

Important Notice

RE : Mauritius Visa Application Updates

(I) RE : MAURITIUS VISA WAIVER

The Mauritius government has agreed that the following nationals visiting Mauritius (business and tourism only) for a period of stay of up to 15 days will not require a visa to travel to Mauritius.

- 1) The Republic of India
- 2) People's Republic of China
- 3) Jordan
- 4) Lebanon

Provided they satisfy the following conditions :

- a. A valid return air ticket and other relevant travel documents;
- b. Evidence of sufficient funds to meet the cost of stay;
- c. confirmed booking for accommodation / letter from local sponsor

However the present visa regime i.e. application for visa prior to entry will be maintained for the following categories:

- i. Visitors coming for Social or Religious purpose
- ii. Persons seeking Employment and
- iii. Tourist wishing to spend more than 15 days in Mauritius

Important notes :

Any national of the Republic of India, the People's Republic of China, Jordan and Lebanon whose name appears on the list of persons requiring prior approval before travelling to Mauritius because of non-compliance with section 6 or 8 of the Immigration Act on any previous visit will need to seek prior approval of the Passport and Immigration Office before travelling to Mauritius.

You are also informed that nationals of Gulf countries namely Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras-Al-Khaimah, Umn Al Qawain, Fujairah and Ajman) do not require a visa to travel to Mauritius.

(II) RE : VISA REGIME FOR NEW MEMBERS OF EU

Kindly note that effective 01 Nov 04, the Government of Mauritius has waived visa requirements in respect of the 10 new member states of the European Union **Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovenia & the Slovak Republic**, provided they comply with the following conditions:

- 1) hold a valid passport (valid for six months beyond the date of travel),
- 2) have a valid return ticket to travel back to their country of origin/residence,
- 3) are eligible to enter their country of origin/residence,
- 4) have sufficient funds to meet cost of stay (i.e. USD 100 per night), and
- 5) do not engage in any gainful activities.

Please also note that the final decision to admit a passenger into Mauritius rests solely on the Immigration Authorities after examination at the points of entry.

(III) RE : CONGOLESE NATIONALS TO MAURITIUS

We wish to bring to your attention that, nationals of the following countries require a visa when traveling to & through Mauritius.

1. Afghanistan
2. Algeria
3. Congo
4. Iran
5. Iraq
6. Libya
7. Nigeria
8. Sudan
9. Yemen Republic

Please ensure that information is passed on to all concerned and for other countries, please check through TIM for latest updates. Thank you.