



PAPUA NEW GUINEA
IMMIGRATION & ENTRY PERMIT
INFORMATION HANDBOOK



FOREWORD

The information in this handbook 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 you make the right selection for your visa.

You can find all information on immigration, visa classes and requirements, migration service fees, employment, and Covid-19 travel information.

All visa types and classes are regulated and issued by the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA).

Selected visa categories are now available online on the website <http://www.ica.gov.pg> We encourage clients to pay migration service fees and make online application using the official website and not through any third party websites. We accept both paper and online visa lodgement.

Detailed information on the requirements and conditions of each visa classes can be found on the website. If you need assistance, our client service officers can be reached on email: clientservice@immigration.gov.pg

Please read the information carefully as failure to provide correct information in an entry permit (visa) application may result in processing delays. Providing of false or misleading information on your visa application may also result in your entry permit application being refused or 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 with a local agent before departure.

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

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General Information

A. COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISE

COVID-19 ADVISE

The Covid-19 requirements for inbound passengers to Papua New Guinea are changing regularly and visitors must check with their travel agent to reconfirm the latest travel advise before they depart. Normal travel requirements such as passport validity, visa, certificate of Covid-19 vaccination and Covid-19 supplementary health form still apply.

TRAVEL INTO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Inbound passengers must be aware of the new Covid-19 requirements before travel into Papua New Guinea. These new requirements are effective as of 18 April 2022.

1. Controller Approval letter is no longer required for travel into PNG.
2. Pre-departure PCR testing for flights into PNG is no longer required
3. Passengers do not need to complete the online PNG Health Declaration Form
4. Passengers arriving from India and Philippines are no longer required to quarantine on arrival
5. Covid-19 testing on arrival from Australia is no longer required
6. For flights arriving from other destinations, arrival testing will be conducted by Trakpro at a cost of K150 per passenger, payable by card at time of testing. Passengers are recommended to download and complete the "Look PASS" App in advance from the Apple – AppStore or for Androids from the Google Play Store. We strongly recommend creating a "Look PASS" account prior to your flight to PNG, also noting that establishing the account requires you to verify a link sent to your chosen email address.

WHAT TO PRESENT AT CHECK-IN FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO PNG

You must show proof of the following documents at the check-in counter for travel into Papua New Guinea.

1. Passport validity of more than 6 months
2. Visa
3. Return ticket (if necessary)
4. Proof of Covid-19 vaccination. The PNG Government allows its citizens, Permanent Residence holders and persons under 18 years of age, are not required to be vaccinated against Covid-19 for travel into PNG. However, Non-citizens are required to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 prior to travel to PNG. Fully vaccinated means at least two (2) doses of any vaccine accepted by PNG with the last dose taken at least fourteen (14) days prior to arrival. One dose of Janssen/Johnson & Johnson is acceptable in lieu.

Note: Presently approved vaccines include AstraZeneca, Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, Sinopharm-BBIBP, CoronaVac Sinovac, Novavax Covaxin (Bharat Biotech) or Covovax (SIINVX-CoV2373).

B. IMMIGRATION

VISA ON ARRIVAL (VOA)

Visa on Arrival for all eligible nationalities remain suspended until further notice. Visit the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority website (ica.gov.pg) for new updates.

PASSPORT VALIDITY

Passport must 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. Your employer is responsible to sponsor your work permit and working resident employment visa applications.

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 accept Papua New Guinea dual citizenship. They are Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, United Kingdom, Germany and United States of America. More information can be found on the Papua New Guinea Immigration website.

VISA

All foreign visitors to Papua New Guinea must be granted a visa prior to departure. Visa is regulated and issued by the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (PNG ICA). Visa applications can either be lodged online (for eVisa) or through e-lodgement email address newentries@immigration.gov.pg Paper lodgement at the client service counter is also accepted. For specific visa needs, refer to the website.

ELECTRONIC VISA (eVisa) ONLINE

Ten (10) visa types are available online. eVisa applicants must apply through the website www.ica.gov.pg and not through any third party website. You can apply for eVisa if your purpose of visit falls under one of this category.

- (a) Tourist (Own Itinerary)
- (b) Tourist (tour package)
- (c) 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
- (i) Restricted Employment Visa (REV)
- (j) Visitor – Sportsperson
- (k) Special Exemption/Aid Worker Volunteer (YWAM)

ADMINISTRATION FEE

An administration fee of US\$50 is chargeable on all visa applications registered online.

