

IMMIGRATION PERMITS REQUIREMENTS

Nonresident

Tourist Visa Application

Article 16. The immigration authorities of the National Immigration Service issued Tourist visas valid for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days, if foreigners meet the requirements of this regulation and without prejudice to establish international agreements ratified by the Republic of Panama and the principles of reciprocity.

(Added by Executive Decree No. 536 of May 28, 2010) National Service Immigration will issue a temporary identification card for a period of stay one year to foreigners who present their claim for the first time within the Categories and Sub-Categories Migratory and Temporary and Permanent Resident.

Article 17. (Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009). You can apply for a tourist visa, the alien that meets the following requirements:

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1. Complete the visa application form.
2. Present the original and (all pages of passport) copy of the passport or travel document with minimum of three (3) months of validity.
3. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
4. Submit a copy of the ID or passport of the country of residence where domiciled.
5. Provide three (3) photos when visa applications are submitted in the outside, except for tourist visa filed with the National Migration in the Republic of Panama.
6. Pay the sum of fifty dollars (B / . 50.00), at the time of presentation to the National Immigration Service, for immigration services.
7. Provide proof of sufficient funds for room and board for the term of the stay in the country, which may not be less than five hundred dollars (B/.500.00), proved by any of the following documents:
 - a. Certified check or money order to the applicant.
 - b. Travelers checks to the applicant's name.
 - c. Most recent month of bank certificate or statement showing availability of funds.
 - d. Most recent month of credit card account statement showing available balances.
 - e. Certificate of employment with last received salary or accreditation of self-employed, in the case of a public or private entity employee.

- f. Document showing the pension or retirement with proof of payment, for a retired person or pensioner.
 - g. Income statement for the last fiscal year, in case of self-employed.
 - h. Bank reference, if it is a merchant.
 - i. Letter of responsibility, certification that proves the kinship and economic solvency test if a person is economic independent.
 - j. Any other source that proves your income and that is acceptable to the National Immigration Service.
8. Provide copy of last permit approved by the Panamanian immigration authorities, if applicable.
 9. Submit confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.
 10. Present, if applicable, letter of invitation, in which case it may be made by:
 - a. Temporary or permanent resident, or national, attach the following:
 - i. Certified copy of identity card of the nation of domicile.
 - ii. Copy of passport picture page and copy of the foreigner document personal identification.
 - iii. Copy of receipt of payment of an utility bill, with the location of the residence.
 - b. Private entities, attach the following:
 - i. Registry Certification (Certificado de Registro Publico).
 - ii. Copy of Notice of operations (Copia del Aviso de Operaciones).
 - iii. Copy of key operations of the Colon Free Zone (Copia de la clave de operaciones de la Zona Libre de Colon).
 - iv. Copy of receipt of payment of an utility bill, with the location of the business.
 11. To apply the preceding paragraph, the financial solvency of the responsible party, may be credited with any of the following documents:
 - a. Bank certificate.
 - b. Affidavit ("Declaracion jurada con su paz y salvo").
 - c. Work certificate with social security card, in the case of natural person.

Paragraph: When the application is for a minor, there must be in one of his/hers parents or who has custody and parenting accredited.

In addition, the Article 17-A of Executive Decree 320 of 2008, as follows:

Article 17-A: The state agency who invites a foreigner who requires a tourists visa to enter the national territory or request the entry, must submit the following:

- a. Letter of invitation or request, specifying the name, the nationality of the foreigner and the term of their stay.
- b. Copy of valid passport (picture page).

Article 18: All citizens of countries that have not signed the visa suppression agreement with the Republic of Panama, should deal with the National Migration Service or the offices of the Foreign Service, tourist visas, as indicated by the list approved by the competent authority.

Article 19: Those nationals of countries that are exempt from this requirement are issued a tourist card, which is valid for stay in the country for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, without prejudice of the established agreements ratified by the Republic of Panama and the principles of reciprocity. The tourist card causes rights under the Tax Code.

Article 20: The National Immigration Service may cancel the tourist card or visa tourism, when the principles of national security, health or public order are not satisfied and will proceed to take the measures it deems appropriate for resumes, deport or expel aliens in this situation, complying with due process.

