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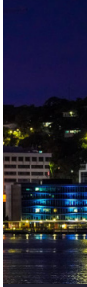


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GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Passport Validity

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

Work visa

Foreign nationals who will be engaged in formal employment in the private sector in Papua New Guinea need a work visa approval before travel.

Your employer or a nominated Agent is responsible to facilitate your work visa through the Sponsor Portal (for new applicants).

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 sportspeople 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. The information on citizenship and dual citizenship is available on www.ica.gov.pg

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 visa needs.

Transiting Passengers

Transit through Papua New Guinea for less than 7 hours do not require a visa. Transit for over 7 hours waiting time requires a visa. If your transit time requires you to wait for more than 7 hours, we recommend that you apply for a visitor visa online.

Visa on Arrival

Visa on Arrival (VoA) is only available to selected countries. Visit the website (ica.gov.pg) to check if your nationality is eligible for visa-on-arrival.

eVisa

Six (06) visa types and 21 visa classes are available online. You can apply for eVisa if your purpose of visit falls under one of these categories.

1. Visitor visa
 - a.) Sports person
 - b.) Journalist
 - c.) Easy Visitor Permit (EVP 60 days)
 - d.) Easy Visitor Permit (EVP 30 days)
 - e.) Visiting Relatives
 - f.) Tourist (Own Itinerary)
 - g.) Tourist (tour package)
 - h.) Yachtperson
2. Business visa
 - a.) Business Short-term single entry
 - b.) Business Short-term multiple entry
3. Special Exemption visa
 - a.) Special Exemption/ Foreign Official-Short Term.
 - b.) Aid Worker volunteer (YWAM)
 - c.) Medical
 - d.) Designated Events Visa
4. Entertainer visa
 - a.) Comedian (commercial)
 - b.) Film maker (non-commercial)
 - c.) Film maker (commercial)
 - d.) Musician (commercial)
5. Restricted Employment Visa (REV)
 - a.) REV
6. Working Resident
 - a.) Consultant Specialist

Visa 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 the 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 available on the website www.ica.gov.pg or through EFTPOS machines using Credit and 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 found on the same website.

Medical and Character Requirements

All applicants seeking to travel to Papua New Guinea must be of good health and good character. A Medical Health Certificate and a local police clearance certificate may be required on request. 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 on ICA 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 Papua New Guinea 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, 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 Papua New Guinea 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 Papua New Guinea.

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 Papua New Guinea within six months of the Entry Permit being issued. Failure to enter Papua New Guinea 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 on the website.

Extensions are only issued to people currently in Papua New Guinea. 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 Port of Entry

Approved entry ports are Jacksons International Airport in Port Moresby and Wutung Land Border Post in Vanimo, West Sepik Province. Entry through any unauthorised ports may result you refused entry or penalties may apply.

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 Groups

Citizens of China who are Diplomatic, Official, Service and Public passports holders can get Visa on Arrival (VoA) in Papua New Guinea. Chinese tourists with ordinary passports travelling in organized tour groups with a registered tour operator in Papua New Guinea are also eligible for VoA.

Work in Papua New Guinea

All foreign nationals who wish to work in the private sector in Papua New Guinea require a valid work visa. Applications for a work visa must be submitted by your employer through the Sponsor Portal on the website.

Diplomatic Missions

Papua New Guinea have Diplomatic representation with certain countries, territories and international organizations around the world. The exact location and postal addresses of all Diplomatic Missions can be found on the Immigration website <https://ica.gov.pg/overseas-mission-and-posts>

1. PNG High Commission, Canberra, Australia
2. PNG Consulate-General, Brisbane, Australia
3. PNG Consulate, Cairns, Australia
4. PNG High Commission, Wellington, New Zealand
5. PNG High Commission, Honiara, Solomon Islands
6. PNG High Commission, Suva, Fiji
7. PNG Embassy, Jakarta, Indonesia
8. PNG Consulate-General, Jayapura, Indonesia
9. PNG High Commission, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
10. PNG High Commission, Manila, Philippines
11. PNG High Commission, New Delhi, India
12. PNG Embassy, Beijing, Peoples Republic of China
13. PNG Embassy, Seoul, South Korea
14. PNG Embassy, Tokyo, Japan
15. PNG Embassy, Brussels, Belgium
16. PNG High Commission, United Kingdom
17. PNG Permanent Mission to the United Nations, New York, United States of America

VISA REQUIREMENTS

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

1 Visitor Visa

The Visitor Visa is granted for the purpose of temporary entry into Papua New Guinea and comprises of the following Classes with the respective requirements. Applications for visas under the visitor visa class must be submitted online.

