

REPUBLIC OF RWANDA



NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY SERVICE

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION

RWANDA's NEW VISA REGIME

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The Directorate General of Immigration and Emigration informs the public that the existing Visa Regime of 21 June 2019 is hereby updated as follows:

1. Citizens of countries members to the following international organisations; African Union, Commonwealth and La Francophonie - Albania, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Belgium, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Cambodia, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Dominica, Djibouti, Egypt, Eswatini, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Gabon, Grenada, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Kiribati, Jamaica, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritania, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Principality of Andorra, Romania, Republic of Macedonia, Saharawi Republic, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Switzerland, Togo, Tunisia, The Bahamas, The Gambia, Tonga, Tuvalu, Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, United Kingdom, Vietnam, Vanuatu, Zambia, and Zimbabwe – get visa upon arrival and are waived visa fees for a stay of 30 days.

2. 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.

3. 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, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and Principe, Singapore and the State of Qatar.

4. 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 holders of Diplomatic and Service/Official Passports to enter without visa requirements – including to pay for 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, the state of 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.**



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5. **30 days visa upon arrival** – Citizens of all countries not mentioned above to continue getting visa upon arrival without prior application and pay a prescribed visa fee.

6. **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.

7. **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.

8. **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 Rwanda New Visa Regime takes immediate effect.

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