

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

GUIDELINES ON THE NEW VISA REGIME

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The existing Visa Regime of 2017 is updated as follows:

- 1. Citizens of countries that do not pay entry visa fees while travelling on Ordinary, Service and Diplomatic Passports** – A citizen of East African Community Member States (Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and South Sudan) shall be issued a pass/entry visa to stay for the period of six months.
- 2. Citizens of countries that do not pay entry visa fees while travelling on Ordinary Passports** – The following countries to be granted 90 days valid visa free of charge: Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Haiti, Mauritius, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Sao Tome and Principe, and Singapore.
- 3. Citizens of countries that do not pay entry visa fees while travelling on diplomatic and service/official passports** - The following countries have entered into Visa Waiver Agreement or made unilateral decision to allow for holders of Diplomatic and Service/Official Passports to enter without requiring visa requirements – including to pay for the visa fees: Angola, Benin, People's Republic of China (including Public Affairs passport), Cote d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, India, Israel, Haiti, Mauritius, Mozambique, Morocco, Namibia, Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates. The visa will be valid for 90 days.
- 4. 30 days visa upon arrival** – Citizens of all countries to continue getting visa upon arrival without prior application and pay a prescribed visa fee.
- 5. Rwandans living abroad with dual nationality allowed to use national IDs on entry** – Rwandans living abroad are waived with the visa fees while traveling on foreign passports in possession of a Rwandan Identity Card.
- 6. Foreign residents to use their resident ID cards for entry** - returning residents holding valid residence permits with corresponding resident cards will continue to be allowed to use them on entry, including using electronic gates (Automated Passenger Clearance System) at Kigali international Airport.
- 7. Children below the age of 16 years old travelling with their parents** – Children below the age of 16 years traveling on foreign passport with their parents traveling on foreign passport in possession of a Rwandan Identity Card will not be required to pay for entry visa.

This New Visa Regime takes immediate effect.

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