



PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
JOINT AGENCY TASK FORCE  
NATIONAL OPERATIONS CENTRE 19  
(JATFNOC19)



**STATE OF EMERGENCY  
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER**

I, Commissioner David Manning, Emergency Controller, by virtue of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020, hereby issue the following direction concerning temporary visa conditions.

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION ON VISA TYPES/CLASSES**

**1. Short Term Visa Holders**

The short Term Entry Permits issued under the following visa types and classes nearing expiration or have expired are exempted from paying an extension and penalty fees during the SOE period

- ✓ 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
  
- ✓ All other short term visas e.g. business, restricted employment visa, journalist and reporters are not exempted from paying the extension fees. They are however exempted from paying penalty fees if their visa expired during the SOE period.

**2. Overseas Students**

Foreign students and occupational trainees studying and training in the country on short and long term are eligible to apply for an extension with a fee. They are however exempted from paying the penalty fees if their visa expired during the SOE period.

**3. Holders of Temporary Resident Visa**

Non-citizens residing in the country under the Working Resident and Special Exemptions visa categories including the dependents are eligible to apply for an extension with a fee. They are however exempted from paying penalty fees if their visa expired during the SOE period. This is not applicable to foreign diplomats on diplomatic assignment working and residing in the country

**4. Change of Status (COS) in Country**

Non-citizens who are temporary residents and have not meet the change of status requirements will be exempted from exiting the country to apply for a new visa. The COS application will be facilitated in the country during the SOE period

**5. Circulation of this Notice of Exemption**

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and Immigration and Citizenship Authority (ICA) will be the responsible agencies to inform the resident Diplomatic Corps and the non-citizens in the country and as well as the PNG Diplomatic Missions and Posts overseas. All enquiries based on this notice can be forwarded to [dfait20@gmail.com](mailto:dfait20@gmail.com) [clientservice@immigration.gov.pg](mailto:clientservice@immigration.gov.pg) for clarity and assistance

A breach of this direction is an offence under Section 10 of the Emergency (General Provisions) (COVID 19) Act 2020

  
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Emergency Controller



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