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Abstract

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An entry visa and a residence permit (non-employment) may be granted to the dependents (spouse and minor children) of a foreign worker or business owner. Adult children above the age of 18 may be granted an entry visa and a residence permit if they are studying in the Kingdom (Art. 2).

The following conditions must be met in order to issue an entry visa and a residence permit for dependents of foreign workers and business owners (Art. 3):

1. The foreign worker or business owner must have a work permit
2. The work permit must be valid for at least three more months at the time of application
3. The monthly income of the foreigner is no less than 250 Bahraini Dinars.
4. The work permit must not be temporary.

The validity of the dependents' residence permit shall not exceed the foreign worker or business owner's work permit. It may be renewed if the work permit is renewed and the relevant fees are paid. Dependents may be given multiple return visas for the duration of their residence (Art. 5).

Dependents granted residence permits in accordance with this decision may not engage in work whether in the private or the public sector unless they obtain the proper permits and changing their residence permits in accordance with their new status (Art. 6).

Art. 7 lists the cases in which a dependent's residence permit may be revoked.