the MBC when you receive your appointment confirmation email.

If you are part of a family or group, each member of the family or group must make an individual appointment. For example, if you are a family of 4 with 2 adults and 2 children you need to make 4 individual appointments.

2. Where can I find the visa application form?

It is strongly recommended that instead of submitting paper visa application form, applicants can fill the user friendly form online at <https://videx.diplo.de/videx/>.

Steps:

- 1) You will be prompted to choose a language version for the online visa application.
- 2) You will receive information about where to apply for your visa. Please read this information about the competent German missions carefully.
- 3) You can choose the icon for "new application" or upload personal data saved on your computer earlier into a blank form. Please fill in the application form completely and thoroughly.
- 4) When you have finished to fill the form, click "save and print" directly from the form (do not use your browser application's print option').
- 5) Now you will find different options for processing the application. By clicking the pdf-icon, the application form will be checked for consistency and missing mandatory information. As long as information is missing or not correctly entered, you will be prompted and returned to the form. Once the application form is duly filled in, the file may be opened or saved (recommended) on your computer.

Very important: When the print menu opens, please chose "advanced" and then enable the field "print as picture" in Acrobat Reader's Advanced Print Setup tab. This will ensure that a correctly sized and readable barcode will be generated for further processing your application by the German Embassy. You will have to present the printed application form with barcode together with all supporting documents when you appear at the clinic.

Manual visa application forms can be downloaded from <http://www.vfs-germany.com/index.html>. Germany Embassy in Colombo only accepts visa application forms

filled in German or English language. No other language versions and no manually corrected forms are acceptable.

For assistance, please call +94112350630 between 08:00 to 14:00 (Monday to Friday, except declared holidays; Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)) and speak to the operator.

3. What will happen when I attend my appointment?

- ✓ you should arrive 15 minutes before your appointment (if you are late you will need to reschedule your appointment);
- ✓ provide your biometric data;
- ✓ deposit your passport, application form & supporting documents in a drop box ready for collection by a courier;
- ✓ the application will then be sent to Embassy of Germany in Colombo for processing.

4. What should I bring with me?

When you attend your appointment, you should bring:

- ✓ your fully completed and signed visa application form;
- ✓ your photograph (as per published specifications);
- ✓ current valid passport or refugee travel document with at least 6 months validity. Old passport(s) if available;
- ✓ all supporting documents* and supplementary form/questionnaire (if any);
- ✓ appointment confirmation letter printout for the mobile clinic.

Your passport must contain at least 1 blank page back to back so that the visa can be inserted.

* It is recommended that you submit original documents. Photocopies will be accepted. If you submit original documents, please retain a copy. Additional documents may not be submitted at a later date. Please refer to <http://www.vfs-germany.com/index.html> for complete information.

5. How will my passport be returned?

Authorized personnel from Maldives High Commission, Sri Lanka will collect the processed passports released by the Germany embassy and make arrangements to send them to Malé. At the time of your clinic appointment, please submit an original letter authorizing Maldives High Commission, Sri Lanka to collect the passport on your behalf to the clinic staff. Individual letters are required from each applicant. Parents can authorize on behalf of minors.

6. What should I do in case I cannot attend the MBC on the appointed date?

If you need to cancel your appointment and apply for a refund, you are required to provide 48 hours' notice before your appointment date. Please call +94112350630 between 08:00 to 14:00 (Monday to Friday, except declared holidays; Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)) and speak to the operator. Please have your appointment reference number and passport details handy with you when you call.

Alternatively, you can also email info.germansl@vfshelpline.com with complete details & contact numbers and we will contact you at the earliest.

Refunds are at the sole discretion of VFS Global and will be in line with the refund policy outlined in the clinic Terms and Conditions. Refunds will not be given if the cancellation is made less than 48 hours before the appointment.

7. What will happen if the MBC is cancelled on the stipulated date?

If VFS Global cancels your appointment it will aim to give sufficient possible advance notice. An alternative appointment will be offered. The next available appointment may be during the next scheduled clinic. If no alternative slot is available, VFS Global will provide a full refund. The notice period does not include public holidays and weekends.

If the clinic is cancelled due to no fault of VFS Global or the applicant, VFS Global will aim to offer an alternative appointment during the next scheduled clinic. If the alternative appointment is unacceptable or the applicant wishes to apply for a refund please follow the instructions outlined in the clinic Terms and Conditions.

