

New Visa Requirements

BACKGROUND & CABINET DECISION

- In May 2024, MHAISS submitted a proposal to Cabinet to impose visa requirements on various countries.

- Based on the diplomatic principle of **reciprocity**, Cabinet resolved to impose visa requirements on 33 countries that place the same requirement on Namibians.

- Consultations were held with players in the tourism industry following this decision, to ensure implementation modalities would minimise any negative impacts on this industry.

- The implementation of this decision will take effect from 1 April 2025.

33 AFFECTED COUNTRIES

Countries			
Armenia	France	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Australia	Germany	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Austria	Iceland	Moldova	Tajikistan
Azerbaijan	Ireland	Netherlands	Turkmenistan
Belarus	Italy	New Zealand	Ukraine
Belgium	Japan	Norway	United Kingdom
Canada	Kazakhstan	Portugal	United States of America
Denmark	Kyrgyzstan	Spain	Uzbekistan
Finland	*16 countries are EU member countries that form part of the Schengen area		

ADDRESSING KEY INDUSTRY CONCERNS

Following the Cabinet Decision, MHAISS engaged with associations in the tourism industry to address concerns related to:

- Industry impact
- Timing of the decision
- Fees to be imposed and impact on budget travellers
- Implementation modalities for ensuring a streamlined process

NIPDB also engaged industry stakeholders in light of its investment promotion mandate and the impact on this priority sector, raising these concerns with MHAISS, and providing support on implementation factors and communication.

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES - KEY PRINCIPLES

We are focussed on providing an excellent service to all with whom we engage, in line with our values of Commitment, Synergy, Ethics and Efficiency.

IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES

HOW TO APPLY:

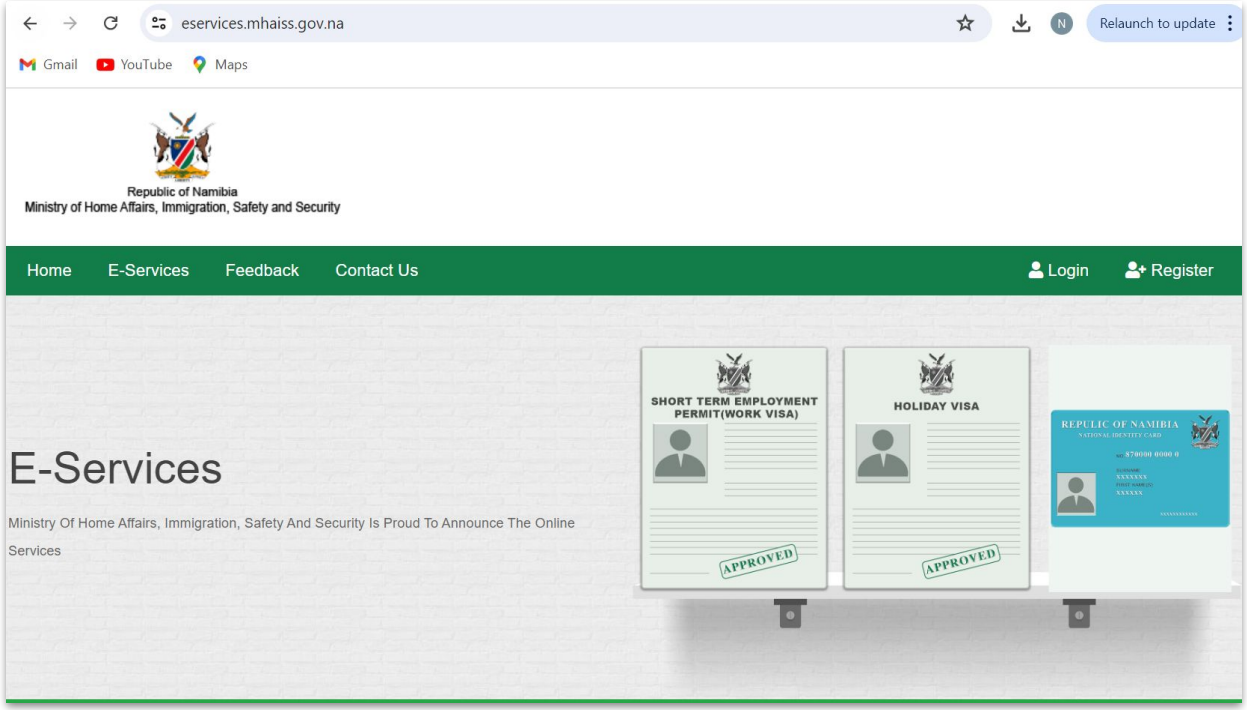
- **Online:** Visitors can apply visa online before arriving in Namibia via **https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na**
- **In person:** Applications can also be submitted at Namibian embassies or consulates in your home country or at any Namibian port of entry, or at the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security
- **Visa on arrival:** applications can be completed on arrival at the Namibian ports of entry



The Ministry of focused on ensuring minimal negative impact on the Tourism Industry by enhancing ease of application.

