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# The GCC Visa Checklist

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A practical, step-by-step  
preparation guide for expats





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# Who Is This Guide For?

- ✓ First-time expats
- ✓ Moving to UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar or Oman
- ✓ Job seekers with new GCC contracts
- ✓ Families relocating
- ✓ Freelancers and remote workers





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# Universal GCC Visa Documents

- ✓ Passport valid for at least 6 months
- ✓ Passport-sized photos (4.5 x 3.5 cm, white background)
- ✓ Attested educational certificates (degree, diploma)
- ✓ Proof of accommodation (rental contract, hotel booking, family sponsorship)
- ✓ Police clearance certificate (for select nationalities)
- ✓ Additional requirements by country (medical, Emirates ID, sponsor documents)



Recommended:  
5-8 copies of each





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# Country-Specific Notes



**UAE**

- ✓ Medicals (Emirates ID after sponsor)
- ✓ Passport-sized photos



**Saudi Arabia**

- ✓ Employment contract (duties, salary)
- ✓ Attested educational certificates
- ✓ Kafeel role and responsibilities



**Qatar**

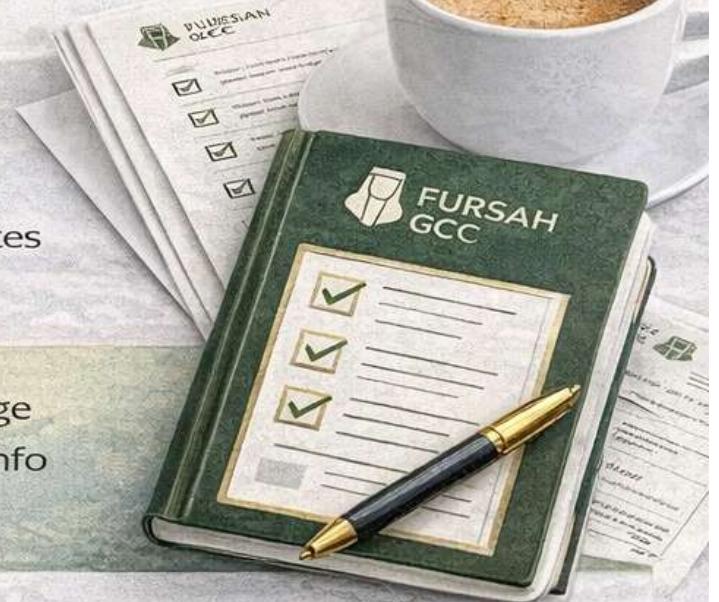
- ✓ Confirmed sponsorship
- ✓ Attested educational certificates
- ✓ Medical check after arrival



**Oman**

- ✓ Work with the sponsor; spouse or the embassy initiates process

**Tip:** Requirements can change without notice. Verify latest info before applying.





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# Avoid These Mistakes

*From missing attestations to application delays.*

## Common mistakes you can't afford to make:

- ✓ Applying for the wrong type of visa
- ✓ Assuming your employer will handle everything
- ✓ Not obtaining required attestations in advance
- ✓ Overlooking medical clearance requirements



### **Qatar**

- ✓ Confirmed sponsorship
- ✓ Attested educational certificates
- ✓ Medical check after arrival



### **Bahrain**

- ✓ Police clearance required
- ✓ Proof of address for dependents



Mistakes can lead to rejections,  
extra costs, and stress.

Double-check documents and timelines.





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# Timeline Expectations

*Every case is different — here's a realistic look.*

## Best-Case Scenario

- ✓ Quick process: all documents are ready

## Normal Timeline

- ✓ Some attestations required. Expect delays

## Delayed Timeline

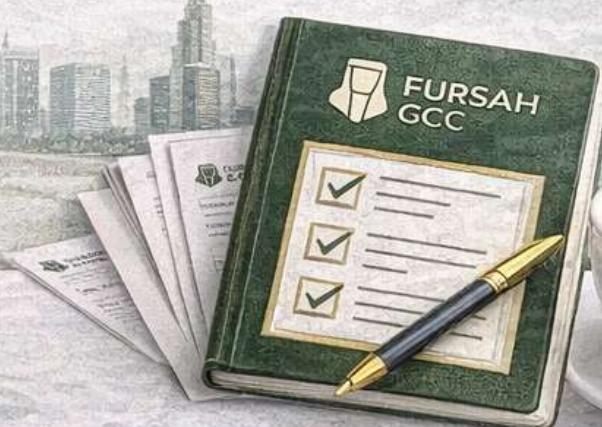
- ✓ Slow sponsor or unexpected bureaucracy



Start early. Plan for the normal timeline.



Consult an expert for faster processing.





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# When You Should Get Help

*Every case is different — here's a realistic look.*

## Common mistakes you can't afford to make:

### **Best-Case Scenario 4 - 6 weeks**

- ✓ Quick process: all documents are ready

### **Normal Timeline 8 - 10 weeks**

- ✓ Some attestations required. Expect delays.

### **Delayed Timeline 12+ weeks**

- ✓ Slow sponsor or unexpected bureaucracy



A consultation now often prevents costly mistakes later.

**Get Free Consultation**