



PAPUA NEW GUINEA IMMIGRATION AND ENTRY PERMIT INFORMATION BOOKLET

Facts you need to know before travel to Papua New Guinea.

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Foreword

The information provided here is intended to assist prospective visitors who intends to visit Papua New Guinea (PNG).

It outlines everything you need to know from the start of your journey to your entry, stay and departure.

Selecting and applying for the right visa that matches your purpose of visit can be a bit tricky for some and for this reason we provide this information as a guide to assist your make the right selection for your entry permit.

You can find information on health and character requirements, visa classes and requirements, Migration fees, employment, Covid-19 travel measures and other migration information.

All entry permits are regulated and issued by the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA). Some visa categories are available online. We encourage paper visa lodgement if your purpose of visit does not match the eVisa classes. Visit the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority's [website](#) for specific information on visa types and requirement. If you need help send us an email on clientservice@immigration.gov.pg or newentries@immigration.gov.pg

Please read the information carefully as failure to provide correct information in an entry permit application may result in processing delays. Providing of false or misleading information may also result in your entry permit application being refused or being deemed void.

The PNG Government have introduced new travel measures in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. These new measures are subjected to change without notice and visitors must check the requirements for international travel on this [website](#).

We trust that the information provided here would guide you in selecting the right entry permit to visit this amazing country.

Stanis Hulahau
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COVID-19: TRAVEL ADVICE

The Papua New Guinea Government has imposed travel restrictions and mandatory requirements for all inbound visitors, returning Papua New Guineans and transiting passengers. The restrictions are constantly changing depending on the Covid-19 situation domestically and internationally. Visit the Covid-19 National Control Centre (NCC) [website](#) or its [Facebook page](#) for updated travel advice.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA COVID-19 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors and passengers must take note of the strict requirements for travel into Papua New Guinea during Covid-19 period.

New and additional requirements are prerequisite for all entry during Covid-19 period. These new measures include:

- a) CPR test with a negative test result from a reputable medical practitioner. CPR test should be taken 7 days prior to the date of departure from port of origin.
- b) Updated Supplementary Health Form
- c) Covid-19 Vaccination certificate (if applicable).

Returning Papua New Guineans and Residents

Returning Papua New Guineans and residents can enter the country without the need for vaccination. However, their return depends on the conditions and requirements set by the country of their departure. PNG quarantine measures would apply domestically.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Before travel to Papua New Guinea, you must check these prerequisites.

PNG Covid-19 National Control Centre Approval

It is mandatory that all visitors must write to the Office of the Controller {provide link here} for approval before travel to PNG. Visitors must remember that **an approval issued by the Controller giving permission to travel is NOT your visa**. Visitors are advised to apply for a visa separately and after it is being issued, they can write to seek Controller's approval to travel.

Covid-19 Vaccination

Foreign passport holders must show proof of Covid-19 vaccination. No vaccine, no entry. The vaccine certificate is a condition required for the successful entry into Papua New Guinea.

Pre-Departure Covid-19 Tests

All visitors, including returning Papua New Guineans, permanent residents, transiting passengers and Diplomatic Passport holders are required to show proof of pre-departure Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for covid-19 with a negative result before boarding the plane.

Quarantine

If you are fully vaccinated and coming from a country that is not deemed as high risk, you will be able to make entry into Papua New Guinea without quarantine. However, you are required to undergo a PCR tests on arrival. You are free to go if the test returns negative results.

Returning Papua New Guineans and residents who are unvaccinated are required to spend 21 days in quarantine at their own cost. The quarantine requirements are subject to change and visitors must check the National Control Centre [website](#) for updated requirements.

Passport Validity

Passports should be valid for at least 6 months from the date of intended travel.

Work Permit

Foreign nationals who will be engaged in formal employment in the private sector in Papua New Guinea needs a work permit approval before applying for a visa. You employer would be sponsoring your [work permit](#) and working resident visa applications.

Legislative and administrative changes have been made in early 2021 for the merger of work permit and visa to be administered by [PNG Immigration and Citizenship Authority](#). Employers who want to employ foreign skilled workers should watch out for new information and procedures when this merger is effected.

Citizenship and Dual citizenship

Citizenship and dual citizenship pathways are provided to foreign nationals who live in Papua New Guinea for more than 8 years. Businesspersons, residents, investors and sportsperson can apply for citizenship. Currently there are eight prescribed countries that accepts Papua New Guinea dual citizenship. They are Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, United Kingdom, Germany and United States of America. The information on citizenship and dual citizenship is available [here](#).