VISA APPLICATION STATUS FOLLOWUP

Clients who lodged visa applications can follow up on the status of their application online through this link <https://evisa.ica.gov.pg/evisa/account/status>

VISA PROCESSING TIME

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

MIGRATION SERVICE FEE

All visa fees are charged in the United States Dollars (USD) equivalent. All fees are payable online through the electronic payment gateway. Fees can also be paid through EFTPOS using Credit Card or Visa Debit Card only. Transactions using American Express Cards are not permitted. In the event that your visa application is unsuccessful the fee is non refundable. No cash transaction is allowed. The full list of all migration fees and charges is available on the website.

PRIORITY PROCESSING

A standard priority processing fee of US\$2,000 applies to all visa categories for fast track processing within 24 - 48 hours.

MEDICAL AND CHARACTER REQUIREMENTS

All applicants seeking to travel to PNG must be of good health and good character. All applicants must submit a *Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form* at the time of application. A Medical Health Certificate and a local police clearance certificate is required for applicants who intends to take up employment including their dependents. 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 visa 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 can be downloaded from the PNG Immigration website. 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 and unmarried children under the age of 18) must make separate application for a visa. For specific requirements applying to dependent visa, please refer to the appropriate entry category.

Dependent children must be a resident in PNG to qualify for a Dependent visa. Children who study abroad and only return to PNG during study breaks should apply for a Visitor/Visiting Relative visa each visit.

In limited cases, dependent visa 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 visa holder cease employment, a dependent visa ceases at the same time and both individuals must depart PNG.

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. If they have children they must state the number of children, assets and properties;
- 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, the applicant is not eligible for dependent visa.

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.

VISA REQUIREMENT

The holder of a visa must enter PNG within six months of the visa being issued. Failure to enter PNG within six months will render the visa invalid, and as a result, further application will have to be made. Existing visa holders (excluding Permanent Resident Entry Permit Holders) must not be absent from PNG for any period exceeding six months. Visa 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 visa. 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 grace period in relation to extensions.

RE-EVIDENCING OF ENTRY PERMITS

Passports must be valid for six months or more to enable re-evidencing. If the work permit expiry date exceeds the passport expiry date, then visa will be issued to the passport expiry date. A new visa will be evidenced once a new passport has been obtained. When an applicant obtains a new passport, he/she must also apply for an amended work permit to reflect new passport details. A new visa will be issued to the duration of the work permit. No Migration Service Fee (MSF) is required for transfer of visa to the new passport. Applicants will be required to complete an application form and provide a copy of the original work permit approval.

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

Jacksons International Airport is designated for all international flights during the Covid-19 pandemic. All other port of entry including Wutung Land Border Post is temporarily closed until further notice.

VISA CANCELLATION

Visas are cancelled by the Minister for Immigration and Border Security in accordance with Section 6 of the Migration Act 1978. Grounds for visa Cancellation include:

- The visa was issued in error;
- The visa holder has committed a criminal offence, whether or not that person has been convicted by a court of law;
- The visa holder has an association with another person who is reasonably suspected of being involved in criminal conduct;
- The visa holder is suffering from a disease which presents a danger to the community;
- The visa holder has breached the conditions of the entry permit – for example working unlawfully;
- The visa holder is engaging in illegal business activities;
- The visa holder does not have the financial means to support themselves;
- The visa 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 a visa is cancelled, written notification will be provided to the visa holder at their last known address. In such cases, the former visa holder will be given a specified time in which to depart PNG. If the former visa holder fails to depart voluntarily, they may be subject to detention and removal.

SPECIAL EXEMPTION VISAS

Special exemption visas are provided to Foreign Official, Diplomatic Passport and United Nations Lasse-Passport (UNLP) holders who are engaged in official Government business.

This also includes Aid Workers/Volunteers who are employed or working on projects funded by overseas aid agencies and are granted Aid Status under the Aid Status and Immunities Act governed by PNG DFAIT or Volunteers working on community based projects with no Aid Status.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VISA HOLDER

The holder of a visa is responsible to ensure that his/her presence in the country is legal and the activities conducted is within the set conditions of the visa.

PNG DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS / POSTS

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 on the website.

Visa Requirements

1. VISITOR VISA

The visitor visa is granted to a non-citizen for temporary entry into Papua New Guinea for the purpose of tourism. The visitor visa type comprises of the following classes.

