

Mali's diverse economy and connection to other countries in Africa is a pull for some companies. If you're planning on expanding to Mali to take advantage of new business relationships, offer additional products and services, or establish a global presence, you need a talented team behind you. However, if that team includes a foreign workforce, you will need to know how to get a Mali work visa for each worker.

Types of Work Visas in Mali

Any individual visiting Mali must obtain a visa from one of the country's diplomatic missions unless they're from a visa-exempt country. Currently, citizens from 25 countries can travel to Mali without a visa. The two main types of visas include business and tourist selections with options for single-entry, multiple-entry, or stays for up to six months. It typically takes 10 days to process the visa.

Other visa options include missionary, official, and diplomatic visas. However, these are less common, and most of your employees will apply for a business visa. After obtaining one at their closest embassy or consulate, your employees will then need a work permit to legally work for your company.

Requirements to Obtain Mali Work Visas

Your employees will need a valid passport and business visa to travel to Mali. The requirements for a business visa include:

- Two original and completed visa application forms
- A passport valid for at least six months beyond the stay
- Two recent passport-size photos
- Business cover letter
- Certificate of yellow fever vaccine
- Flight itinerary
- Your company's registration certificate and recent income tax filing

There are additional requirements to obtain a work permit in Mali. For example, you must

provide a letter on your company's letterhead detailing information about the business and your position and status in the company, as well as proof of your business's finances. This documentation requirement is why employers often handle the work permit application process, as it must include information from you.

Application Process

Your employees should apply for their visas at the embassy or consulate in their country of residence before arriving in Mali. Incomplete applications can delay the process, so individuals must ensure they complete the application and submit all the required documents. Once the process is complete, an applicant can pick up their passport at the embassy or send a prepaid self-addressed envelope for its return.

During the application process, you will need to pay a corresponding fee based on your employee's nationality and type of visa requested. For example, US citizens owe \$131 for all visa types except those designated as official or diplomatic. All other types of visas are valid for up to five years and include multiple entries.

Citizens from other countries follow this pay schedule:

- Single-entry visa valid for three months: \$80
- Multiple-entry visa valid for three months: \$110
- Multiple-entry visa valid for six months: \$200
- Multiple-entry visa valid for one year: \$370

Other Important Considerations

Many of your prospective employees may have pets they also want to bring to Mali. They will need a sanitary certificate from their home country dated within three days of their entrance to Mali. This document must show the pet is free of infectious diseases. Dogs will also need a certificate showing a recent rabies vaccine.

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