Visas

All foreign visitors to Papua New Guinea need a visa. Visa is regulated and issued by the Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA). Either paper or online visa lodgement is accepted. There are a number of visa categories depending on the purpose of your visit. Visit www.ica.gov.pg to apply for eVisa or to find more information on your specific needs.

Visa on Arrival

Visa on Arrival (VoA) for all eligible nationality is currently under suspension due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It would be available when the pandemic situation improves. Follow this [link](#) to see if you are qualify for Visa on Arrival.

ELECTRONIC VISA (eVisa)

Ten (10) visa types are available online. You can apply for eVisa if your purpose of visit falls under one of these categories.

Restricted Employment Visa (REV)

Sportsperson

- (a) Tourist (Own Itinerary)
- (b) Tourist (tour package)
- (c) Easy Visitor/Visiting Relatives
- (d) Easy Visitor Permit (EVP)
- (e) Yachtperson
- (f) Special Exemption/ Foreign Official-Short Term.
- (g) Journalist
- (h) Business Visa/ Short-Term/Single Entry

eVisa applicants must apply through the website www.ica.gov.pg and not through any third party websites. eVisa can be issued almost instantaneously if you meet all entry requirements.

Visa Processing Time

The turnaround time for all visa application is 10 working days if all requirements are met.

Fees

All visa fees are charged in the United States Dollars (USD) equivalent. All fees are payable online through the [electronic payment gateway](#). Visa on arrival passengers can make payment through EFTPOS using Credit Card or Visa Debit Cards only. Transactions using American Express Cards are not permitted.

In the event that your visa application is unsuccessful the fee is not refundable. No cash transaction is allowed. The full list of all migration fees and charges can be [accessed here](#).

Medical and Character Requirements

All applicants seeking to travel to PNG must be of good health and good character. All applicants must submit a [Supplementary Health Form](#) at time of application. A Medical Health Certificate and a local police clearance certificate may be required where requested. This will depend on the purpose and duration of the visit (please refer to the appropriate entry category). If an applicant has a criminal conviction, or is subject to criminal prosecution, that information must be disclosed at the time of application. Failure to disclose this information may result in the entry permit being refused, cancelled or deemed void. Where additional medical documentation is required, this may consist of:

- Medical examination report obtained from an approved doctor or hospital;
- HIV tests (Pathology Report required) for applicants over 16 years of age; and
- Chest X-ray (Radiology Report) for applicants over 16 years of age.

The prescribed medical examination report form and radiology form can be accessed through this link (provide link). The doctor carrying out the examination and the radiographer carrying out the chest X-ray are required to complete and sign the relevant forms. A police certificate must be obtained from your local police authority for all applicants 16 years of age and over (including dependents) intending to travel to PNG for a period of 6 months stay or more.

Dependent Family Members

Dependent family members (spouse, unmarried children under the age of 18 and ageing parents) must make separate application for an entry permit.

For specific requirements applying to dependent entry permits, please refer to the appropriate entry category.

Dependent children must be ordinarily resident in PNG to qualify for a Dependent Entry Permit. Children who study abroad and only return to PNG during study breaks should apply for a Visitor Entry Permit each visit.

In limited cases, dependent entry permits may also be granted to children over the age 18 where they remain dependent on their parents. Such cases could include where the child suffers from a severe disability or where the child is continuing their education in PNG. Applications will be considered on a case by case basis.

Where a principal entry permit ceases a dependent entry permit ceases at the same time and both individuals must depart PNG. Where a dependent holds a Working Dependent Entry Permit they cannot make application to include a

former principal entry permit holder as a dependent on their own entry permit. In such cases, individuals will need to make a fresh application.

De Facto Relationships

Persons seeking to enter PNG as dependents on the basis of a de facto relationship must provide:

- Statutory declarations from both parties indicating how long the relationship has been in existence;
- A signed undertaking that the de facto partner will not seek employment while in PNG.

Relationships of less than 12 months:

Where the relationship has been in existence for less than 12 months, a short-term Dependent Entry Permit for a maximum validity of 12 months will be issued. At the conclusion of the 12 month period a further Entry Permit will be issued in accordance with the Principal's approved period of stay.

Relationships of more than 12 months:

Where the relationship has been in existence for more than 12 months, a Dependent Entry Permit will be issued in accordance with the Principal's approved period of stay.

