

Disclaimer and Terms and Conditions

1. The Short Messaging Service ('SMS') provided to Visa Applicants provides Visa Applicants with information on the stage of the Visa Application Process that their specific visa application is at. The information provided by SMS is based on the information provided by the Embassy of the United Kingdom in Bahrain. While VFS ensures that information is made available to the visa applicant promptly and accurately, the Visa Applicant shall at all times be responsible for providing and maintaining an SMS text compatible mobile phone where VFS can send text messages regarding the status of the Visa Application to the Visa Applicant. The Visa Applicant is responsible for ensuring connection to a mobile network capable of receiving the SMS Services. The Visa Applicant understands that if The Visa Applicant's mobile phone is switched off or is out of coverage for a period of 24 hours or more, The Visa Applicant's mobile network provider may delete any SMS messages to be received by The Visa Applicant.
2. The Visa Applicant confirms that the Visa Applicant has provided the accurate mobile number to be reached by SMS and that the Visa Applicant is the owner or its legitimate user, or that the Visa Applicant has the consent of the owner or legitimate user, of the mobile phone using for the Services. The Visa Applicant acknowledges that using another person's mobile phone/providing inaccurate mobile phone number/unauthorized use of mobile phone number for receiving the SMS may entail disclosure of Visa Applicant's confidential information which disclosure shall be at the sole risk of the Visa Applicant.
3. The Services will be available to the Visa Applicant's use from 7th April 2008 for a period of one Year or such other period as VFS may advise via our website located at www.vfs-uk-bh.com. VFS reserves the right to withdraw this service at any time and without notice.
4. The Visa Applicant must not use (or permit any third party to use) the SMS Service to send any message or communication which is Spam, illegal, offensive, abusive, indecent, obscene or menacing or causes annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety or infringes the rights of third parties. VFS reserves the right to withdraw the SMS service to such Visa Applicant if The Visa Applicant is in breach of this paragraph 4. VFS may also withdraw the Services if VFS in its sole discretion believes that the SMS service is being used in this way.
5. For operational reasons VFS may vary the technical specification of the Services, In the event of any change to the Service these Terms and Conditions is to be treated as varied accordingly.
6. The time to deliver the SMS is dependent upon the traffic on the mobile network and whether The Visa Applicant mobile phone is within reach and switched on and cannot therefore be guaranteed by VFS. VFS is not a mobile network operator and does not guarantee the delivery of SMS text messages.
7. The Visa Applicant acknowledges that the SMS Services may, at any time, be adversely affected by problems with The Visa Applicant mobile phone network, including, without limitation, interference to the network coverage. VFS is not responsible or liable to The Visa Applicant for any loss, damage or expenses incurred directly or indirectly by The Visa Applicant as a result of any difficulties experienced by the Visa Applicant's mobile phone service provider. Subject to the constraints described within this paragraph 8, VFS shall carry out the services with reasonable care and skill.
8. If The Visa Applicant does not receive SMS relating to these Services. the Visa Applicant should inform VFS through email or Helpline numbers.
9. The Visa Status services delivers the Visa Application based on the information received by VFS from Embassy of the United Kingdom.
10. To use the Services, The Visa Applicant should refer to the instructions available on the www.vfs-uk-bh.com website. The Visa Applicant agree to comply with all instructions we may give concerning the Services, including any security instructions. We will be entitled to

treat any failure by Visa Applicant themselves to comply with these instructions as a breach of these Terms and Conditions, which will entitle us to deny Visa Applicant access to the Services.

11. The Visa Applicant is responsible for paying charges for the message origination.
12. The Visa Applicant shall at its sole risk be responsible for taking all reasonable steps to prevent unauthorized persons gaining access to the Services.
13. While VFS takes every precaution transmission of information to transmit information. VFS shall not be responsible or liable for any unforeseen events and circumstances beyond the reasonable control of VFS.
14. VFS may in its sole discretion temporarily suspend the provision of the Services if such provision could materially affect the quality of any telecommunications service, including the Services, provided by VFS.
15. VFS specifically excludes all liability of any kind (including negligence) in respect of any third party information or other material made available on, or which can be accessed using SMS text services.
16. This Terms and Conditions is governed by the Bahraini Law and both parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in Kingdom of Bahrain.