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## Does My Son or Daughter Need a Visa to Travel to Syria?



Spring is in the air finally! And Summer must approaching fast now, and it won't be long before it is time again to start planning for summer vacations, and to have the family spend some time with cousins and grandparents in the home country. So don't let last minute visa surprises spoil your plans. A Syrian does not need a visa to enter Syria even if he is using a US passport (or any other foreign passport for that matter). What about the children? Well, It is the Syrian law that the children of a Syrian man are Syrians and expected to be properly registered in the government civil record. The current regulations state that if the children are traveling in the company of their Syrian father they don't need a visa to enter Syria (even if their birth was not registered with the Syrian civil record). How about if the children are traveling with their mom and dad will be following later? Sounds like typical situation doesn't it. In this case if the Syrian citizenship of the children is not proved (by showing a Syrian passport for instance) then the airline company might not let the children on board of the plane! This specially can happen in the high season when unfortunately airlines companies overbook the airplane. How about if the children are old enough to be traveling by themselves? Well again if they can prove their Syrian citizenship they don't need a visa, otherwise be careful a visa can be required.

## WOMAN at the 2008 Beverly Hills Film Festival!



WOMAN, the documentary feature film written, directed, and produced by the Syrian American Ziad Hamzeh has been selected to premiere in April at the 2008 Beverly Hills Film Festival. The Beverly Hills Film Festival is an international competition dedicated to showcasing the art and talent of filmmakers in the city globally recognized as home to the motion-picture industry. We are proud of the accomplishment of our Syrian compatriot Ziad Hamzeh who is also a member of the Syrian American Cultural Council, and an active member of the Syrian community in United States. To find more about WOMAN please click [here](#).

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