ONLINE APPLICATION

- MHAISS introduced online visa applications in 2022.
- All countries affected by the new visa requirement may apply for a visa online.
- MHAISS is working on online payment modalities to ensure faster processing of online applications.



Link to Holiday Visa Application:
https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/holidayvisa-services

VISA ON ARRIVAL - PORT OF ENTRY APPLICATION

- All affected countries are eligible to apply for visa upon arrival.
- Engagements ongoing to provide for ATMs in the arrival areas
- Credit card facilities to be made available at every counter for ease of payment.



APPLICATION IN PERSON @ CONSULAR OFFICES

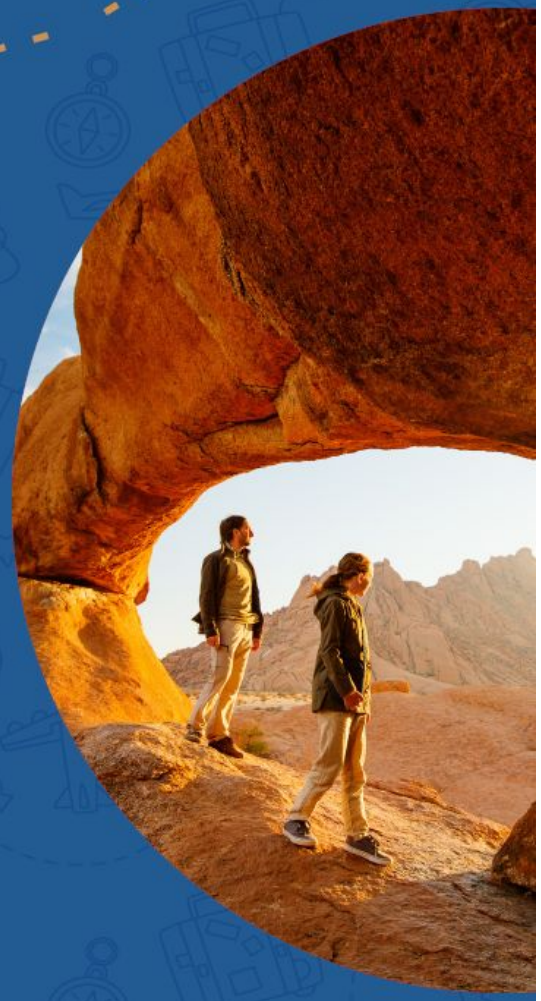
- Continued in-person application at the Consular sections of Namibian missions abroad remains an option for applicants.
- New visa application form to be used.
- Consular sections to take note of changing requirements for supporting documentation.