A. TOURIST (TOUR PACKAGE)

This visa class covers group tours, student excursion, etc.

1. Letter of request from Tour Agent/Sponsor that must be registered with PNG Tourism Promotion Authority (TPA), Investment Promotion Authority (IPA), and Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) Tax Identification Number;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of travel itinerary (confirmed return ticket);
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
8. Evidence of funds (Bank statement).

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of travel itinerary (confirmed return ticket);
6. Evidence of funds (bank statement);
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate

C. VISITING RELATIVE

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

1. Request Letter from applicant's sponsor;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket);
6. Evidence of funds (bank statement);
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

**Note: Online eVisa application attracts an admin fee of US\$50.00*

D. YACHTSPERSON (CREW)

Applicable to the crew members of a yacht.

1. Request Letter from the applicant's sponsor;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of Yacht particulars
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate

Note: Online eVisa application attracts a fee of US\$50.

E. YACHTSPERSON (OWNER/CAPTAIN)

Applicable to the owner and/or captain of a yacht as well as any accompanying spouse and/or children.

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of Yacht particulars
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate

Note: Online eVisa application attracts a fee of US\$50.

F. JOURNALIST/REPORTER

For journalists, reporters, TV presenters, announcers, cameraperson, photographers, correspondents.

1. Obtain Clearance Letter from the Department of Prime Minister and National Executive Council (NEC), Media Unit and Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Public Affairs branch prior to applying for visa;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Prescribed Migration Service fee;
6. Copy of travel itinerary (confirmed return ticket);
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
9. Sponsor letter from the employer.

G. EASY VISITOR PERMIT (EVP) 30 DAYS*

This visa is for passport holders from the eligible countries (visa on arrival eligible countries) 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: *this is currently suspended*);
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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of Passport bio data page;
6. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
7. Evidence of Funds (bank statement);
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form, and;
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

H. EASY VISITOR PERMIT (EVP) 60 DAYS

This visa is for passport holders from the eligible countries (visa on arrival eligible countries) 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 60 days from the date of arrival in PNG.

1. Eligible nationals (must be from a visa on arrival eligible country);
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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
7. Evidence of funds (bank statement);
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

2. BUSINESS VISA

This visa is granted to a non-citizen for the purpose of temporary entry into Papua New Guinea for business or commercial purposes. Note that Single Entry Business and Restricted Employment Visa (REV) are not extendable.

A. SHORT-TERM SINGLE ENTRY

It applies to persons entering PNG for a single visit for a stay up to 30 days to attend business meetings, board meetings, conferences/workshops, conduct an exploratory business visit or participate in business negotiation. This visa class is available online (eVisa) for nationals from eligible countries. Visit the website to check your eligibility.

1. Letter from business associate in PNG indicating purpose of visit, duration of stay, location of business, accommodation details and proposed frequency of visits;
2. Letter from the employer who the applicant works for;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of Passport bio data page;
6. Prescribed Migration fee;
7. Copy of confirmed onward return ticket;
8. Evidence of funds (bank statement);
9. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
10. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

Note: The Short-Term Multiple Entry visa class under the Business visa category is currently unavailable.

B. RESTRICTED EMPLOYMENT VISA (REV)

REV allows businesses to sponsor and employ foreign workers who have recognised technical qualification, highly skilled, and experience in a particular field that cannot be sourced in PNG. REV is available to Oil and Gas and Mining companies. Major Corporate and Economic sectors, 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 and is non-extendable.

1. Cover letter from the applicant's employer;
2. Sponsor letter from PNG based company explaining the scope of work;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of valid Passport Bio data page;
5. Maintenance Guarantee Bond Form completed and signed by the sponsor;
6. Prescribed Migration fee;
7. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
10. Valid passport at least 6 months from the entry date.

C. APEC BUSINESS TRAVEL CARD

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 data page with validity 6 months or more & ICAO compliant.
3. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form
4. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

3. WORKING RESIDENT VISA

This long stay visa is granted for multiple entries for duration of six (6) months to three (3) years.

