



**ICA**  
PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
PROTECTING BORDERS & PROMOTING PROSPERITY

## IMMIGRATION & CITIZENSHIP AUTHORITY

### *Office of the Chief Migration Officer*

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Consistent with the SOE Controllers Notice dated 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2020, the Papua New Guinea Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) implemented the 'Short-Term 'Extension' process to extend visas that were outside of the normal process for non-citizens who were affected by the closure of international borders due the COVID-19 Global Pandemic. The visa classes included:

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| ✓ | Tourist – Tour Package           | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Tourist – Own Itinerary          | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Visiting Relatives               | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Easy Visitor Permit (EVP)        | Thirty (30) days |
| ✓ | Easy Visitor Permit (EVP)        | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Yachtsperson Owner               | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Yachtsperson Crew                | Sixty (60) days  |
| ✓ | Business Single Entry            | Thirty (30) days |
| ✓ | Restricted Employment Visa (REV) | Thirty (30) days |
| ✓ | Journalists and Reporters        | Thirty (30) days |

In the same Notice, non-citizens who were temporary residents or on short-term visas and did not meet the Change of Status (COS) requirements were exempted from exiting the country to apply for a new visa, but allowed to do COS in the country for the following visa types:

- ✓ Visitor to Dependent
- ✓ Visitor to Dependent of Citizen
- ✓ Restricted Employment Visa to Employment
- ✓ Consultant/Specialist Visa to Employment
- ✓ Dependent to Employment.
- ✓ Business to Employment
- ✓ Dependent to Employment.
- ✓ Business to Employment

Now, with the opening of all International Borders, ICA wishes to inform the General Public that this arrangement will cease to operate effectively from **01<sup>st</sup> September 2022**. All non-citizens currently in the country on short term visas must prepare to leave the country on or before their visas expire. Penalties will apply for breach of this instruction.

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