Application for Tourist Visa Extension

ARTICLE 22 REQUIREMENTS

1. Application for extension of tourist visa.
2. Complete copy of passport, valid for a minimum of three months.
3. Copy of paid electronic ticket.
4. Hotel reservation (if applicable).
5. Justify the reasons for the extension of tourism visa.
6. Proof of sufficient funds for room and board for the term of stay in the country, which may not be less than five hundred (B./500.00) proved by any of the following documents:
 - a. A certified check or bank draft in the name of the person.
 - b. Checks on behalf of the person.
 - c. Bank certificate with statements that reflects the available balances.
 - d. Credit card statement that reflects available balances.
 - e. Any other to prove of income.
7. Affidavit from the host (if applicable) in which case it may be done by:
 - i. temporary residents, permanent or Panamanians, enclosing the following as applicable:
 - ii. Copy of identity card.
 - iii. Copy of passport (picture page), and foreign identification person.
 - iv. Copy of receipt of payment for public services.
- b. Legal representative of public and private entities. In case of a public entity, it must submit a letter of invitation. If it is a private entity, it must enclose the following documents:

- i. Certification of the Public Registry (Certificacion del Registro Pubico).
 - ii. Copy of notice of operations (Copia del aviso de operaciones).
 - iii. Copy of the key operation in Colon Free Zone (if applicable) (Copia de la clave de operacion de Zona Libre de Colon).
 - iv. Copy of receipt of payment for the delivery of public services stating the location of the company.
8. If the preceding paragraph apply, the sponsor and responsible, must prove economically solvency, through any of the following documents:
- a. Certification bank.
 - b. Latest income statement, with its "Paz y Salvo".
 - c. Working agreement from "la Caja del Seguro Social" Social Security.
 - d. In case of sponsoring the guest costs, attach a letter of responsibility.

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OFFICIAL SIGNATURE: _____

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY: _____

Extension Request for Change of Immigration Category

Article 23. Based on Article 17 of the Decree of Law, the foreigner who enters the country as a tourist may request an extension for up to one sixty (60) days to the Director General of Service Migration National, where justified by its intention to request a change of immigration status as a temporary resident or permanent resident and the date expiration of a tourist visa you need it a requirement to complete their request. This must be requested by a legal proxy Ten Days (10) business days before the expiration of your stay as a tourist.

Article 24. (Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009) with the extension request shall be submitted single copy of the documents used as evidence to support your request. If approved the extension shall forward the payment two hundred fifty dollars (B/.250.00) for migratory services established in the paragraph 4 of

Article 28 of the Decree Law, and consign a security deposit in the sum five hundred dollars (\$ 500.00) in favor of the National Immigration Service.

Article 25. (Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009). If the Interested permit application presents you with all the relevant documentation timely manner, it will return the security deposit, otherwise enter the Migration Trust Fund, and the alien must leave the country in a term of five (5) calendar days.

Marine Visa Application

May apply for this visa, the sailor who enters the national territory as crew member in a ship to embark with international navigation license.

- Marine visa form;
- Copy of valid passport;
- Copy of the bill of lading and / or guaranteed by the company contracting;
- Copies of the book shipment;
- Copy marine license.

Transient Visa Application or Contingent Workers

(Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009). To request visa by standers or contingent workers , the company may hire a abroad , which temporarily enter the territory, for technical work , within the cultural , artistic or musical, athletic , professional, educational or scientific specifically for a work or a particular project , for a term of three (3) months, renewable for an equal period, provided that the foreign company and meet the requirements and responsibilities required by the National Immigration Service and Ministry of Labor and Labor Development.

Article 40.

The Applicant is required to comply with the provisions of Article 89 of Decree Law and other regulations contained in this regulation.

Article 41.

(Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009). To request temporary visa for workers, for not less than fifteen (15) calendar days, the company must comply with the requirements per Article 28 of Decree-Law, except for paragraphs 2 and 4, to carry the following:

1. Visa Application Form.
2. Power of attorney with B/.8.00.
3. Medical Certificate.
4. Personal history affidavit.
5. Copy of passport with entry stamps.
6. Three (3) photos
7. Copy of the identity document of the country of origin or residence.
8. Receipt of payment for migration services, in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to "Servicio Nacional de Migracion".
9. Work permit certificate.
10. Copy of paid electronic ticket returning or going back.
11. Proof of hotel or accommodation booking.
12. "Paz y Salvo" of the company requesting the visa.
13. "Paz y Salvo" from "Caja de Seguro Social of the requesting company.
14. Letter of responsibility of the company.

15. Receipt of payment of income tax corresponding to the value of the contract.
16. Escrow Certificate on account of the contracting company, to "Servicio Nacional de Migracion" for the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (B /. 250.00)
Paragraph: when the visa application bystanders or casual workers , is than thirty (30) foreigners, the security deposit will have be for the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (B/.7 , 500.00) in favor of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion"

Article 41.

A. (Added by Article 16 of Decree No. 26, Monday, March 2, 2009). To request an extension you must submit the following documents:

1. Application.
2. Fee for service migration in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in favor of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion".
3. Work permit certificate.

Paragraph: In the event that the information provided in the initial application has varied, the company must update the information provided.

Article 42.