8. How much does it cost to use to use the MBC?

The applicant pays a service fee of local currency equivalent to 30€ to use the MBC in Malè in addition to the visa fee and optional services, if availed for. All fees have to be paid online at the time of appointment booking. No financial transactions are permitted at the clinic.

9. I can't book an appointment and I need to travel urgently?

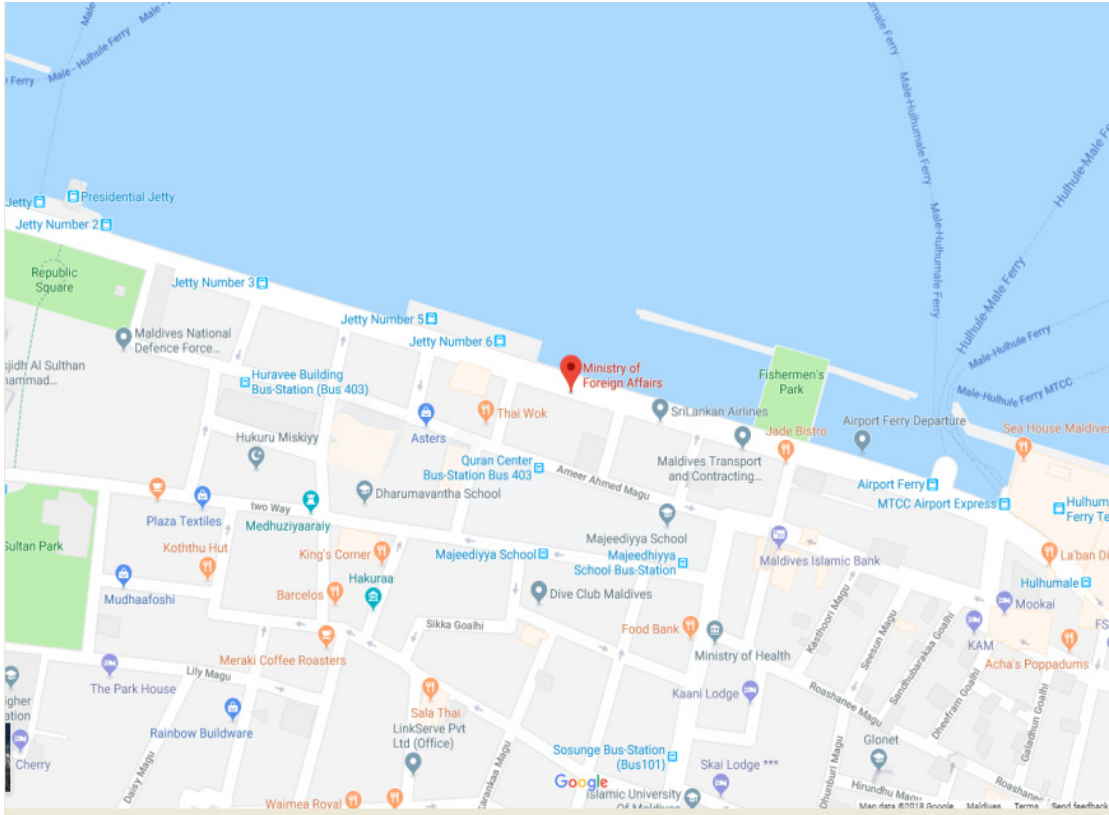
Applicants that have not been able to obtain an appointment should apply through VFS Global operated visa application centers in Sri Lanka.

10. What are the working hours of the clinic?

The clinic will operate on 27th and 28th January, 2019 between 0800-1800 hrs Maldives Time (MVT). In case of increased demand, the clinic may be extended. Applicants must check the website regularly or call +94112350630 between 08:00 to 14:00 (Monday to Friday, except declared holidays; Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)) and speak to the operator. Applicants must attend the clinic only on their appointment date and arrive 15 minutes prior to their appointment time.

11. What is the clinic address?

First Floor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Boduthakurufaanu Magu
Malè, Republic of Maldives, 20077



12. Will there be someone whom I can contact on a local telephone line or email, if I have questions?

Applicants can call +94112350630 between 08:00 to 14:00 (Monday to Friday, except declared holidays; Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)) and speak to the operator. Please have your appointment reference number and passport details handy with you when you call.