Entry Permit Requirements

The holder of an Entry Permit must enter PNG within six months of the Entry Permit being issued. Failure to enter PNG within six months will render the Entry Permit invalid, and as a result, further application will have to be made. As a matter of policy, existing entry permit holders (excluding Permanent Resident Entry Permit Holders) must not be absent from PNG for any period exceeding six months. Entry Permit holders that are absent from PNG for six months or more will need to make further application for an Entry Permit before seeking to return to PNG. In such cases, new health and character checks will be required.

Visa Extension

Applications for extension of stay must be lodged well in advance of the expiry of the current entry permit. For specific requirements, please refer to the appropriate entry permit category.

Extensions are only issued to people currently in PNG. Extensions cannot be granted while a person is outside the country. Applicants should be aware that there is NO period of grace in relation to extensions.

Re-Evidencing Of Entry Permits

Passports must be valid for six months or more to enable re-evidencing. Entry permits will only be issued for the period of validity of the passport. Where the validity of the entry permit extends beyond the validity of the passport, a new entry permit will be evidenced once a new passport has been obtained. When an applicant obtains a new passport, a new entry permit will be issued for the balance of the period of stay free of charge.

Applicants will be required to complete an application form and provide a copy of the original work permit approval (if applicable).

Where an Entry Permit holder is outside PNG, re-evidencing can be undertaken by the nearest PNG Diplomatic Mission. The Missions must obtain approval from Immigration Headquarters before re-evidencing can occur.

Designated Ports Of Entry

In response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the Papua New Guinea's borders are temporarily closed. At this time, non-citizens are allowed departure to their home country. Only PNG citizens and residents are allowed entry. Visitors who are fully vaccinated are allowed entry under strict Covid-19 measures.

In line with new pandemic measures, only Jacksons International Airport is designated for all international flights. Wutung Land Border Post with Indonesia is temporarily closed. Likewise, all sea ports are temporarily closed to all international inbound vessels except Motukea in Port Moresby, Lae Tidal Basin, Madang and Rabaul ports. Get more information on designated ports of entry here (*provide link to NCC website*).

Entry Permit Cancellation

Entry Permits may be cancelled by the Minister for Immigration and Border Security in accordance with Section 6 of the Migration Act 1978. Grounds for Entry Permit Cancellation include:

- The entry permit was issued in error;
- The entry permit holder has committed a criminal offence, whether or not that person has been convicted by a court of law;
- The entry permit holder has an association with another person who is reasonably suspected of being involved in criminal conduct;
- The entry permit holder is suffering from a disease which presents a danger to the community;
- The entry permit holder has breached the conditions of the entry permit – for example working unlawfully;
- The entry permit holder is engaging in illegal business activities;
- The entry permit holder does not have the financial means to support themselves;

- The entry permit holder's presence in Papua New Guinea is considered to be a risk to Papua New Guinea's national security (e.g. terrorist suspects).

In the event an entry permit is cancelled, written notification will be provided to the entry permit holder at their last known address. In such cases, the former entry permit holder will be given a specified time in which to depart PNG. If the former entry permit holder fails to depart voluntarily, they may be subject to detention and removal.

Chinese Tourist and Organized Tour Group

Citizens of China who are Diplomatic, Official, Service and Public passports holders can get Visa on Arrival (VoA) at Jacksons International Airport in PNG. Chinese tourists travelling in organized tour groups are also eligible for VoA. However, in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, VoA is temporarily suspended until further notice.

Special Exemption

Special exemptions are provided to foreign official and diplomatic passport holders. Visitors who are passport holders from a member state of the Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG) may be considered for special exemptions as well.

Work In Papua New Guinea

All foreign nationals who wish to work in the private sector in PNG require a valid work permit. Employers need to apply for a work permit through the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations (DLIR). A working resident visa is then issued by Immigration after a work permit is approved and issued. Work Permit information is accessible [here](#).

PNG Diplomatic Missions

Papua New Guinea have diplomatic representation with certain countries, territories and international organizations around the world. You can see the full list of [Papua New Guinea Diplomatic Missions here](#).

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Specific entry permit type, classes of visas and requirements are shown below.

1. VISITOR VISA

The Visitor Visa is granted for a non-citizen for the purpose of temporary entry into PNG and is comprises of the following Classes. The application form is available [here](#).

(a) Tourist (Tour Package):

Group tours, student excursion groups, etc.

