

# 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. No visa required for a stay of thirty (30) days for:**

**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, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Comoros, Canada, Cape Verde, Congo, Cyprus, Dominica, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, Fiji, France, Gabon, Grenada, Greece, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Laos, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Luxembourg, Kiribati, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Moldova, Monaco, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Romania, Saharawi Arab Republic, Saint Lucia, St Vincent and The Grenadines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Switzerland, The Bahamas, The Gambia, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Tuvalu, United Kingdom, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

**2. No visa required for a stay of six (6) months for:**

**Citizens of the following countries 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).

**3. No visa required for a stay of ninety (90) days for:**

**Citizens of following countries travelling on Ordinary Passports** - Angola, Benin, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, Haiti, Mauritius, Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Sierra Leone, State of Qatar and The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis.

**4. No visa required for a stay of ninety (90) days for:**

**Citizens of following countries travelling on diplomatic and service/official passports** - Angola, Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Indonesia, India, Israel, Haiti, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, People's Republic of China (including Public Affairs passport), Philippines, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, The Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Turkey and the United Arab Emirates.

**5. Thirty (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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