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### CIRCULAR NO.25/2022

TO: All Regional Immigration Officers  
All Immigration Officers In-Charge  
All Officers- Headquarters  
All Zambian Missions Abroad

RE: **REVISED VISA REGIME**

This circular supersedes any other visa circulars issued prior to it.

#### 1.0 THE MEANING OF VISA

A visa is a tool which provides for preliminary examination of foreign nationals in terms of their suitability to enter the country. It is an endorsement in a valid passport of a foreigner, granting such person authority to enter Zambia within a specific period upon examination by an Immigration Officer at a port of entry.

#### 2.0 TYPES OF VISAS

The Department issues the following types of Visas:

- 2.1 Single Entry Visa** – A Single Entry Visa allows the traveller to enter Zambia only once during the validity of the visa. The fee is **US \$25**;
- 2.2 Double Entry Visa** – A Double Entry Visa allows the traveller to enter Zambia twice during the validity of the visa. The fee is **US \$40**; and
- 2.3 Multiple Entry Visa** – A Multiple Entry Visa allows the traveller to enter Zambia multiple times during the validity of the visa. The fee is **US \$75**. Multiple Entry Visas shall only be issued by Headquarters through the e-visa facility.

**Note:** Single, Double and Multiple visas shall be **valid for ninety (90) days** from the date of first issuance.

**Transit Visa**– Transit visas are issued to nationals who require visas to enter Zambia and are transiting through the Country using land transport, and shall be valid for a maximum period of seven (07) days. The fee is **US \$25**;

**2.4 Day Tripper Visa**- A Day tripper visa is issued at a port of entry to a tourist who visits Zambia for a period of less than 24 hours and makes exit through the same port. The facility will also apply to tourists visiting Zambia and wish to visit a neighbouring country and re-enter within 24 hours. The fee is **US \$10**.

**Note:** The Day Tripper shall only apply at Victoria Falls and Kazungula Border Controls.

### **3.0 VISITORS AND TOURISTS**

All ordinary Visitors and Tourists are entitled to a free ninety (90) days visit in any period of twelve (12) months from the day of first entry into Zambia while business Visitors are entitled to a free thirty (30) days visit in any period of twelve (12) months.

### **4.0 VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS**

Foreign nationals wishing to enter the country fall within one of the three (3) distinct categories:

- Nationals who do not require visas in order to enter Zambia;
- Nationals requiring visas on arrival or Missions Abroad; and
- Nationals required to apply for visas prior their travel to Zambia.

**Note:** All persons who ordinarily require Visas to come to Zambia are eligible to apply for an e-Visa.

#### 4.1 NATIONALS WHO DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS TO ENTER ZAMBIA

*Table 1. Nationals who do not require visas to enter Zambia*

1	Åland Islands	39	Gibraltar	77	Pitcairn
2	Angola	40	Greece	78	Poland
3	Anguilla	41	Grenada	79	Portugal
4	Antigua and Barbuda	42	Guadeloupe	80	Qatar
5	Australia	43	Hong Kong	81	Réunion
6	Australian Antarctic Territory	44	Hungary	82	Romania
7	Austria	45	Iraq	83	Ross Dependency
8	Azores	46	Ireland	84	Saint Helena
9	Bahamas	47	Isle of Man	85	Saint Kitts and Nevis
10	Bahrain	48	Italy	86	Saint Lucia
11	Barbados	49	Jamaica	87	Saint Martin
12	Belgium	50	Japan	88	Saint Vincent and Grenadines
13	Belize	51	Kenya	89	Samoa
14	Bermuda	52	Kiribati	90	Saudi Arabia
15	Botswana	53	Kuwait	91	Serbia and Montenegro
16	British Antarctic Territory	54	Latvia	92	Seychelles
17	British Indian Ocean Territory	55	Lesotho	93	Singapore
18	British Virgin Islands	56	Lithuania	94	Slovakia
19	Bulgaria	57	Luxembourg	95	Slovenia
20	Canada	58	Madeira	96	Solomon Islands
21	Canary Islands	59	Malawi	97	South Africa
22	Cayman Islands	60	Malaysia	98	South Korea
23	Channel Islands	61	Maldives	99	Spain
24	China	62	Malta	100	Swaziland
25	Croatia	63	Marshall Islands	101	Sweden
26	Cyprus	64	Martinique	102	Tanzania
27	Czech Republic	65	Mauritius	103	Tokelau
28	Denmark	66	Mayotte	104	Tonga
29	Dominica	67	Montserrat	105	Trinidad and Tobago
30	Estonia	68	Mozambique	106	Turks and Caicos Islands
31	Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	69	Namibia	107	Tuvalu
32	Falkland Islands Dependencies	70	Nauru	108	Uganda
33	Fiji Islands	71	Netherlands	109	United Arab Emirates
34	Finland	72	New Zealand	110	United Kingdom
35	France	73	Niue	111	United States of America
36	French Guiana	74	Norfolk Island	112	Vanuatu
37	Germany	75	Norway	113	Western Samoa
38	Gibraltar	76	Oman	114	Zimbabwe

**Note:** Visa requirement for the United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, Norway, New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan, South Korea, the Gulf States (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Iraq and the United Arab Emirates) was waived pursuant to Statutory Instrument Number 69 of 2022.

