

PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR MALAWI

The Malawi Immigration Department would like to inform those intending to travel to Malawi, the Airlines, and all Stakeholders that with effect from 9th September 2016, Entry Visa issuance will be implemented in **three-fold** as approved by the Malawi Government.

CATEGORY 1

COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE A VISA IN ADVANCE, OR PRIOR AUTHORITY

1. Afghanistan
2. Algeria
3. Angola
4. Bangladesh
5. Burkina Faso
6. Burundi
7. Central Africa Republic
8. Cameroon
9. Chad
10. China
11. Colombia
12. Cuba
13. Democratic Republic of Congo
14. Djibouti
15. Egypt
16. Ethiopia
17. Eritrea
18. India
19. Ghana
20. Iraq
21. Iran
22. Kazakhstan
23. Lebanon
24. Mauritania
25. Morocco
26. Niger
27. Nepal
28. Oman
29. Pakistan
30. Palestinian National Authority
31. Qatar
32. Russia
33. Rwanda
34. Senegal
35. Somalia
36. Syria
37. Sudan
38. South Sudan
39. Tajikistan
40. Togo
41. Tunisia
42. Turkey
43. Turkmenistan
44. Ukraine
45. Uzbekistan
46. United Arab Emirates
47. Yemen

CATEGORY 2

COUNTRIES THAT CAN OBTAIN A VISA ON ARRIVAL, WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORISATION

1. Albania
2. American Samoa
3. Andorra
4. Anguilla
5. Antarctica
6. Argentina
7. Armenia
8. Aruba
9. Ascension Island
10. Australia Territories
11. Austria
12. Azerbaijan
13. Bahrain
14. Belarus
15. Belgium
16. Benin
17. Bermuda
18. Bhutan
19. Bolivia
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina
21. British Indian Ocean Territory
22. Brunei
23. Bulgaria
24. Canada
25. Cambodia Island
26. Cape Verde
27. Cayman Island
28. Chile
29. China (ROC) Taipei
30. Christmas Island
31. Cocos (Keeling) Island
32. Colombia
33. Comoros
34. Congo, Republic of Brazzaville People's
35. Cook Islands
36. Costa Rica
37. Ivory Coast
48. Faroe Islands
49. Finland
50. France
51. French Guiana
52. French Metropolitan
53. French Polynesia
54. French Southern
55. Gabon
56. Georgia
57. Germany
58. Gibraltar
59. Greece
60. Greenland
61. Guadeloupe
62. Guam
63. Guyana
64. Guatemala
65. Guernsey
66. Guinea
67. Guinea- Bissau
68. Haiti
69. Heard and McDonald
70. Holy Sea
71. Honduras
72. Hungary
73. Isle of Man
74. Italy
75. Japan
76. Jersey
77. Jordan
78. Korea, Democratic Republic (North Korea)
79. Korea, Republic of (South Korea)

38. Croatia
39. Cyprus
40. Czech Republic
41. People's Republic of China
42. Denmark
43. Dominican Republic
44. East Timor Timor- Leste
45. Ecuador
46. Estonia
47. Falkland Islands
89. Macedonia
90. Maldives Island
Mayen
91. Malta
92. Marshall Islands
93. Martinique
94. Mayotte
95. Mexico
96. Micronesia
97. Mongolia
98. Montenegro
99. Montserrat
Islands
100. Myanmar ,Burma
101. Netherlands
102. Netherlands Antilles
103. New Caledonia
104. New Zealand
105. Nicaragua
106. Niue
107. Norfolk Isand
108. Northern Mariana Islands
109. Palau
110. Panama
111. Papua New Guinea
112. Paraguay
113. Peru
114. Philippines
115. Pitcarin Island
116. Poland
117. Portugal
118. Puerto Rico
119. Qatar
120. Reunion Island
121. Romania
122. Sao Tome and Principe
123. Saudi Arabia
124. San Marnio
80. Kuwait
81. Kyrgyzstan
82. Lao, People's Democratic
Republic
83. Latvia
84. Liechtenstein
85. Lithuania
86. Luxembourg
87. Madagascar
88. Macau
132. Suriname
133. Svalbard and Jan
Islands
134. Sweden
135. Switzerland
136. Tonga
137. Tokelau
138. Turks and Caicos Islands
139. United Arab Emirates
140. United States of America
141. U.S. Minor Outlying
Islands
142. Uruguay
143. Vanuatu
144. Venezuela
145. Vietnam
146. Virgin Islands (U.S.)
147. Wallis and Futuna Islands
148. Western Sahara

125. Slovakia (Slovak Republic)
126. Slovenia
127. Solomon Island
128. South Georgia and South
Sandwich Island
129. Saint Helena
130. Spain
131. St. Pierre and Miquelon

CATEGORY 3

COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ISSUED WITH A GRATIS VISA TO ENTER MALAWI

- a. Nationals from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries , except for those countries that subject Malawians to visa with in SADC;
- b. Nationals from Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) countries, except for those countries that subject Malawians to visa within COMESA;

Names of the countries that do not require an Entry Visa to Malawi:

1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. Bahamas
3. Belize
4. Botswana
5. Dominica
6. Fiji
7. Gambia
8. Grenada
9. Hong Kong
10. Israel
11. Jamaica
12. Kenya
13. Kiribati
14. Lesotho
15. Malaysia
16. Mauritius
17. Mozambique
18. Namibia
19. Nauru
20. Northern Ireland
21. Samoa (Western)
22. Seychelles
23. South Africa
33. Zimbabwe

24. St. Kitts Nevis
25. St. Lucia
26. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
27. Swaziland
28. Tanzania
29. Trinidad and Tobago
30. Tuvalu
31. Uganda
32. Zambia

The visitor is then given a maximum of 30 days Visitor's Permit on the port of entry which can be extended up to a maximum of 90 days. Therefore, please take a note that a visa is just an authority to enter, whereas the visitor's permit determines the visitor's duration of stay.

For more information you may visit the Malawi Immigration website at www.immigration.gov.mw or send your enquiries directly to permitcounter@gmail.com or you may contact :

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