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Government Notifications

AMENDMENT OF IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS REGULATIONS 1956 RELATED TO THE IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT, No. 20 OF 1948

BY virtue of powers vested in me under section 52 that should be read in conjunction with the section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act pertaining to the Ministerial subject assigned to me, I Wajira Abeywardana as the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial Councils & Local Government and as per the Cabinet Memorandum No. 8/IA/2019 dated 31.01.2019 submitted by me on “Amendments to be made to the Immigrants and Emigrants Regulations for existing visa categories and to revise relevant fee in the visa Issuing system of the Department of Immigration and Emigration”, the revised Regulations pertaining to the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, No. 20 of 1948 (Chapter 351) attached to the aforesaid Cabinet Memorandum are submitted herewith and I do hereby order to publish the amended regulations in the Government Gazette and subsequently to table the same in the Parliament for approval.

WAJIRA ABEYWARDANA,
Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial
Councils and Local Government.

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Sri Subhuthipura Road,
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20th May, 2019.



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IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT (Chapter 351)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Internal and Home Affairs and Provincial Councils and Local Government under Section 52, read with Section 23 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act, (Chapter 351) and approved by Parliament.

WAJIRA ABEYWARDANA,
Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and Provincial
Councils and Local Government.

Colombo,
20th May, 2019.

Regulations

The Immigrants and Emigrants Regulations 1956, published in the Supplement to the Ceylon Government *Gazette* No. 10,896 of February 24, 1956 are hereby amended as follows :-

1. in regulation 8 -

- (1) in paragraph (1) by the substitution for the words “ furnish such Number of copies of the photograph or of the finger- prints or of both,” of the words “ furnish such Number of copies of the photograph or of the bio metrics or of both,”;
- (2) in paragraph (2), by the substitution for the words, “or of the finger-prints furnished” of the words, “ or of the bio metrics furnished”.

2. by the insertion immediately after regulation 10, of the following new regulation :-

“10A. (1) Any person who contravenes the condition which specifies the period of stay in any visa granted or issued to that person, by overstaying in Sri Lanka, shall be required to pay a penalty of United States Dollars 500, in addition to the applicable visa fee for the period of over stay.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), the prescribed Authority may grant a grace period -

- (a) of two days at the port of departure to a person referred to in paragraph (1) ; or
- (b) seven days when applying for an extension of the period of stay specified in the visa from the Department of Immigration and Emigration.

3. by the substitution, for regulation 13 thereof, of the following regulation :-

“13. (1) The fees payable in respect of visas shall be as set out in the table below :-

TABLE

<i>Type of the visa</i>		<i>Fee United States Dollars (US \$)</i>
1. Resident Visa	<p>1. For -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) investors ; (ii) employees ; (iii) students ; (iv) persons seeking medical treatment in Sri Lanka ; (v) persons representing non-governmental institutions ; (vi) religious workers ; (vii) spouse of any person referred to in the items (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) ; and (viii) each of dependent children of any person referred in the items (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi). <p>(for each period of twelve months or part thereof)</p>	200.00
	<p>2. For –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any person whose citizenship of Sri Lanka has been ceased under Sections 19, 20 or 21 of the Citizenship Act, (Chapter 349) ; (ii) Spouse of the person referred to in item (i) ; and (iii) each of dependent children of the person referred to in item (i). <p>(for each period of twelve months or part thereof)</p>	100.00
	<p>3. For -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) any person who has been registered as an Indian Citizen under Section 13 of the Indo-Ceylon Agreement (Implementation) Act, No. 14 of 1967 (ii) spouse of the person referred to in item (i) ; and (iii) each of dependent children of the person referred to in item (i) <p>(for each period of twelve months or part thereof)</p>	100.00

TABLE

<i>Type of the visa</i>		<i>Fee United States Dollars (US \$)</i>
	4. For clergy	free
	5. For - (i) non Sri Lankan spouse of a Sri Lankan Citizen whose marriage is subsisting for more than six months at the time of making the application ; and (ii) each of dependent children of the non Sri Lankan spouse referred to in item (i).	free
	6. For a non Sri Lankan spouse of a demised Sri Lankan who has not remarried (with the approval for employment) (for each period of twelve months or part thereof)	100.00
	7. For a non Sri Lankan spouse of a Sri Lankan citizen who is living in Sri Lanka continuously for not less than ten years. (with the approval for employment) (for each period of twelve months or part thereof)	100.00
	8. For a non Sri Lankan spouse of a Sri Lankan citizen who has children below eighteen years. (with the approval for employment) (for each period of twelve months or part thereof)	100.00

2.Visit Visa	<i>Tourist Purposes</i>		
	1. For South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries (up to thirty days)	<i>Online</i>	<i>On arrival</i>
		20.00	25.00
	(Electronic Travel Authority) (ETA)		
	2. any country other than a SAARC Country (up to thirty days) (Electronic Travel Authority) (ETA)	35.00	40. 00

TABLE

		Online	From the Head Office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration
	3. For the following designated countries - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Netherlands, Poland, Italy, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Greece, Sweden, Hungary, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, United States of America, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Estonia, Mauritius, Iceland and Cuba (after thirty days up to ninety days)	100.00	100. 00
	4. For United States of America (after ninety days up to hundred and eighty days)	-	Free
	5. For Singapore, Maldives, Seyschells and Czech Republic (after thirty days up to ninety days)	-	Free
	6. For any country other than a designated country, United States of America, Singapore, Maldives, Seychelles and Czech Republic (after thirty days up to ninety days)	-	60.00
	7. For any country other than United States of America (after ninety days up to hundred and eighty days)	-	150.00
	8. For any country (after hundred and eighty days up to two hundred and seventy days)	-	200.00
	Business Purposes	Online	On arrival
	9. For South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries (up to thirty days) (Electronic Travel Authority) (ETA)	30.00	40.00

		<i>Online</i>	<i>From the Head Office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration</i>
	10. Any country other than a SAARC Country (upto thirty days) (Electronic Travel Authority) (ETA)	40.00	50.000
		From the Head Office of the Department of Immigration and Emigration	
	11. For United States of America (after thirty days up to hundred and eighty days)	100.00	
	12. For any country other than United State of America (after thirty days up to ninety days)	100.00	
	13. For any country other than United States of America (after ninety days up to hundred and eighty days)	200.00	
	14. For all countries for a single journey or for several journeys (for each period of twelve months or part thereof) (each stay restricted up to six months)	200.00	
3.Transits Visa	All countries	Free	

Provided however, that no fee shall be payable for the grant or issue of a visa to any person who -

- (a) is the holder of a diplomatic or official passport ; or
- (b) is the holder of a valid diplomatic or official endorsement on his passport.

(2) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Paragraph (1) -

- (a) a national of a country (other than Sri Lanka) may be required to pay for a visit visa or transit visa, a sum not exceeding the amount that a citizen of Sri Lanka would be liable to pay for a visa for that country ; and
- (b) where a visit visa or a transit visa is granted or issued to any person by the representative of another Government on behalf of the Government of Sri Lanka, such person may be required to pay for that visa any sum fixed between the two Governments.

4. In regulation 15, by the substitution for the word “to any person for such period not exceeding six months” of the words “to any person for a single journey or for several journeys for such period not exceeding nine months.”

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