1. Letter of Request from Tour Agent/Sponsor that must be registered with PNG TPA and IPA;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
5. Fee free
6. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) Can apply for eVisa online;
7. Supplementary Health Form.

(b) Tourist (Own Itinerary):

Individuals who wish to sightsee independently, travel or visit friends, etc.

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
5. Fee free
6. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;
7. Supplementary Health Form.

(c) Visiting Relative:

For individuals visiting husbands, wives, or other family members.

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
5. Fee free
6. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;
7. Supplementary Health Form.

(d) Yachtsperson (Crew):

Applicable to the crew members of a yacht

1. Request Letter from the crew;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Copy of Passport Bio Page; 5. Fee free 6. Copy of Yacht particulars (Optional) 7. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>(e) Yachtsperson (Owner/Captain)</p>
<p>Applicable to owner and captain of a yacht as well as any accompanying spouse and/or children.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request Letter from Owner/Captain; 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Copy of Passport Bio Page; 5. Fee free 6. Copy of Yacht particulars (Optional) 8. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>7. Journalist/ Reporter:</p>
<p>For reporters, TV presenters, announcers, cameraperson, photographers, correspondents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain Clearance Letter from Prime Minister's Media Unit prior to apply for visa; 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Copy of Passport Bio Page; 5. Prescribed Migration fee; 6. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket); 7. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>8. Easy Visitor Permits (EVP) 30 Days:</p>
<p>This visa is for passport holders from the eligible countries (see visa on arrival eligible country list) who intend to visit PNG for reasons such as holidays, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons, to visit relatives and friends. This visa is for single entry and is valid for a period of 30 days from the date of arrival in PNG.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Eligible nationals (for visa on arrival); 2. Request Letter from applicant; 3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 5. Copy of Passport Bio Page; 6. Fee free 7. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure; 8. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>9. Easy Visitor Permits (EVP) 60 Days:</p>

This visa is for passport holders from the eligible countries (see visa on arrival eligible country list) who intend to visit PNG for reasons such as holidays, sightseeing, social or recreational reasons, to visit relatives and friends. This visa is for single entry and is valid for a period of 30 days from the date of arrival in PNG.

1. Eligible nationals (for visa on arrival);
2. Request Letter from applicant;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant.
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
6. Prescribed Migration fee
7. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;
8. Supplementary Health Form.

2. BUSINESS VISA

This visa is granted for a non-citizen for the purpose of temporary entry into PNG for business or commercial purposes. Note that Single Entry Business and Restricted Employment Visa are not extendable. Get the application [here](#).

(a) Short-Term Multiple Entry

Persons entering PNG on multiple visits during a single twelve month period. It applies to persons who intend to attend business meetings, board meetings, conferences, conduct an exploratory business visit or participate in business negotiation. **This visa class is currently on suspension until further notice.**

1. Letter of Request clearly indicate the reason(s);
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(b) Short-Term Single Entry

Persons entering PNG for a single visit for a stay up to 30 days to attend business meetings, board meetings, conferences, conduct an exploratory business visit or participate in business negotiation. This visa class is available online (eVisa) for nationals from eligible countries.

1. Letter of Request clearly indicate the reason(s);
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Copy of Passport Bio Page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Letter from business associate in PNG indicating purpose of visit, duration of stay, location of business and proposed frequency of visits.
7. Evidence of return/on-going ticket.
8. Supplementary Health Form

9. Restricted Employment Visa (REV)

REV allows businesses to sponsor and employ foreign workers who have recognised qualifications, skills and experience in a particular field that cannot be sourced in PNG. REV is available to Oil and Gas and Mining companies. Major Corporate, agricultural or individual companies can be considered on a case by case basis. REV is available online for nationals from eligible country list for a 30 days visit per entry. It cannot be used not more than 4 times in a year.

1. Cover letter from the PNG based company;
2. Sponsor letter explaining the scope of work;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Passport Bio Page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Supplementary Health Form;

10. APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC)

For Passport holders of APEC economies participating in the ABTC Scheme.

1. Pre-approved by Home Economy via ABTC system;
2. Certified copy of Passport bio-page with validity 6 months or more & ICAO compliant.
3. Supplementary Health Form

3. WORKING RESIDENT VISA

This long stay visa is granted without restriction form multiple entries for duration of not less than six (6) months and for not more than three (3) years.