Tourist (Own itinerary)

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

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;

Tourist (Tour Package)

Group tours, student excursion groups, etc.

1. Letter of Request from Tour Agent/Sponsor that must be registered with PNG Tourism Promotion Authority (TPA) and Investment Promotion Authority (IPA);
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket).

*Note: This visa class is available online on www.ica.gov.pg

Visiting Relative

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

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;

Note: This visa class is available online.

Yachtsperson (owner/captain/Crew)

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

1. Request Letter from Owner/Captain;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of Yacht particulars (Optional)

Sports Person

For individuals taking part in representative sporting code in the country.

1. Request Letter from the PNG based sponsor;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;
4. Prescribed Migration Service Fee

Note: This visa class is available online.

Journalist / Reporter

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

1. Obtain Clearance Letter from Prime Minister's Media Unit prior to apply for visa;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket);

Easy Visitor Permits (EVP) 30 days

This visa is for passport holders from the eligible visa on arrival countries who intend to visit PNG for reasons such as holidays, sightseeing, social or recreational activities or 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. Visit www.ica.gov.pg to find out if your nationality is eligible for this entry permit.

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;

Easy Visitor Permits (EVP) 60 days

This visa is for passport holders from the eligible visa on arrival countries who intend to visit PNG for reasons such as holidays, sightseeing, social or recreational activities or 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. Visit www.ica.gov.pg to find out if your nationality is eligible for this entry permit.

1. Request Letter from applicant;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Copy of travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket) and guarantee that applicant is financially secure;

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.

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, conduct an exploratory business visit or participate in business negotiation. This visa class is available online (eVisa) for nationals from eligible countries. Visit www.ica.gov.pg to find out if your nationality is eligible for this visa class.

1. Letter from PNG based sponsor;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Evidence of return/on-going ticket.

Short-Term Multiple Entry

This business visa class is applicable to 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. Application for this visa can be made online. This visa is open to all nationalities.

1. Letter from PNG based sponsor;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Evidence of return/on-going ticket.

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 Papua New Guinea. 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. Check our website to see if your nationality is eligible for REV.

1. Cover letter from the PNG based sponsor explaining the scope of work;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page.;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Proof of Return ticket.

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 Working Resident Employment 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.

Work Visa

This visa is granted to a non-citizen for entry into Papua New Guinea for employment purposes. Work visa incorporates work permit requirements which are listed below. This visa must be submitted online (for new applications) through the Sponsor Portal link available on the website.

1. Valid copy of the employee's passport bio page;
2. Copy of the updated Curriculum Vitae;
3. Copy of the job description;
4. Certified evidence of education qualifications;
5. Copy of employment contract signed by both employee and the employer;
6. Two recent, clear and colour passport size photographs of employee;
7. Employee's right thumb print. Note: if you provided one in your previous application, you do not need to provide it again.
8. Evidence of membership of professional registration association (where relevant);
9. Evidence of English language proficiency (where relevant);
10. Employer's certificate of Incorporation from the Investment Promotion Authority;
11. Receipt of payment of fee (non-refundable);

Note: Officers may request for additional documentation for Organizational Structure and/or Justification letter as and when required.

12. Police Clearance;
13. Medical Report including Xray;
14. Maintenance Guarantee Bond (Must be signed and stamped by the employer/ sponsor);

* Requirements for renewals, bridging and cancellation are available on the website.

Note: You employer is responsible for submitting your application on the Sponsor Portal available on the website.

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. Application for this visa can be submitted online.

1. Letter from the PNG based company/sponsor;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Proof of onward/return ticket.
5. Maintenance Guarantee Bond Fee completed and signed by the sponsor;
6. Copy of the Contract/Service Agreement

Short-term Employment

Short-term Employment visa class applies to any organizations/companies wishes to employ a non-citizen for a term of 6 months or less.