FEE STRUCTURE

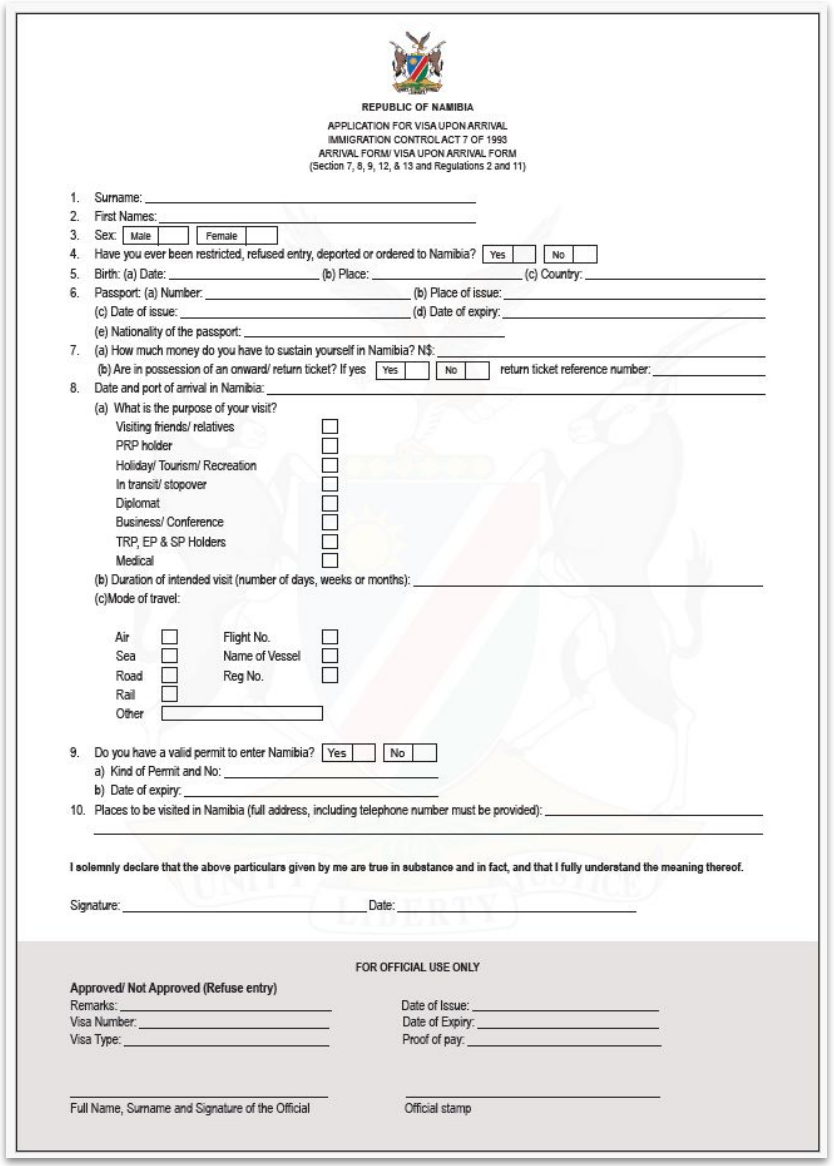
TOURIST/HOLIDAY VISA FEES:

- N$1600 (approximately USD 90) for citizens from non-African Union (AU) countries.
- N$1200 (approximately USD 70) for citizens from African Union (AU) member countries.
- These fees are subject to an annual review



Fees for non-AU countries have been benchmarked against affected countries.

VISA APPLICATION FORMS



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

APPLICATION FOR VISA UPON ARRIVAL
IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT 7 OF 1993
ARRIVAL FORM/ VISA UPON ARRIVAL FORM
(Section 7, 8, 9, 12, & 13 and Regulations 2 and 11)

1. Surname: _____
2. First Names: _____
3. Sex: Male ☐ Female ☐
4. Have you ever been restricted, refused entry, deported or ordered to Namibia? Yes ☐ No ☐
5. Birth: (a) Date: _____ (b) Place: _____ (c) Country: _____
6. Passport: (a) Number: _____ (b) Place of issue: _____
   (c) Date of issue: _____ (d) Date of expiry: _____
   (e) Nationality of the passport: _____
7. (a) How much money do you have to sustain yourself in Namibia? N$: _____
   (b) Are in possession of an onward/ return ticket? If yes Yes ☐ No ☐ return ticket reference number: _____
8. Date and port of arrival in Namibia: _____
   (a) What is the purpose of your visit?
   - Visiting friends/ relatives ☐
   - PRP holder ☐
   - Holiday/ Tourism/ Recreation ☐
   - In transit/ stopover ☐
   - Diplomat ☐
   - Business/ Conference ☐
   - TRP, EP & SP Holders ☐
   - Medical ☐

   (b) Duration of intended visit (number of days, weeks or months): _____
   (c)Mode of travel:

Air	☐	Flight No.	☐
Sea	☐	Name of Vessel	☐
Road	☐	Reg No.	☐
Rail	☐		
Other	☐		

9. Do you have a valid permit to enter Namibia? Yes ☐ No ☐
   a) Kind of Permit and No: _____
   b) Date of expiry: _____
10. Places to be visited in Namibia (full address, including telephone number must be provided): _____

I solemnly declare that the above particulars given by me are true in substance and in fact, and that I fully understand the meaning thereof.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Approved/ Not Approved (Refuse entry)

