



## Federation of Namibian Tourism Associations

# E-VISA & VISA ON ARRIVAL MEMO CLARIFICATIONS

**Windhoek, Namibia** – [12 March 2025 ] – A follow up meeting was held this morning with The Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, together with the Namibia Investment Promotion & Development Board (NIPDB), the Namibia Tourism Board (NTB) and The Tourism Private Sector of Namibia represented by the **Tour and Safari Association (TASA)** & the Hospitality Association of Namibia (HAN), regarding the recent announcement of the new **E-Visa, Visa on Arrival (VOA)** and **Arrival Form** for international travelers.

After collective information was gathered from the launch date of 03 March 2025, the following concerns were addressed for further clarification purposes:

### **Online E-Visa and Visa on Arrival application update:**

- Guests are required to sign up first, thereafter logging in and submit an application (*request was made by industry to provide better online instructions to avoid guests from choosing the wrong application option*)
- Families or Groups can submit applications under one person's profile however stands the risk if one application from the group is flagged for some reason, the system will not allow you to continue with any further applications until this is resolved
- No group payment options available at this stage
- Regional flights will have no effect on the Online application process, nor the border from which a person chose to enter the country, provided the chosen border is gazetted for E-visa and VoA.
- Transit guests are exempted from VISA requirements
- All foreign Nationals must complete the Arrival Form, even if in possession of PRP / Domicile permit etc.
- **Places to visit:** only 1<sup>st</sup> Night and Last night's details to be provided for Q10 on arrival form
- Online payment issues being dealt with and further updates to be provided soon
- **NO Multiple Entry stamp applicable for arrivals before 01 April 2025;** should an applicant who has entered Namibia under current free visa regulations, exits the country, and who seeks to re-enter Namibia after the 1st of April, he or she **MUST** apply for either E-visa or VOA at the point of entry. This also applies to clients doing cross-border tours who arrive before the 1st of April and whose tour exits and then re-enters Namibia after the 1st of April 2025.
- No Editing options available for online VOA applications, this is being considered going forward
- Request was made to distribute a PDF version of the Arrival/Application form in advance, HA to reconfirm once gazette regulations or Immigration law has been checked for any implications
- Funds to sustain yourself in Namibia: No official limit to the amount of funds declared on the arrival/application form. Credit/Debit card and proof of upfront payments would be sufficient.

- Regulations provided for the Online application and that for the VOA option remains a STANDARD requirement for entry to Namibia. The Online application process was made hassle free, by submitting only the passport copy, passport photo and completion of application form. *(Travelers arriving in Namibia with Visa on Arrival online approval/permit must ensure that they are prepared to present CONFIRMATION of any visa requirements as per online application completed, upon entry if requested by Immigration)*
- **Re-cap on the Requirements:**
  - Original Passport (Valid 6months / 3 blank pages)
  - Return ticket (Proof of onward ticket)
  - Health insurance (travel insurance) in English
  - Acc / Hotel or Invitation letter
  - Funds to sustain yourself in Namibia
  - and should you travel with children to have their birth certificates as well
- Currently, the Online system is set for a *30-day visa period*. However, applicants have the right, once in Namibia, to request an extension from Home Affairs Head office @ NAD 600.00 for the remaining 60 days, allowing for a total stay of up to 90 days. This approach is implemented for security reasons, as an automatic 90-day issuance would require closer scrutiny. *We are actively monitoring the situation and may consider revising this policy in the future. We recommend for those coming for more than 30 days to apply Upon Arrival with an Immigration Official. Up to 30 days, online E-Visa application would be best.*

## Visa On Arrival

Apply up to 30 days of Visa on Arrival.

- Home Affairs has amended the Ports of Entry list to Namibia for the **In-person VOA application**, please see below:

### PORTS OF ENTRY

In-person visa on arrival applications can be processed at the following ports of entry:

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| • Walvis Bay Airport | • Hosea Kutako International Airport |
| • Walvis Bay Harbour | • Oshikango Border                   |
| • Katwitwi Border    | • Trans-Kalahari Border              |
| • Ariamsvlei Border  | • Ruacana Border                     |
| • Lüderitz Airport   | • Impalila Border                    |
| • Lüderitz Harbour   | • Katima Mulilo Border               |
| • Noordoewer Border  | • Ngoma Border                       |
| • Oranjemund Airport | • Mohembo Border                     |
| • Oranjemund Border  |                                      |

- Travelers with an approved **online E-VISA** can enter Namibia through any gazette point of entry. *List to be shared soon. Mata Mata, Klein Manasse, Dobe and Senderlings border posts were added to the list just to name a few.*

- **Herewith a re-cap of the countries required to apply for a VOA as of 01 April 2025**

**African countries at a fee of N\$ 1200-00 (approximately USD 70)**

Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tunisia, Western Sahara Republic & Uganda.

**Other countries at a fee of N\$ 1600-00 (approximately USD 90)**

Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Cambodia, Chile, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France (Official & Ordinary Passports), Germany (Official & Ordinary Passports), Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Mexico, Moldova, Netherland, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland (Ordinary passports only), Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican/Holy See, Venezuela & Vietnam.

**Foreign countries exempted from VISA requirement for holders of diplomatic / official / service passport only**

Africa Development Bank (Laisser – Passer holders), Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Chad, Comoros, Congo Brazzaville, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, France (Diplomatic Passports only), Gabon, Gambia, Germany (Diplomatic Passports only), Ghana, Guinea, India, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Poland, Rwanda, SADC (Laisser – Passer holders), Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leon, Switzerland (Diplomatic & Official Passports only), Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, United Nations (Laisser – Passer holders\*) & Venezuela.

**Foreign nationals exempted from VISA requirements when travelling to Namibia, for holders of all passports**

Angola, Botswana, Brazil, Cuba, Eswatini, Hong Kong (SAR), Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lesotho, Macau (SAR), Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mozambique, Russian Federation, Seychelles, Singapore, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia & Zimbabwe.

The Namibian government is open to negotiating reciprocity visa agreements with countries that have been listed, and is committed to ensuring efficient service at all ports of entry.