(a) Employment

This visa is granted to a non-citizen for entry into Papua New Guinea for employment purposes.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support.
2. Company Form 4
3. Work Permit issued by Department of Labour and Industrial Relation (DLIR)
4. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
5. Maintenance Guarantee Bond (Must be signed/stamped by the employer/sponsor);
6. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Supplementary Health Form

(b) Consultant/ Specialist

This visa category is specifically applies to consultancy services in large corporate companies, Oil and Gas and Mining companies for stay up to 90 days only.

1. Letter from the PNG based company;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Passport Bio Page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Migration Guarantee Bond Form completed and signed by the sponsor;
7. Supplementary Health Form;

(c) Short-Term Employment

Short-Term Employment visa class applies for any organizations/companies wishes to employ a non-citizen for the purposes of employment, for the term of 6 months or less and must acquire work permit from the Dept. Of Labour & Industrial Relations.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay and guarantee financial support;
2. Company Form 4;
3. Work Permit issued by Department of Labour and Industrial Relation (DLIR);
4. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
5. Maintenance Guarantee Bond (Must be signed/stamped by the employer/sponsor);
6. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Supplementary Health Form

(d) Business Person/ Investor

This visa is applicable to business persons or investors allowing non-citizen for entry into PNG to do business and invest in the country.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Work Permit (sight original DLIR issued Letter and ID card copy to be retained for file.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Maintenance Guarantee Bond;
5. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
6. Prescribed Migration fee;
7. Supplementary Health Form

(e) Working Dependent – COS/Visa Extension

Working Dependent is an Extension Visa applies to dependent previously under Working Resident Dependent which he/she decides to working for the principle's company or other companies hence, he/she must apply for Changes Of Status (COS) with Extension Branch.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant.
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Supplementary Health Form

(f) Dependent

Working Dependent visa class applies for non-citizens who are Principle's biological family members including, aging/children/de-factor relationship.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Certified Principal Visa page copy.
5. Birth Certificate/ Marriage Certificate.
6. Prescribed Migration fee;
7. Supplementary Health Form

4. ENTERTAINER VISA

Entertainer visas are reserved for foreign nationals who perform or are an integral part of the performance. Requirements were provided for each category below;

(a) Film-Maker (Commercial)

This visa applies for non-citizen intends to make commercial film or documentary in PNG

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter;
2. Approval from the PNG National Film Institute (NFI).
3. Clearance Letter from the PNG Department of Foreign Affairs;
4. Clearance from the Provincial Administration intended to visit;
5. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
6. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
9. Supplementary Health Form.

(b) Film-Maker (Non-Commercial)

For individuals who wish to make not-for-profit or public release films.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter;
2. Clearance Letter from National Film Institute (NFI).
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
7. Supplementary Health Form.

(c) Comedian (Commercial)

Persons providing entertainment or advertisements as comedians for commercial purposes.

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(d) Musician (Commercial)

This visa applies to individual who wishes to tour PNG to perform live music/recording will fall under Musician visa Class.

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(e) Gospel Group (Charity)

Gospel groups doing performances and shows for charity purposes.

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(f) Cultural Group (Charity)

This visa type applies for countries wishes to travel to do charity and showcasing country of origins will fall under Cultural Group visa class.

1. Sponsor Letter from the Sponsoring Organization;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

5. STUDENT VISA

Student visa is applied to foreign nationals who wish to take up studies in Papua New Guinea which falls under one of those categories below and fully meet the given entry requirements/criteria.

(a) Formal Education

This visa applies to individual/institutions who wish to study here in PNG on exchange programmes/by self-invitation will fall under Formal Education visa class.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Acceptance Letter from the school Registrar;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Supplementary Health Form;

(b) Occupational Trainee

This visa class applies only for the institutions sponsoring their students to undertake training with the government organizations/companies/other individual circumstances of their training/programmes is fall under Occupational Trainee visa class.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. Recommend for review ****Consideration for non-extendable visa and should be valid for 6 months to 1 year;**
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;

(c) Dependent

This visa class applies to family members/children/spouse/de-factor spouse who wishes to accompany the principle for their stay here in PNG will fall under Student/Dependent visa class.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. If lodged without principal applicant, provide copies of (i) PA's valid Passport bio page; (ii) valid visa and both must be certified;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

6. SPECIAL EXEMPTION VISA

This visa applies to individual foreign nationals who intend to undertake paid or unpaid activities in PNG, which are approved by the Government of PNG.

