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PUBLIC NOTICE

**OPERATIONALISATION OF VISA RECIPROCITY PRINCIPLE FOR VISA
EXEMPTIONS AND VISAS ON ARRIVAL**

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security is pleased to announce the operationalisation of the visa reciprocity principle as directed by the Cabinet, alongside the implementation of visas on arrival for eligible travellers. This initiative aims to enhance our visa exemption policy framework and reflects our commitment to promoting tourism while fostering stronger international relationships.

Effective 1 April 2025:

- a) The principle of reciprocity for visa exemptions is now in effect. Nationals holding passports from countries previously exempt from obtaining visas to enter Namibia, which have not granted Namibia the same courtesy, are now required to obtain a visa for entry.
- b) Nationals from these countries may apply for visas online or visas upon arrival at designated ports of entry in Namibia.

We are pleased to announce that since the introduction of the Visas on Arrival on 3 March 2025 (to 3 April 2025) 15,506 travellers have applied for visas online and were issued with e-visas to the total value of N\$ 24,362,700. 820 travellers have applied in person to the tune of N\$ 1,124,800. The total revenue for e-visas and visas on arrival to date is N\$ 25,487,500 .

As we embark on this new chapter, we recognise that there may be challenges during the initial implementation. Our dedicated staff, along with key stakeholders like NIPDB and the tourism industry, are actively collaborating to streamline processes and ensure the system operates efficiently. We will be providing updates on the developments, including visa exempted countries for countries eligible for visa on arrival. Please follow our social media platforms for updates. The e-visa is printed with a quick response code. Travelers must scan the QRC to obtain more information.

The new visa on arrival process is designed to facilitate smoother travel experiences, reducing waiting times and simplifying entry procedures. We are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible. We appreciate the understanding and patience of the travellers as we address any potential issues.

We encourage all travellers, as well as travel agencies and relevant industries, to familiarize themselves with the updated visa policies and requirements, accessible on the Ministry's website and e-services portal at <https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na>. We strongly urge travellers to apply for electronic visas prior to their journey. For those unable to do so, visas on arrival will be available, contingent on their country's eligibility. Travellers can also conveniently pay for visas on arrival using by swiping their credit or debit cards at the designated ports of entry.

Permanent residents and people who are domiciled in Namibia such as spouses to Namibians do not require visas to enter Namibia and must therefore not apply for a visa or complete the arrival form.

Our goal is to enhance accessibility to Namibia, ensuring that all who wish to experience our rich culture and stunning landscapes can do so with ease. We sincerely thank all travellers and Namibians for their cooperation and support as we improve our travel systems for the benefit of everyone.

For any inquiries or assistance, please contact our Public Relations Office.

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E-Services, Link to Visa Fact Sheet QR-Code