

ANGOLA WORK VISA PROCESS MAP

STEP 1: REGISTRATION WITH MINISTRY

Depending on the business sector, it may be mandatory for the Angolan company to register before the Ministry.

STEP 2: LABOUR MARKET SEARCH

A labour market search must be conducted to check if local resident workers can be found for companies in the oil and gas sector, as well as other business sectors. FGI will advise if this is applicable. The company must review and keep a track of applicants.

Processing time: 30 days

STEP 3: MINISTRY APPROVAL

FGI submits the request for the visa approval also called, favorable opinion, for the foreign national before the Angolan authorities. The favorable opinion does not expire BUT it is advisable to apply for the visa ASAP as it may raise issues with documents if they become outdated.

Processing time: 2- 3 month

STEP 4: WORK VISA APPLICATION

The foreign national will need to submit the work visa application to the relevant Angolan consulate in the applicant's country of residence. The application will be sent by the consulate to the Angolan Migration and Foreigners' Service (SME). SME is required to analyze the visa application within 30 working days of receipt and will then return the decision to the consulate to complete the processing.

Processing time: 1-3 months

STEP 5: REPATRIATION GUARANTEE DEPOSIT

Once the work visa has been endorsed, the host entity in Angola will need to deposit an amount of money with the SME equal to the cost of sending the applicant to the place of origin on completion of their stay in Angola. This is usually done by bank transfer/deposit to the SME commercial bank and a receipt will be issued. Payment of the repatriation deposit guarantee should be made before entry in Angola, as evidence of payment is checked by SME at the port of entry upon arrival.

STEP 6: ENTRY TO ANGOLA

The applicant should travel to Angola with his/her passport and work visa within 60 days of visa issuance. The foreign assignee can begin working immediately.