(Modified by Decree No. 26 Monday March 2, 2009). To request this visa if the stay abroad is less than (15) calendar days , should meet requirements marked on the outside and with the formalities required in the Article 28 of Decree-Law , except for number 2 and 4.

Visa Application for Domestic Workers

1. Power and application
2. Three (3) Photos
3. Copy of the identity document of the country of origin or residence permit.
4. Deposit warranty, on account of the employer, by the sum of B/500.00.
5. Payment of one hundred dollars (B/100.00) to the order of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion".
6. Proof of utility bill, stating the location of the home in which the domestic services will be provided, if it is on the name of another person who is not responsible, then proof of relationship must be provided.
7. "Paz y Salvo" from the employer income and the alien.
8. Proof of the alien affiliation to the "Caja de Seguro Social" and copy of carnet.
9. Employer liability letter.
10. Service Contract.
11. Copy of identity card or resident card of the responsible.
12. Financial solvency of the responsible.
 - a. Working agreement with proof of payment
 - b. Income Statement with "Paz y Salvo"
 - c. Bank letter from a local bank

13. Health certificate
14. Police record
15. Copy of the full passport
16. Domestic worker Form
17. Affidavit regarding criminal background

Application for Short Stay Visa

Article 46.

(Amended by Decree No. 26, Monday March 2, 2009) may request a short-stay visa application, the alien that enters the country without having the intention of establish permanent residence in Panama, with the purposes established in the sub category of this Chapter, and to comply with the formalities required in the Article 28 the Decree Law, except for number 4, as that are required by the requested sub category. The foreigner must justify the requested term, which may be up to nine (9) months. This visa cannot be extended after expiration of that term.

Paragraph: Foreigners which are designed to provide nonprofit social services, sponsored by the government, boards or non-governmental organizations recognized by the “Ministerio de Economia y Finanzas”, and those who participate in student exchanges, may extend this one-time visa by same term, and are exempt from paying for expenses migration for this extension.

Application for Short Stay Visa for Business

ARTICLE 47.

To apply for short-stay visa for business abroad the alien may enter the country with the finality of establishing foreign subsidiaries, engage in commercial or business transactions and / or participate as proponent in public tenders, and must demonstrate the following:

REQUIREMENTS

1. Proof of economic solvency of the applicant or from the host, with at least five figures.
2. Documentation showing the purpose of the trip and the conditions of the business stay.
3. Certificate of incorporation of the foreign company to establish subsidiaries.
4. Letter from legal representative of the enterprise to establish foreign subsidiaries.
5. Copy of passport or travel document with minimum of 3 months validity, collated at the consulate of the issuing country in Panama, if applicable.
6. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
7. Copy of the ID or residence card in the country of residence.
8. Three (3) photos.
9. Confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.

DELIVERY DATE

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ATTORNEY SIGNATURE

Application for Short Stay Visa to Visit Relatives

ARTICLE 49.

Comply with the requirements established in the article 28 of the Decree Law, except for number 4.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Visa Application Form.
2. Certificate showing the relationship.
3. Payment of expenses for immigration services in the amount of B./100.00 for Migration Service.
4. Security Deposit in the amount of five hundred dollars (B./500.00) to the order of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion".
5. Copy of passport or travel document with a minimum of three (3) months validity
6. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
7. Copy of identification or ca RNE country of residence of domicile, if applicable.
8. Three (3) photos.
9. Confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.

DELIVERY DATE

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ATTORNEY SIGNATURE

Visa Application Short Stay for Researchers and Scientists

ARTICLE 51.

Comply with the requirements established in the article 28 of the Decree Law, except for number 4.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Visa Application Form,

2. Letter from the school or governmental or non-governmental organization based in Panama, which certifies the activity held abroad during and time by which the permit will be granted;
3. Certification of the entity granting the scholarship, if applicable;
4. Certification of the Ministry of Government and Justice, stating the registration of the non-government association, if applicable;
5. Payment of immigration services, for the sum of B./100.00 to the order of the "Servicio Nacional de Migracion"
6. Copy of passport or travel document with a minimum of 3 months validity;
7. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
8. Three (3) photos;
9. Confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.

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Application for Short Stay Visa for Medical Treatment

ARTICLE 53.

Comply with the requirements established in the article 28 of the Decree Law, except for number 4.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Visa Application Form,
2. Medical certification of the country of origin, which proves the disease or treatment required, signed and with seal, name, code and registration number of the doctor who issued.
3. Letter from the Medical Center in the Republic of Panama, which confirms that the applicant is or will be hospitalized or receiving outpatient treatment, the name of the doctor who serves, the condition being treated and the duration of treatment with the approximate cost.
4. Proof of economic solvency of the applicant, a resident relative, guardian or designated companion.
5. Payment of expenses for immigration services in the amount of one hundred dollars (B./100.00) payable to the order of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion".
6. Copy of passport or travel document with a minimum of 3 months validity.
7. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
8. Copy of the ID card or residence in the country where its do domicile, if applicable.
9. Three (3) photos.

10. Confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.

DELIVERY DATE

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Application for Short Stay Visa for Traders and Investors by Special Laws

ARTICLE 54.

Comply with the requirements established in Article 28 of the Decree Law, except for number 4.

REQUIREMENTS	SI	NO
Application form for visa;		
Bank reference issued by a recognized bank internationally or proof of solvency no lower than one thousand dollars (\$ 1,000.00) monthly income.		
Copy of passport or travel document with a minimum three (3) months of validity;		
Return ticket to their country of origin, valid for the term of one (1) year		

DELIVERY DATE

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Application for Short Stay Visa for International Humanitarian Assistance

Article 56. It is based on the principles and rights contained in the Law International Humanitarian and Human Rights to those victims or affected by natural disasters

and other emergencies that present a risk to the population.

Article 57. May apply for this visa the foreigner who comes to represent a governmental or non-governmental agency properly accredited entering the country to facilitate the orderly management of aid, achieving a optimal use of resources to reduce through national action agreed, the loss of life, damage to property and solution to emergency that may arise, when the "Misnisterio de Relaciones Exteriores" determine so.

Article 58. Will be exempt from the requirements of Article 28 and 17 of Decree Law regulation, but must provide:

- Letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs certifying the humanitarian aid, type of aid and the time to do it by the International Agency.

Application for Short Stay Visa for the Banking Sector

Article 61. To request short stay visa in the banking sector the foreign may enter the national territory, with the purpose of establishing, to provide or receive trainings, attend meetings, conventions, workshops, seminars, courses , audits, verifications and inspection of banking programs and procedures from banking institutions that have general license, international or the international representative only if the applicant fulfills the requisites and responsibilities required by the "Servicio Nacional de Migracion y el Ministerio de Trabajo".

REQUIREMENTS

1. Visa Application Form.
2. Letter of the banking institution in which it certifies the activity to be performed by the foreign during the time of the requested visa, signed by its legal representative.
3. Responsibility letter, if applicable.
4. "Certificado de Registro Publico" of the banking institution and power of attorney of the accredited persons representing the bank,
5. Certification of the Superintendence of Banks, indicating the type of license the bank carries and its validity,
6. Copy of the foreign suitability degree,
7. Payment of expenses for migratory services for the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to the order of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion",
8. Guarantee deposit for the sum of five hundred dollars (B/.500.00) in favor of "Servicio Nacional de Migracion",
9. Copy of the passport with a minimum of three months of lifetime,
10. Round trip airline reservation itinerary.
11. Copy of the identification document from the home country where the foreign resides.

12. Three (3) photos
13. Confirmed hotel reservation, if applicable.

DELIVERY DATE

EMPLOYEE SIGNATURE

ATTORNEY SIGNATURE

Visa Application Passengers and Crews for Purposes of Recreation or Tourism

Based on Article 15 of Decree Law may apply for this visa the foreigner who enters the country through sailing yachts or pleasure purposes or tourism, for the term set the navigation permit issued by the Department of the Navy Merchant of the Panama Maritime Authority, provided that the applicant complies with the requirements and responsibilities required by the National Immigration Service.

ARTICLE 65

The National Immigration Service will create a record of incoming and outgoing Panamanian flag vessels or are in foreign yacht clubs or marinas, so that they can function as responsible before the immigration authorities when using of these foreign passengers and crew entering. The register shall contain:

- Requirements
- Basic Requirements
- Legal Base

See Executive Decree No 320 of August 8, 2008, which regulates the Decree Law No. 3 of February 22, 2008, which created the National Immigration Service and other provisions, published in Official Gazette No 26104

Related procedures

- Panama Convention Italy
- Permanent Resident Permit Under Economic Solution by Opening Time Deposit
- Permanent Resident Permit as Investor Forest
- Permanent Resident Permit as Retired Annuitant
- Permanent Resident Permit Economic Solvency

Visa Extension Application for Transit Passengers or Crew Members

Article 26. in case of a mayor force act or act of God, in situations where passengers in transit or crew members, the “Servicio Nacional de Migracion” may grant an extension to

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stay for seventy-two (72) hours, in which case an in transit passenger card will be granted.

The in transit card will be requested by the international transportation company, under its responsibility at a cost of five dollars (B/.5.00) and should verify that it had been a case of a mayor force act or act of God and guaranty of the foreign return to its country of residence.

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