A. EMPLOYMENT

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

1. 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. Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) Forms 4 and 5;
3. Internal Revenue Commission (IRC) Tax Identification Number (optional);
3. Copy of valid Work Permit;
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. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

B. CONSULTANT / SPECIALIST

This visa category 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/sponsor;
2. Copy of the Contract/Service Agreement;
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 data page;
6. Copy of confirmed return ticket.
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Maintenance Guarantee Bond Form completed and signed by the sponsor;
9. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
10. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

C. SHORT-TERM EMPLOYMENT

Short-Term Employment visa class applies to any organizations/companies wishes to employ a non-citizen for the purpose of employment, for the term of 6 months or less and must acquire work permit.

1. 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. Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) Forms 4 and 5;
3. Copy of a valid Work Permit;
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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
10. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

D. BUSINESS PERSON / INVESTOR

This visa is applicable to business persons or investors for entry into PNG to do business and investment.

1. 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. Maintenance Guarantee Bond;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

E. CHANGE OF STATUS (COS) IN COUNTRY

A Change of Status will be considered in country on the following circumstances:

- if you are legally dependent spouse with teaching, medical or other essential qualification who decides to obtain employment.
- A person who has changed his or her marital status while in Papua New Guinea.
- If you have completed your employment contractual obligation and seeking to obtain employment with another company.
- Change of company name (i.e. due to legal change of company number)

Change of Status requirements differs from each visa categories. Please refer to the Immigration and Citizenship Authority's website (www.ica.gov.pg) for COS requirements for each category.

F. DEPENDENT

Working Dependent visa class applies to non-citizens who are Principle's biological family members including children.

1. Sponsor Letter from the Principal employer. 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. Copy of the Birth Certificate;
6. Copy of the Marriage Certificate (for spouse);
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Maintenance Guarantee Bond signed by sponsor.

4. ENTERTAINER VISA

Entertainer visa is for foreign nationals who perform or are an integral part of the performance team. Requirements are provided for each category below.

A. FILM MAKER (COMMERCIAL)

This visa applies to a non-citizen who intends to make commercial film or documentary in Papua New Guinea.

1. Sponsor Letter;
2. Approval from the PNG National Film Institute (NFI);
3. Clearance Letter from the PNG Department of Foreign Affairs;
4. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
5. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
6. Prescribed Migration Service fee;
7. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 Vaccine certificate;
10. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

B. FILM MAKER (NON-COMMERCIAL)

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

1. Sponsor Letter;
2. Clearance letter from PNG 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 Service fee;
6. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
9. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

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 Service fee;
5. Copy of confirm onward return ticket;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

D. MUSICIAN (COMMERCIAL)

This visa applies to individuals who wish to tour PNG to perform live music or recording.

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Prescribed Migration Service fee;
5. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 Vaccine certificate;
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
5. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

F. CULTURAL GROUP (CHARITY)

This visa type applies to non-citizens visiting Papua New Guinea to showcase their culture and heritage. The requirements:

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
5. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

5. STUDENT VISA

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

A. FORMAL EDUCATION

Non-citizens who wish to study in Papua New Guinea on exchange programmes/by self-invitation will fall under this visa class.

1. 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. Copy of the 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 Vaccine certificate;
8. Cover letter from the educational institution;
9. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

B. OCCUPATIONAL TRAINEE

For non-citizens undertaking internship training with the government organizations or companies.

1. Sponsor Letter from the PNG-based company/organization.
2. Cover letter from the Applicant sponsor i.e. educational institution
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Prescribed Migration Service fee;
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

C. DEPENDENT

This visa class applies to family members/children/spouse who wishes to accompany the principle for their stay here in PNG.

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 from the Principle's employer;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Prescribed Migration Service 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. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.
8. Copy of valid passport bio data page.

6. SPECIAL EXEMPTION VISA

This visa class applies to non-citizens who intend to undertake paid or unpaid activities which are approved by the Government of Papua New Guinea.

A. FOREIGN OFFICIALS (LONG-TERM)

For Foreign Government and International Organisations employees with/without diplomatic status who are conducting official government business or taking up Diplomatic Postings on behalf of their Government or Organisations.

1. Sponsoring Letter from Foreign Government or 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

B. FOREIGN OFFICIALS (SHORT-TERM)

For non-citizens without diplomatic or official status who are conducting business on behalf of their governments.

1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Government or 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 Vaccine certificate.

C. DIPLOMAT

This visa applies to Diplomatic Passport holders of Foreign Government who are taking up Diplomatic Postings in Papua New Guinea.

1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Diplomatic Mission/Post;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs and 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

D. AID WORKER / VOLUNTEER

For non-citizens who are engaged on projects funded by overseas aid agencies that has been granted aid-status privileges by the Papua New Guinea Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and those who are engaged in community based projects that are not granted aid status.

