



PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR MALAWI

The Malawi Immigration Department would like to inform those intending to travel to Malawi, the Airliners, and all Stakeholders that with effect from 9th September, 2016 Entry Visa issuance will be implemented in three-fold as approved by the Malawi Government.

CATEGORY 1:

COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE A VISA IN ADVANCE, OR PRIOR AUTHORISATION		
1. Afghanistan	19. Ghana	37. Rwanda
2. Algeria	20. Iraq	38. Senegal
3. Angola	21. Iran	39. Serbia
4. Bangladesh	22. Kazakhstan	40. Sri Lanka
5. Burkina Faso	23. Lebanon	41. Somalia
6. Burundi	24. Liberia	42. Syria
7. Central Africa Republic	25. Libya	43. Sudan
8. Cameroon	26. Mali	44. South Sudan
9. Chad	27. Mauritania	45. Tajikistan
10. China	28. Morocco	46. Togo
11. Colombia	29. Niger	47. Tunisia
12. Cuba	30. Nigeria	48. Turkey
13. Democratic Republic of Congo	31. Nepal	49. Turkmenistan
14. Djibouti	32. Oman	50. Ukraine
15. Egypt	33. Pakistan	51. Uzbekistan
16. Ethiopia	34. Palestinian National Authority	52. United Arab Emirates
17. Eritrea	35. Qatar	53. Yemen
18. India	36. Russia	

CATEGORY 2:

COUNTRIES THAT CAN OBTAIN A VISA ON ARRIVAL WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORISATION		
1. Albania	57. French Metropolitan	113. New Caledonia
2. American Samoa	58. French Polynesia	114. New Zealand
3. Andorra	59. French Southern Territories	115. Nicaragua
4. Anguilla	60. Gabon	116. Niue
5. Antarctica	61. Georgia	117. Norfolk Island
6. Argentina	62. Germany	118. Northern Mariana Islands
7. Armenia	63. Gibraltar	119. Palau
8. Aruba	64. Greece	120. Panama
9. Ascension Island	65. Greenland	121. Papua New Guinea
10. Australia	66. Guadeloupe	122. Paraguay
11. Austria	67. Guam	123. Peru
12. Azerbaijan	68. Guyana	124. Philippines
13. Bahrain	69. Guatemala	125. Pitcairn Island
14. Belarus	70. Guernsey	126. Poland
15. Belgium	71. Guinea	127. Portugal

16. Benin	72. Guinea-Bissau	128. Puerto Rico
17. Bermuda	73. Haiti	129. Qatar
18. Bhutan	74. Heard and McDonald Islands	130. Reunion Island
19. Bolivia	75. Holy See	131. Romania
20. Bosnia and Herzegovina	76. Honduras	132. Sao Tome and Principe
21. Bouvet Island	77. Hungary	133. Saudi Arabia
22. Brazil	78. Iceland	134. San Marino
23. Britain	79. Indonesia	135. Serbia
24. British Indian Ocean Territory	80. Ireland	136. Singapore
25. Brunei	81. Isle of Man	137. Sierra Leone
26. Bulgaria	82. Italy	138. Slovakia (Slovak Republic)
27. Canada	83. Japan	139. Slovenia
28. Cambodia	84. Jersey	140. Solomon Island
29. Cape Verde	85. Jordan	141. South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands
30. Cayman Island	86. Korea, Democratic People's Republic (North Korea)	142. Saint Helena
31. Chile	87. Korea, Republic of (South Korea)	143. Spain
32. China (ROC) Taipei	88. Kuwait	144. St. Pierre and Miquelon
33. Christmas Islands	89. Kyrgyzstan	145. Suriname
34. Cocos (Keeling) Islands	90. Lao, People's Democratic Republic	146. Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands
35. Colombia	91. Latvia	147. Sweden
36. Comoros	92. Liechtenstein	148. Switzerland
37. Congo, Republic of Brazzaville	93. Lithuania	149. Thailand
38. Cook Islands	94. Luxembourg	150. Tibet
39. Costa Rica	95. Madagascar	151. Timor-Leste (East Timor)
40. Ivory Coast	96. Macau	152. Tonga
41. Croatia	97. Macedonia, Republic of	153. Tokelau
42. Cyprus	98. Maldives Island	154. Turks and Caicos Islands
43. Czech Republic	99. Malta	155. United Arab Emirates
44. People's Republic of China	100. Marshall Islands	156. United States of America
45. Denmark	101. Martinique	157. U.S. Minor Outlying Islands
46. Dominican Republic	102. Mayotte	158. Uruguay
47. East Timor Timor-Leste	103. Mexico	159. Vanuatu
48. Ecuador	104. Micronesia, Federal States of	160. Venezuela
49. El Salvador	105. Moldova, Republic of	161. Vietnam
50. Equatorial Guinea	106. Monaco	162. Virgin Islands (U.S.)
51. Estonia	107. Mongolia	163. Wallis and Futuna Islands
52. Falkland Islands	108. Montenegro	164. Western Sahara
53. Faroe Islands	109. Montserrat	
54. Finland	110. Myanmar, Burma	
55. France	111. Netherlands	
56. French Guiana	112. Netherlands Antilles	

CATEGORY 3:

COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE ISSUED WITH A GRATIS VISA TO ENTER MALAWI

- a. Nationals from the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries, except for those countries that subject Malawians to a visa within SADC;
- b. Nationals from the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) countries, except for those countries that subject Malawians to a visa within COMESA;
- c. All Diplomatic and Service / Official Passport holders to be issued with a Gratis (Fee) visa.
- d. List of countries that do not require an Entry Visa to Malawi:

1. Antigua and Barbuda	13. Kenya	25. St. Kitts Nevis
2. Bahamas	14. Kiribati	26. St. Lucia
3. Barbados	15. Lesotho	27. St. Vincent and the Grenadines
4. Belize	16. Malaysia	28. Swaziland
5. Botswana	17. Mauritius	29. Tanzania
6. Dominica	18. Mozambique	30. Trinidad and Tobago
7. Fiji	19. Namibia	31. Tuvalu
8. Gambia	20. Nauru	32. Uganda
9. Grenada	21. Northern Ireland	33. Zambia
10. Hong Kong	22. Samoa (Western)	34. Zimbabwe
11. Israel	23. Seychelles	
12. Jamaica	24. South Africa	

NOTE:

- Visa arrangements in Malawi are on a reciprocal basis as such the list is subject to change from time to time.
- Visa fees are payable in United States Dollars (USD) (\$).
- A visa in Malawi only means permission to enter the country. The visitor is then given a maximum of 30 days Visitor's Permit on the port of entry which can be extended up to a maximum of 90 days. Therefore please take note that a visa is just an authority to enter, whereas the visitor's permit determines the visitor's duration of stay.

For more information you may wish to visit the Malawi Immigration website at www.immigration.gov.mw or send your enquiries directly to permitcounter@gmail.com. Or you may contact:

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