

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Panama August 14, October 27, and November 5, 1948

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and 25, 1956¹*

62 Stat. 3848; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1943

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 38

PANAMÁ, R.P., August 14, 1948

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Embassy's Note No. 458 of September 2, 1947, the Ministry's Note D.P. 2592 of November 12, 1947, to previous correspondence and to various informal conversations with the Second Secretary of the Ministry, all pertaining to my government's proposal that temporary visitors' visas be issued gratis to citizens of the United States and the Republic of Panamá on a reciprocal basis.

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the Government of the United States will on or after the 1st day of November, 1948, grant to Panamanian nationals who qualify as temporary visitors for business or pleasure purposes under the provisions of section 3 (2) of the Immigration Act of 1924,² as amended, gratis non-immigrant passport visas valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States and its possessions during a period of twenty-four (24) months from date of issuance, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period of time, if, on and after the same date, the Government of Panamá will accord a similar courtesy to American citizens in a like category entering Panamá. All other non-immigrant passport visas granted to qualified Panamanian nationals will be without fee and valid for any number of applications for admission into the United States during a period of twelve (12) months, provided the passports of the bearers remain valid for that period of time, if the Government of Panamá will accord a similar courtesy to American citizens in a like category entering Panamá.

¹ 7 UST 905; TIAS 3573.

² 43 Stat. 154.