1. 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. Covering letter from the PNG DFAIT for International organizations who are granted aid status privileges.
3. Valid Work Permit (if applicable).
4. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
5. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable for visa extension in country);
6. Copy of Passport bio data page;
7. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

E. RESEARCH ACADEMIC

For non-citizens who undertake educational, medical or scientific research in Papua New Guinea or teaching in PNG institutions.

1. 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 one of the authorised institutions depending on the type of your research: National Research Institute (NRI), Institute of Medical Research (IMR) and Department of Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology (DHERST).
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable for visa extension in country or obtaining visa offshore at the nearest PNG Diplomatic Mission/Post);
5. Copy of valid passport bio data page;
6. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate;
9. Maintenance Guarantee Bond.

F. SPORTSPERSON

For non-citizen sporting personalities who are representing PNG in any sporting event for short stay.

1. Request Letter from the PNG-based sponsor or Organizer(s).
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by applicant;
3. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Prescribed Migration Service fee;
6. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

G. RELIGIOUS WORKER

This visa class is applicable to religious worker who must be a member of a national religious denomination.

1. 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of a valid Work Permit;
6. Maintenance Guarantee Bond;
7. Prescribed Migration Fee;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
9. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

H. EMERGENCY RELIEF WORKER

This visa class is applicable to Humanitarian Aid Worker who intend to assist in humanitarian crisis caused by natural disaster and/ or man-made disaster.

1. Clearance Letter from the PNG 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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Prescribed Migration Fee;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

I. MEDICAL WORKER

Applicable to doctors or trainees entering Papua New Guinea for short-term placements in PNG hospitals. This visa class is valid for a periods up to six months.

1. Sponsor letter from a PNG-based employer;
2. Clearance letter from the PNG Medical Board
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable on issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Prescribed Migration Fee;
7. Maintenance Guarantee Bond Form;
8. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
9. Covid-19 Vaccine certificate.

J. MELANESIAN SPEARHEAD GROUP (MSG)

Only applicable to passport holders of a Melanesian Spearhead Group member country. MSG Passport holders are eligible for visa on arrival (VOA) or can apply at a nearest PNG Diplomatic Mission/Post in the region.

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 (only applicable on issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. Copy of confirmed return ticket;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

K. DOMESTIC WORKER (ACCREDITED DIPLOMATS)

This visa applies to non-citizen who are engaged by the Head of the Diplomatic Mission or International Organization as a domestic worker.

1. Sponsor Letter from the Diplomatic Mission or International Organization;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs and 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 (only applicable for issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport Bio data page;
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

L. DEPENDENTS OF DIPLOMATS & INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

For the spouses and children under the age of 18 (non-working).

1. Sponsor Letter. This letter must be signed at managerial level for welfare of the applicant 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 (only applicable for issuance of visa);
4. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
5. If lodged without principle applicant, provide certified copies of; (i) PA's valid passport bio data page (ii) valid Visa.
6. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form;
7. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

M. DEPENDENT OF CITIZEN (NON-WORKING)

This visa class is applicable to spouse and children of a Papua New Guinea citizen.

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. Maintenance Guarantee Bond
4. Valid Passport at least 6 months from the entry date (only applicable for issuance of visa);
5. Copy of valid Passport bio data page;
6. Prescribed Migration Service Fee;
7. Covid-19 Supplementary Health Form.
8. Covid-19 vaccine certificate.

Migration Service Fee (MSF)

All migration fees are charged in United States Dollars (USD) equivalent. Payment can be made through the Online Payment Gateway portal available on the website <https://ica.gov.pg/login> Payment is also accepted through EFTPOS machines at selected PNG Diplomatic Missions using credit card and visa debit card only.