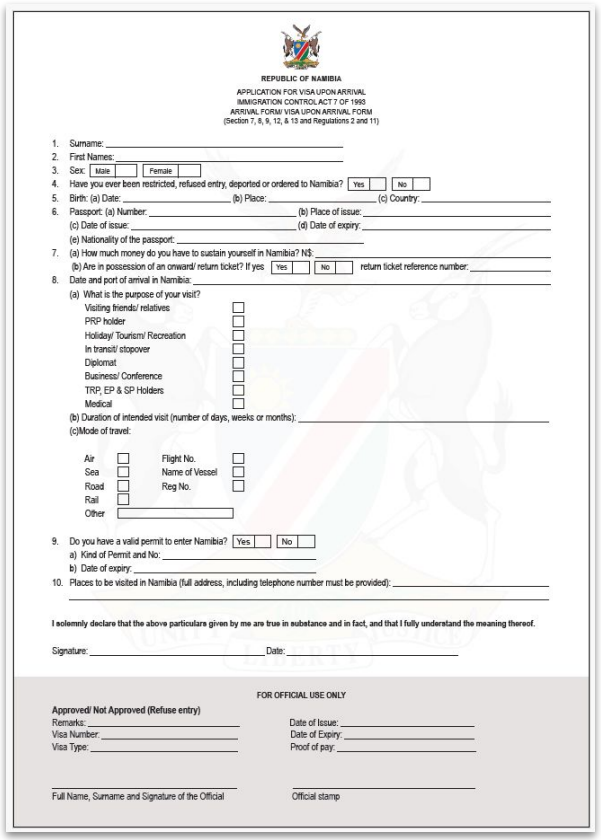
Remarks: _____ Date of Issue: _____
Visa Number: _____ Date of Expiry: _____
Visa Type: _____ Proof of pay: _____

Full Name, Surname and Signature of the Official

Official stamp

- Visa application forms are being simplified to require only the necessary information.
- Visa application forms will double as both arrival and departure forms, thereby enhancing process efficiency.
- This same form will also be the Visa on Arrival application.
- Visitors departing the country will not be required to complete a form upon departure.

LINKS TO INFO DOCUMENTS



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Visa Application



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FACT SHEET

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION MODALITIES OF VISA ON ARRIVAL REQUIREMENTS

Nationals of countries that have not reciprocated Namibia's gesture of visa exemption will be required to apply for a visa in order to gain entry into Namibia.

The new visa regime is applicable to nationals from the following countries:

Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uzbekistan.

African countries to benefit from visas upon arrival at Hosea Kutako International Airport, Katima Mulilo, Ariamsvlei, Noordoewer, Oshikango, Trans Kalahari Border Posts and Walvis Bay Airport:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic (CAR), Chad, Comoros, Cote d'Ivore, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania

The implementation date for this visa regime is 1 April 2025.

How to apply:
- Visitors can apply for visas online before arriving in Namibia, reducing time spent at immigration counters via https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/
- At Namibian embassies or cosulates
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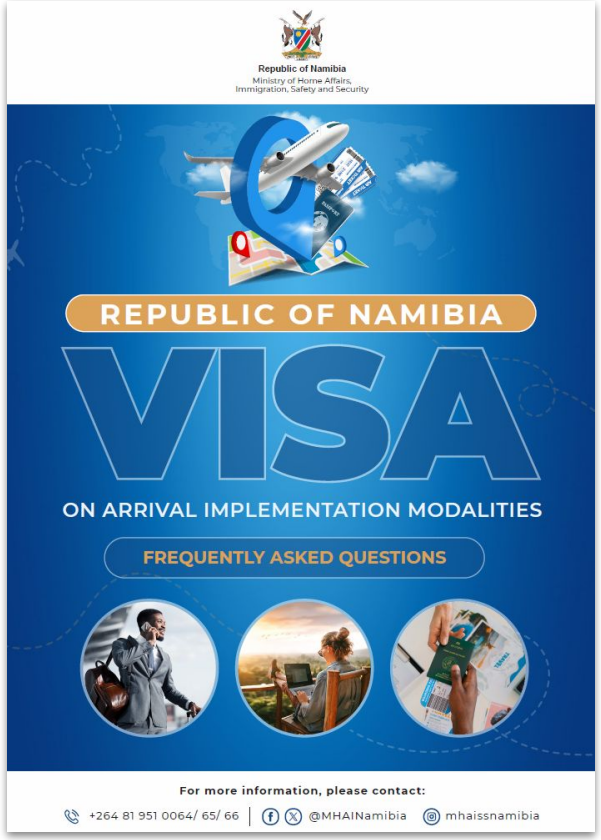
Documents Required:
Valid passport, completed visa application form, recent passport photo, proof of accomodation and travel bookings and plans.

Arrival and departure forms will double as visa applications forms enhancing process efficiency.

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

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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FAQs

VISA REGIME TOOLKIT

The MHAISS has worked with the NIPDB to develop a Toolkit to effortlessly implement the new Visa Regime.

Toolkit will include:

- Fact Sheet on the Regime (Modalities
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Application Form (Visa on Arrival and Arrival Form)
- FAQs on all the other Visas / Permits required for entry into Namibia
- Information to key stakeholders

THANK YOU!