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. Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) Company Form 4 and 5;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Maintenance Guarantee Bond (Must be signed/stamped by the employer/sponsor);
5. Copy of valid passport bio page;
6. Prescribed Migration fee;

Business Person / Investor

This visa is applicable to business persons or investors who want 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. Completed Application Form signed by the applicant;
3. Maintenance Guarantee Bond;
4. Copy of valid passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;

Working Dependent - COS/Visa Extension

Working Dependent is an Extension Visa that 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. 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 to the website for COS requirements for each category.

Dependent

Working Dependent visa class applies to non-citizens who are Principle's biological family members including, ageing/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. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Certified Principal Visa page copy.
5. Birth Certificate;
6. Marriage Certificate (for spouse);
7. Police Clearance Report;
8. Medical including x-ray report;
9. Prescribed Migration fee;

4 Entertainer Visa

Entertainer visas are reserved for foreign nationals who perform or are an integral part of the performance team. Applications for this visa class can be submitted online. Requirements are provided for each category below.

Film maker (Commercial)

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

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter;
2. Approval from the PNG National Film Institute (NFI).
3. Clearance Letter from the PNG Dept of Foreign Affairs and International Trade;
4. Clearance from the Provincial Administration intended to visit;
5. Clearance letter from PNG Prime Minister's Office, Media Unit;
6. Copy of valid passport bio page;
7. Prescribed Migration fee;
8. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

Film maker (Non-Commercial)

For individuals who wish to make not-for-profit or public release films. This visa is available online.

1. Undertaking/Sponsor Letter;
2. Clearance Letter from the PNG National Film Institute (NFI).
3. Clearance letter from PNG Prime Minister's Office - Media Unit
4. Copy of valid passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;
6. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

Comedian (Commercial)

Persons providing entertainment or advertisements as comedians for commercial purposes.

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

Musician (commercial)

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

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers,
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Prescribed Migration fee;
4. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

Gospel Group (Charity)

Gospel groups doing performances and shows for charity purposes. This visa class is not available online and require manual application.

1. Sponsor Letter from the event(s) organizers
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

Cultural Group (Charity)

This visa category applies to countries wishes to travel to do charity and showcasing country of origins will fall under Cultural Group visa class. This visa class is not available online and require manual application.

1. Sponsor Letter from the Sponsoring Organization;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Evidence of return/on-going ticket;

5 Student Visa

Student visa applies to foreign nationals who wish to take up studies in Papua New Guinea. Students who meet the given entry requirements/criteria can apply under one of those categories listed below. Applications are submitted manually.

Formal Education

This visa class applies to individual/institutions who wish to study in PNG on exchange programmes/by self-invitation.

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. Copy of valid Passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;

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.

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. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;

Dependent

This visa class applies to family members/children/spouse/de-factor spouse who wish to accompany the principle student visa applicant for their stay here in PNG.

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. Copy of valid passport bio page.
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 Special Exemption Visa

This visa applies to individual foreign nationals who intend to undertake paid or unpaid activities which are approved by the Government of Papua New Guinea.

Foreign Officials (Long term)

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

1. Sponsor Letter from foreign government or International Organization (Diplomatic Note);
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Dept of Foreign Affairs (Diplomatic Note).
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of valid Official Passport Bio Page.

Foreign Officials (Short term)

For foreign national employees without diplomatic or official status who are conducting business on behalf of their government. Application can be submitted online.

1. Sponsoring Letter from foreign government, International Organization (Diplomatic Note);
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Dept of Foreign Affairs (Diplomatic Note).
3. Copy of valid Official Passport Bio Page.

Diplomat

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

1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Mission (Diplomatic Note);
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Department of Foreign Affairs (Diplomatic Note);
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of Diplomatic Passport Bio Page.

Aid Worker / Volunteer

For foreign nationals who works for an international organization providing help to the citizens of Papua New Guinea.

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 Department of Labour 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. copy of valid passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;

Research Academic

For foreign nationals who undertake educational, medical or scientific research in Papua New Guinea or to teach in a PNG institution.

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 PNG National Research Institute, Institute of Medical Research or educational institution stating purpose and duration of visit.
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of valid passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;

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;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;

Emergency Relief Worker

Applicable to Humanitarian Aid Worker who intends to assist in humanitarian crisis caused by natural disaster and/ or man-made disaster.

