

## About us

We are a law firm, authorised and regulated by the Iranian Bar Association and would be happy to provide travelers with pro bono legal information during their stay in Iran.

## Brochures

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- Customs, Import & Export



## Contact us

If things go wrong during your stay in Iran and you need immediate legal assistance by licensed lawyers, please contact us. We will carefully consider your issue as soon as we receive it and do all that we can to resolve the problem.

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# WELCOME TO IRAN

What you need to know about  
**Money & Numbers**  
when visiting Iran...





**1-** International Credit or Debit Cards do not work in Iran. Forget ATMs -thanks to the financial sanctions- you have to bring all the money you'll need in cash, and change the money once you are in Iran. Dollars and Euros are the easiest to exchange.

**2-** Exchange money at Currency Exchanges, not Banks. Exchanges give better rates than the banks. If not labeled "Exchange", look for small shops similar to jewelry stores that have foreign bank notes in the window.

**3-** Iranian RIAL is the official currency.

**4-** Prices are commonly given in TOMAN, not RIAL. (1 toman = 10 rials) People will also abbreviate: for example, if someone tells you something is "5", they mean 5,000 toman/ 50,000 rials. It is confusing in the beginning, but you will get the hang of it! Just add an extra "0" to the price to figure out the price in rials



**5-** If you do lose your money or run out of cash, carpet sellers in tourist areas can occasionally charge credit cards for a fee. The fee is around 10-20% of the transaction, so only use this as a last resort.

**6-** Persian (Farsi) uses the Arabic alphabet, and is written from right to left.

Numbers will also be different, but confusingly enough, they are written left to right. Try to learn the numbers so you can understand prices and time.

You can use bus rides to learn the numbers from road signs along the way.