## 4.2 NATIONALS REQUIRING VISAS ON ARRIVAL OR MISSIONS ABROAD

*Table 2. Nationals requiring Visas issued on Arrival or Missions Abroad*

1	Albania	30	Eritrea	59	Northern Mariana Islands
2	American Samoa	31	Faroe Islands	60	Palau
3	Andorra	32	French Polynesia	61	Panama
4	Argentina	33	French Southern Territories	62	Paraguay
5	Aruba	34	Georgia	63	Peru
6	Belarus	35	Ghana	64	Puerto Rico
7	Bhutan	36	Greenland	65	Russia
8	Bolivia	37	Guam	66	Rwanda
9	Bosnia and Herzegovina	38	Guatemala	67	Saint Pierre And Miquelon
10	Bouvet Island	39	Guyana	68	Sandwich Islands
11	Brazil	40	Haiti	69	San Marino
12	Brunei Darussalam	41	Heard And Mc Donald Islands	70	Saotome and Principe
13	Burundi	42	Honduras	71	South Georgia And The South
14	Cambodia	43	Iceland	72	Suriname
15	Cape Verde	44	Israel	73	Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands
16	Chile	45	Kazakhstan	74	Switzerland
17	Christmas Island	46	Lao People's Democratic Republic	75	Thailand
18	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	47	Liechtenstein	76	Turkey
19	Colombia	48	Macedonia	77	Ukraine
20	Comoros	49	Madagascar	78	United States Minor Outlying
21	Congo, Democratic Republic of	50	Mexico	79	Uruguay
22	Congo, Republic of (Brazzaville)	51	Micronesia, Federated States Of	80	Islands
23	Cook Islands	52	Moldova, Republic of	81	Vatican City State
24	Costa Rica	53	Monaco	82	Venezuela
25	Cuba	54	Mongolia	83	Virgin Islands
26	Djibouti	55	Myanmar(Burma)	84	Wallis and Futuna Islands
27	Dominican Republic	56	Netherlands Antilles	85	Western Sahara
28	Ecuador	57	New Caledonia		
29	El Salvador	58	Nicaragua		

## 4.3 NATIONALS REQUIRING VISAS PRIOR TO TRAVEL

Zambian entry visas for nationals whose countries fall under this category require advance clearance by the Zambian Authorities. Applicants must apply for the visa through the Director General of Immigration prior to their arrival into Zambia. The applicant must receive a letter of approval prior to his/her travel and present it to an Immigration Officer at a port of entry and pay the prescribed fee for the visa.

**Table 3. Nationals requiring visas Prior to Travel**

1	Afghanistan	15	Gabon	29	Macau	43	Somalia
2	Algeria	16	Gambia	30	Mali	44	South Sudan
3	Armenia	17	Guinea Bissau	31	Mauritania	45	Sudan
4	Azerbaijan	18	Guinea Conakry	32	Morocco	46	Syria
5	Bangladesh	19	India	33	Nepal	47	Taiwan
6	Benin	20	Indonesia	34	Niger	48	Tajikistan
7	Burkina Faso	21	Iran	35	Nigeria	49	Timor- Leste (East Timor)
8	Cambodia	22	Ivory Coast	36	Pakistan	50	Togo
9	Cameroon	23	Jordan	37	Palestine	51	Tunisia
10	Central Africa Republic	24	Korea North	38	Papa New Guinea	52	Turkmenistan
11	Chad	25	Kyrgyzstan	39	Philippines	53	Uzbekistan
12	Egypt	26	Lebanon	40	Senegal	54	Yemen
13	Ethiopia	27	Liberia	41	Sierra Leone	55	Vietnam
14	Equatorial Guinea	28	Libya	42	Sri-Lanka		

## **5.0 EXCEPTIONAL CASES**

### **5.1 DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO ZAMBIA**

All Diplomats accredited to Zambia coming on official or private business should be issued with Gratis Visas at Zambian Missions Abroad or Port of Entry. This includes those Diplomats coming to do business with their respective Embassies/High Commissions.

### **5.2 DIPLOMATS NOT ACCREDITED TO ZAMBIA**

All Diplomats not accredited to Zambia coming on official business should be issued with Gratis Visas at Zambian Missions Abroad or Port of Entry. Diplomats not accredited to Zambia coming on private business should obtain Visa in the normal way and pay the applicable visa fee.

### **5.3 STAFF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ACCREDITED TO ZAMBIA/AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUPINGS/AFRICAN UNION**

5.3.1 Gratis Visas should be obtained at Zambian Missions Abroad or at Port of Entry on presentation of letters of accreditation. Persons belonging to International Organizations not accredited to Zambia can obtain visas at Missions Abroad or Ports of Entry on presentation of official or diplomatic passports, in which case the Visa fee shall apply.

5.3.2 Persons coming under the umbrella of an African Regional Grouping should be issued a Gratis Visa either at Missions Abroad or port of Entry upon presentation of an official passport and an official letter from that Organization.

#### **5.4 PERSONS COMING TO ZAMBIA ON CONFIRMED GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

Persons holding ordinary passports but coming on Official Government Business should be issued a Gratis Visa either at Missions Abroad or port of Entry upon presentation of official letter from the Government Department/Ministry/Agency.



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