



UK visa application centre to open in Thimphu

The UK Visa Application Centre (VAC) at Thimphu will open on Monday 16 May 2016. This is the first time customers will be able to apply for their UK visas in Bhutan instead of needing to travel to India.

The VAC will be located at:

Etho Metho

Thimpu Plaza

5th Floor, Chang Lam Thimpu

Kingdom of Bhutan

The VAC will be open Monday to Friday – timings: 09:00 - 14:00.

Customers wishing to use this new VAC will need to pay an extra charge of £55 on top of the cost of the visa. This charge, along with the visa fee, will need to be paid for when the application is submitted online. All visa decisions will be made in Delhi and will be processed within UKVI's global 15 working day service standard. Customers needing a UK visa urgently will still be able to apply for them in Kolkata or Delhi and use the priority or super priority visa services if eligible.

Customers can make use of number of user pay services at the VAC including:

- Walk-in Appointments - for customers who need to travel urgently or who have missed their appointment
- **Online Payment Assistance** –where customers can pay for their visa by cash at the VAC, using VFS Global's credit card to make the online payment.
- Certification - customers can keep hold of their original documents using this service. They need to bring original documentation to the VAC to show VFS staff, who then photocopy the documents to send off with their applications
- Get it Right Service - Customers who have completed and printed their application form can pay an additional fee to have the documents checked by VFS staff before it is sent to UKVI for processing.

For more information on user pay services click [here](#)