You can also email info.germansl@vfshelpline.com with complete details & your contact number and we will contact you at the earliest.

13. How long will my application take to process?

For information on processing times, please refer to <http://www.vfs-germany.com/index.html>.

14. What provisions are available at the mobile biometric clinic for differently-abled applicants?

Please make prior arrangements by calling our helpline on +94112350630 between 08:00 to 14:00 (Monday to Friday, except declared holidays; Sri Lanka Standard Time (SLST)) and speak to the operator. Please have your appointment reference number and passport details handy with you when you call. You can also email your request to info.germansl@vfshelpline.com. We must receive your request at least 48 hours prior your appointment date to make the arrangements.

15. Will visa decisions be made in the Maldives?

No. Applications will be processed by the Embassy of Germany in Sri Lanka.

16. What is the latest that I can book online appointment?

To use this service and apply for your Germany visa in Malé, make the online payment by 25th January 2019 18:00 hrs SLST. Appointment will be granted depending on availability.

17. How can I track my application?

Please visit <http://www.vfs-germany.com/Track-your-application.html>

18. Can I apply for Estonia, Hungary and Latvia visa at the clinic?

No. Applicants can apply only for Germany visa at the clinic.

19. I am not a Maldivian citizen but another country national holding a valid Maldivian residence visa/permit and living in Maldives. Can I apply for clinic service?

Yes.

Mobile Biometric Clinic Terms and Conditions

Mobile biometric clinics are an optional service offered by VFS Global at their discretion with the full approval of the Embassy of Germany in Sri Lanka.

Under no circumstances will applicants without a prior appointment be accepted at mobile biometric clinics. All applicants must pre book an appointment and pre pay the visa fee, mobile clinic fee and optional services, if availed. Should you be late for your scheduled appointment you may not be seen and any fees paid may not be refunded. Please see information on refunds policy below.

Your visa application will be processed and decided by Embassy of Germany in Sri Lanka. VFS Global does not play any part in or influence the outcome of your visa application or when you will receive your documents back.

Mobile Biometric Clinic Refunds Policy

By booking an appointment and paying the mobile clinic fee you agree that VFS Global will only issue refunds in exceptional circumstances and entirely at VFS Global discretion. You agree that VFS Global will issue no part-refunds. VFS Global will not issue refunds for appointments which are not attended.

To request a refund please send an email to info.germansl@vfshelpline.com. Please include your name, address, nationality, booking reference number and reason for requesting a refund. If VFS Global agrees to issue a refund you will be informed of the method for refund.

All visa fees are handled and managed by the Embassy of Germany in Sri Lanka.

Cancelling a Mobile Biometric Clinic appointment

Should VFS Global cancel your appointment VFS Global will aim to give sufficient possible advance notice. Notice is exclusive of public holidays and weekends.

Should VFS Global cancel your appointment an alternative slot will be offered at the next available time. The next available time may be another clinic at a later date. Should no alternative slot be available VFS Global will offer a full refund.

Should the mobile clinic be cancelled due to no fault of VFS Global or the applicant, VFS Global will endeavor to offer an alternative appointment at a later date. Should the alternative appointment be unacceptable or the applicant wishes to apply for a refund, please read information on refunds policy above.

Should you wish to cancel your appointment and apply for a full refund, you must provide VFS Global with 48 hours' notice prior to the actual clinic date. Refunds are at the sole discretion of VFS Global and will be in line with the refunds policy. Refunds will not be offered if you fail to give 48 hours' notice of cancellation

Security Regulations

For security reasons the following items will not be permitted inside the clinic or stored at the clinic premises.

- Only applicants with prior appointment will be allowed to the clinic with the exception of children (below 16 years) who should be accompanied by a responsible adult and elderly applicants (above 60 years), caretakers of applicants with physical disability and interpreters for the hearing-impaired.
- All battery operated or electronic items such as cameras, audio/video cassettes, compact discs, MP3s, floppies, laptops, or portable music players.
- All bags such as travel bags, back packs, briefcases, suitcases, leather, jute or cloth bags and zip folders. Only a plastic bag containing your application and related papers will be permitted.
- Sealed envelopes or packages.
- Any inflammable item such as matchboxes/ lighters/ fuel.
- Any sharp objects such as scissors, pen knives or nail filers.
- Weapons or weapon - like objects or explosive material of any kind.

Other items may be prohibited based on security staff discretion.