(a) Foreign Officials (Long-Term)

For foreign government and international organisations employees without diplomatic or official status who are conducting business on behalf of their government/organisations.

1. Sponsoring Letter from foreign government, International Organization;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Passport Bio Page
6. Supplementary Health Form

(b) Foreign Officials (Short-Term)

For foreign national employees without diplomatic or official status who are conducting business on behalf of their governments.

1. Sponsoring Letter from foreign government, International Organization;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs & International Trade.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Passport Bio Page;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(c) Diplomat

This visa applies to Diplomatic Passport holders of foreign government who conduct official negotiations and maintain political, economic, and social relations with PNG.

1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Mission;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Passport Bio Page;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(d) Aid Worker/ Volunteer

For foreign nationals who works for an international organizations giving help to the citizens.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Work Permit (if applicable). Sight original DLIR issued Letter and ID card and copy to be retained for file.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Passport Bio Page
6. Prescribed Migration fee;
7. Supplementary Health Form.

(e) Research Academic

For foreign nationals who undertaking educational, medical or scientific research in PNG or teaching in PNG institutions.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Approval from NRI, IMR or educational institution stating purpose and duration of visit.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(f) Sportsperson

For sporting personalities visiting for short sports related stays.

1. Request Letter from the Organizer(s)
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket);
6. Supplementary Health Form.

(g) Religious Worker

Applicable for foreign religious worker who must be a member of a national religious denomination.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Work Permit Issued by DLIR; 5. Prescribed Migration fee; 6. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>(h) Emergency Relief Worker</p>
<p>Applicable for non-citizen Humanitarian Aid Worker who intend to assist in humanitarian crisis caused by natural disaster and man-made disaster.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearance Letter from National Disaster Office; 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Prescribed Migration fee; 5. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>(i) Medical Workers</p>
<p>Applicable for doctors or trainees entering PNG for short-term placements in PNG hospitals (valid for periods up to six months).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clearance Letter from National Disaster Office; 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Prescribed Migration fee; 5. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>(j) Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)</p>
<p>Only applicable to passport holders of a Melanesian Spearhead Group member country. MSG Passport holders are eligible for visa on arrival (VOA)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request Letter from the applicant; 2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 4. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket); 5. Supplementary Health Form.
<p>(k) Domestic Worker (Accredited Diplomats)</p>
<p>This visa applies to approve foreign nationals by their respective government to conduct official negotiations and maintains political, economic, and social relations with PNG.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Mission; 2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs; 3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant; 4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date; 5. Passport Bio Page;

6. Supplementary Health Form.

7. Dependents of Diplomats & International Organization

For the spouses and aged parents (non-working).

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. If lodged without principle applicant, provide certified copies of; (i) PA's valid passport page (ii) valid Visa.
5. Supplementary Health Form.

8. Dependent of Citizen (Non-Working)

For the children of PNG citizens.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant and including reason for stay, extension and guarantee financial support;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Supplementary Health Form.

7. PERMANENT RESIDENCE

To Be Eligible For Permanent Residence Applicants Must Have Resided Lawfully In Papua New Guinea for a minimum of Five (5) Years. Applicants for Permanent Residence Requirements must be in one of the following Categories/Visa classes.

(a) Resident (Long-Term) other than a Missionary

1. Lawfully residing in PNG for more than five (5) years;
2. All applications must be submitted with a valid passport;
3. A current passport photo must accompany this application;
4. Applicant must be the holder of a current PNG entry permit;
5. Applicant must have a working knowledge of English or a PNG Language;
6. All documentary evidence must be certified as true and correct;
7. Prescribed Migration fee to be paid.

(b) Resident (Long-Term) Missionary

1. Lawfully residing in PNG for more than five (5) years;

2. All applications must be submitted with a valid passport;
3. A current passport photo must accompany this application;
4. Applicant must be the holder of a current PNG entry permit;
5. Applicant must have a working knowledge of English or a PNG Language;
6. All documentary evidence must be certified as true and correct;

(c) Dependents (Long-Term). Fee covered by principal Applicant

1. Lawfully residing in PNG for more than five (5) years;
2. All applications must be submitted with a valid passport;
3. A current passport photo must accompany this application;
4. Applicant must be the holder of a current PNG entry permit;
5. Applicant must have a working knowledge of English or a PNG Language;
6. All documentary evidence must be certified as true and correct;