Visa fees					
Visa Type	Visa Class	Fees	Extension Fee	Late Extension Fee	eVisa Fee
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Visitor	Tourist – Tour package	Nil	150	700	50
	Tourist – Own Itinerary	Nil	150	700	50
	Visiting Relative	Nil	150	700	50
	Yatchperson (Crew)	Nil	150	700	50
	Yatchperson (owner/Captain)	Nil	200	700	50
	Journalist/Reporter	350	500	1,050	
	Easy Visitor Permit 30 days	Nil	N/A	N/A	50
	Easy Visitor Permit 60 days	Nil	150	700	50
Business	Short Term Multiple Entry	350	500	1,000	
	Short Term Single Entry	190	N/A	N/A	50
	Restricted Employment Visa (REV)	350	N/A	N/A	50
	*Single Entry Business & REV visas are not extendable				
Working Resident	Employment	380	700	1,350	
	Consultant/Specialist	380	700	1,350	
	Short Term Employment	380	700	1,350	
	Business Person or investor	380	700	1,350	
	Working Dependent	380	700	1,350	
	Dependent of Citizen (Working)	380	500	1,050	
	Dependent	40	75	380	
Entertainer	Film-maker (Commercial)	500	700	1,350	
	Film-maker (non-commercial)	40	75	380	
	Comedian (Commercial)	380	500	1,050	
	Musician (Commercial)	380	500	1,050	
	Gospel Group (Charity)	40	75	380	
	Cultural Group (Charity)	40	75	380	
	Student	Formal education	40	75	380
Occupational Trainee		40	75	380	
Dependent		40	75	380	
Special Exemption	Foreign Official (long term)	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Foreign Official (short term)	Nil	N/A	N/A	50
	Diplomats	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Aid Worker/Volunteer	40	75	380	
	Aid Worker/Volunteer (YWAM)	40	N/A	N/A	50
	Research Academic	40	75	380	
	Sportsperson	40	75	380	
	Religious Worker	40	75	380	
	Emergency Relief Worker	40	75	380	
	Medical Workers	40	75	380	
	Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG)	Nil	Nil	380	
	Domestic Worker (Accredited Diplomats)	40	75	380	
	Dependents of Diplomats & International Organizations	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Dependent of Citizen (Non-Working)	40	75	380	

Change of Visa Status in Country		
Term	Description	Fee
		USD
Change of Status	Legally dependent spouse with teaching, medical or other essential professional skill	500
	Completed or is deemed to have completed their contractual commitments to an employer and who has obtained employment with an alternative employer (accept those employed under the employment of Non-Citizen Act 2000)	1,000
	Change of Marital Status whilst in PNG	700
	A person affected by a legal change to the name & constitution of the employer organization	700

Priority Processing		
Visa	Description	Fee
		USD
Priority Processing	All visa classes except Permanent Residence and Change of Status.	2,000

Additional Migration Fees for Overstayers		
Description	Overstay Period	Fee
		PGK
All visa types except those covered under the Aid Status and Vienna Convention (Privileges & Immunities Act)	Up to 28 day	Nil
	29-60 days	3,000
	61 days –365 days	5,000
	From 1 year onwards (may also involve prosecution)	10,000

Naturalization and Dual Citizenship Fees

Item	Service	Fee
		PGK
1	Registration of Overseas Births within 12 months of birth	Nil
2	Resumption of Citizenship only	500
3	Resumption of Citizenship and Dual Citizenship (+19years)	5,500
4	Resumption of Citizenship and Dual Citizenship (-19years)	2,500
5	Citizenship by Naturalization (sports person, investor, Long Term Residency, Marriage.)	10,000
6	Citizenship by Naturalization and Dual Citizenship	15,000
7	Citizenship by Descent	10,000
8	Citizenship by Descent and Dual Citizenship (+19 years)	15,000
	Citizenship by Descent and Dual Citizenship (-19 years)	12,000
9	PNG Citizen applying to hold Dual Citizenship (+19 years)	5,000
10	PNG Citizen applying to hold Dual Citizenship (-19 years)	2,000

Passport Fees

Item	Service	Fee
		PGK
1	Diplomatic Passport	Nil
	Official Passport	Nil
	Ordinary PNG Passport	100
	Document of Identity	100
	Certificate of Identity	100
	Emergency Travel Document (No special consideration will be given to applications lodged through the normal 15-days processing period)	100
2	Issuance of Passport to frequent traveller (this Travel Document will have more pages but is yet to be in circulation)	200
3	Fast processing within two (2) days (Additional fee applied to priority processing of applications for documents listed in item 1 & 2)	200
4	Renewal of Passport at Overseas Mission only	100
5	Reissuance of a lost, stolen or damaged passport except Diplomatic Passport:	
	First lost	200
	Second lost	1,000
	Third lost	3,000
6	Issuance of an APEC Business Travel Card	400
7	Renewal of an APEC Business Travel Card	300
8	Issuance of a replacement of APEC Business Travel Card	300



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