

Bahrain: New visas, renewals and terminations by type of visa (Q3 2008 – Q1 2014)

		New Visas				Renewals				Termination				Total		
		Dependent	Employment	Investor	Temporary Worker	Dependent	Employment	Investor	Temporary Worker	Dependent	Employment	Investor	Temporary Worker			
2008	Q3	3,080	9,014	31	455	12,580	3,073	13,505	8	397	16,983	1,023	3,914	2	83	5,022
	Q4	6,128	27,238	78	1,793	35,237	4,451	19,375	46	463	24,335	894	5,370	0	659	6,923
2009	Q1	7,123	34,458	93	2,340	44,014	6,439	26,459	142	338	33,378	1,929	15,255	10	1,755	18,949
	Q2	7,581	27,663	105	1,013	36,362	8,326	29,300	125	558	38,309	2,214	15,211	4	657	18,086
	Q3	5,904	24,211	91	538	30,744	5,152	25,753	65	406	31,376	1,845	14,032	6	816	16,699
	Q4	5,119	25,633	97	832	31,681	6,974	31,793	69	582	39,418	1,708	14,744	9	943	17,404
2010	Q1	6,241	24,988	139	1,653	33,021	11,539	43,168	94	285	55,086	1,828	16,043	12	1,016	18,899
	Q2	6,021	24,229	186	524	30,960	10,897	34,048	121	336	45,402	2,433	15,662	6	549	18,650
	Q3	5,795	25,199	139	444	31,577	6,670	29,847	131	478	37,126	2,041	16,806	8	420	19,275
	Q4	4,890	25,266	141	632	30,929	7,244	25,632	170	380	33,426	1,736	16,433	13	377	18,559
2011	Q1	5024	22929	117	1300	29,370	9538	28220	193	214	38,165	2,067	17,629	7	716	20,419
	Q2	6135	22102	153	561	28,951	9199	27880	189	380	37,648	2,759	17,472	14	698	20,943
	Q3	5450	28910	128	593	35,081	5910	22968	137	178	29,193	2,062	14,606	9	311	16,988
	Q4	5067	28266	121	650	34,104	7319	28141	143	358	35,961	2,052	15,143	12	310	17,517
2012	Q1	6,553	30,517	172	863	38,105	9,953	32,925	238	377	43,493	2,469	14,748	10	226	17,453
	Q2	7,031	30,485	222	1,194	38,932	9,923	28,613	244	437	39,217	2,661	14,628	14	328	17,631
	Q3	6,763	31,083	236	956	39,038	7,057	26,381	213	395	34,046	2,082	14,087	21	582	16,772
	Q4	4,936	28,814	210	1,547	35,507	7,970	27,357	252	449	36,028	2,463	17,086	24	1,510	21,083
2013	Q1	7,636	32,200	264	1,242	41,342	10,150	28,589	302	364	39,405	3,390	19,998	26	1,457	24,871
	Q2	7,814	32,181	260	386	40,641	11,056	28,210	278	210	39,754	4,124	20,057	31	713	24,925
	Q3	6,248	28,841	214	420	35,723	7,375	27,855	218	310	35,758	3,569	22,051	24	475	26,119
	Q4	5,492	24,649	253	475	30,869	8,746	31,480	269	257	40,752	3,579	23,957	32	444	28,012
2014	Q1	6,955	27,176	320	864	35,315	11,595	37,012	348	238	49,193	4,002	22,855	30	411	27,298

Source: Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Expatriate Management System (EMS)
ANNEXED NOTE

1. Technical Notes and Definitions

This table shows the flow of work permits (or visas) that are given to foreigners distinguished by the type permit granted by the LMRA (for employment, temporary employment, investor and dependent) and separated into new visas, renewals to already existing visas and termination of visas.

The LMRA Expatriate Management System (EMS) stores information and past history of sponsors and workers, and their dependents, within the scope of Law No. 19/2006 on regulating the labour market. The scope of the system covers regular, temporary and investor work visas for foreign workers, their dependents, in the commercial sector, the government sector and the non-commercial, non-government sector.

Until September 2014 the system excluded domestic workers, and work visas for artists and certain other categories of workers in non-civilian organizations. It distinguishes four types of visas for operational purposes: regular work visas for workers with 24-month validity; temporary work visas issued for workers with 6-month validity; investor work visas issued for investors investing up to BD 100,000; and dependent visas issued for dependent members of eligible foreign workers. The system tracks visa applications, renewals, mobility of workers between employers and from one occupation to another as well as notification of termination and runaway workers, and in general all operations of LMRA including inspection and offence management. The system is updated continuously and linked with other labour-related databases of the Kingdom, including CIO, GDNPR, GOSI, PFC,

CSB, Ministry of Labour (MoL), and Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC). **Work Visa** is a legal certificate to allow a foreign worker to enter the country for working purposes for a period of two years with the possibility of renewal.

Regular Worker is a worker engaged to work in an enterprise for a long period of time, i.e. for more than six months and usually two years with possibility of renewal.

Investor is a person who invests up to 100,000 Bahraini dinars.

Temporary Worker is a worker engaged to work in an enterprise for a short period of time, i.e. for less than two years and usually six months.

Dependent is a person who is a dependent member of the family of the eligible foreign worker.

Worker is a generic term that refers to an employed person in general, or to an employee, a self-employed, or a particular category of worker, such as full-time or part-time worker, depending on the context in which the term is used. Four major categories of workers in terms of their status in employment are employees, employers, own-account workers, and unpaid family workers.

Termination refers to an employer's application to the LMRA announcing the end of employment of a foreign worker in the economic unit (CR/Branch)

2. Institution which provides data

Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA).

3. Data availability

The LMRA publishes these data under its Bahrain Labour Market Indicators (BLMI) section. The BLMI dashboard can be found in:

(http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/mi_dashboard.xml). The general BLMI data with other non-LMRA sources can be found:

(http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/mi_data.xml)

Figures and results are often reported in tables in both PDF and Excel formats.

Data for this LMRA table can be found in two separate links here:

(http://blmi.lmra.bh/2011/12/data/ems/Table_33.pdf) and

(http://blmi.lmra.bh/2014/03/data/ems/Table_33.pdf).

The definitions that the LMRA adopts for its data can be found in the Glossary section: (http://blmi.lmra.bh/mi_glossary.xml).

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