1. Clearance Letter from PNG National Disaster Office;
2. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
3. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;

Medical Workers

Applicable for doctors or trainees entering Papua New Guinea for short-term placements in hospitals (valid for periods up to six months).

1. Clearance Letter from the PNG Medical Board;
2. Letter from the Sponsor
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of valid Passport bio page;
5. Prescribed Migration fee;

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). This visa is valid for stays of 30 days or less.

1. Incoming Passenger Arrival Card;
2. Copy of valid passport bio page;
3. Travel itinerary (confirm onward/return ticket);

Domestic Worker (Accredited Diplomats)

This visa applies to approve foreign nationals by their respective government to conduct official negotiations and maintains political, economic, and social relations with Papua New Guinea.

1. Sponsor Letter from Foreign Mission;
2. Clearance Letter from PNG Dept of Foreign Affairs;
3. Duly completed application form and must be signed by the applicant;
4. Copy of valid passport bio page.

Dependents of Diplomats & International Organization

Applicable to spouses and aged parents (non-working) of a Diplomat or a non-citizen employee of an international organization.

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. Copy of valid passport bio page;
4. If lodged without principle applicant, provide certified copies of; (i) PA's valid passport page (ii) valid Visa.

Dependent of Citizen (Non-Working)

For the children of Papua New Guinea 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. Copy of valid passport bio pages for the applicant and both parents;
4. Prescribed Migration fee;
5. Birth certificate of the child dependent;
6. Marriage certificate for the spouse;
7. Statutory Declaration for both partners in de-factor relationships

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. PR applicants must fall into one of the following descriptions.

- Chief Executive Officers of large companies with a work force of 250 employees and an annual turnover of K10 million or more. Only companies that have been operating in Papua New Guinea for more than five years are to be considered. As evidenced by certified documentation.
- A person who is the majority owner of a business investment in a registered resident business for at least five years with net assets and turnover exceeding K2 million and/or any property investment with a net investment in PNG of at least K10 million. As evidenced by certified documentation.
- A person who is a skilled professional who is a medical doctor, specialist or educationist, as evidenced by tertiary level education qualifications and at least five years work in that professional field in PNG. This category is subject to annual review.
- Missionaries and religious workers who have worked in Papua New Guinea for at least five years and have access to income of not less than K25,000 per year or who have a written guarantee of financial support from a registered religious organisation or church.
- A retired person over 55 years of age who can demonstrate an income of at least K50,000 per annum and has worked in PNG for at least five years. As evidenced by certified documentation.
- The “legally married spouse” of a PNG citizen where the relationship has been in place for at least five years. Documentary evidence must be provided;
- The child aged more than 19 years of a PNG citizen (in the case where the child does not have PNG citizenship) where that individual is working in a voluntary capacity at a community or social level. As evidenced by certified documentation.

Applicants for Permanent Residence must be in one of the following categories or visa classes.

Resident (long term) other than a Missionary

The criteria for this visa class include:

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.

Resident (long term) Missionary

The criteria for this visa class include:

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.

Dependents (Long term) Fee covered by Principal applicant

The criteria for this visa class include:

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;

VISA FEES

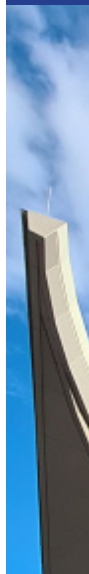
All migration fees are charged in United States Dollars (USD). You can make payment through the Online Payment Gateway available on the website www.ica.gov.pg and attach receipt of your transaction with each visa application you make.

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
	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	

Visa fees					
Visa Type	Visa Class	Fees	Extension Fee	Late Extension Fee	eVisa Fee
		USD	USD	USD	USD
Special Exemption	Foreign Official (long term)	Nil	Nil	Nil	50
	Foreign Official (short term)	Nil	N/A	N/A	
	Diplomats	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Aid Worker/Volunteer	40	75	380	50
	Aid Worker/Volunteer (YWAM)	40	N/A	N/A	
	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	
Permanent Residence	Resident (Long Term) other than a Missionary	1,700	75	Nil	
	Resident (Long Term) Missionary	Nil	Nil	Nil	
	Dependents (Long Term). Fee covered by principal Applicant.	Nil	Nil	Nil	

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 (sportsperson, 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

Note: Fees for work permit is available on the website.



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