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## IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS<sup>1</sup>

### 1 Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration Regulations.

### 2 Application for permit to reside

Every person not entitled under section 7 of the Act to enter Tuvalu without a permit, and intending to stay for a period of more than 4 months, shall apply for a permit in Form 1 of the Schedule.

### 3 Permit to reside<sup>2</sup>

- (1) A permit to enter and reside in Tuvalu shall be in Form 2 of the Schedule, and shall be subject to any conditions specified, including the payment of a fee of \$200 in the case of an adult and \$100 in the case of a child under the age of 16 years.
- (2) A permit to enter and reside may be extended on the payment of a \$20 fee.
- (3) Every application for a permit to enter and reside shall only be made on payment of a processing fee of \$20. Such fee shall not be refundable and is distinct from the fee payable under sub-regulation (1) of this regulation.<sup>3</sup>

### 4 Visitors permit

A visitors permit issued in terms of section 9 of the Act shall be in Form 3 of the Schedule, with the addition or deletion of such conditions as the Principal Immigration Officer feels fit subject to Regulation 5.

**5 Visitors permit fees<sup>4</sup>**

- (1) Where the Principal Immigration Officer in accordance with section 9 of the Act feels fit, and —
  - (a) on payment of a \$50.00 fee, he may permit a visitor to engage in a specified business; or
  - (b) on payment of a \$30.00 fee, he may extend a visitor's permit for up to 30 days.
- (2) A visitors permit shall be endorsed to indicate any authorization under this Regulation.

**6 Minister may remit fees**

The Minister may, in his discretion, exempt any person from payment of fees and remit any fees paid.

**7 Prohibition on landing**

Notification in terms of section 5(1)(d)(iv) of the Act shall be in Form 4 of the Schedule.

**8 Arrival Cards**

Every person arriving in Tuvalu by air or by sea except the crew of commercial aircraft or commercial vessels shall, in terms of section 5(2) of the Act, complete an Arrival Card in Form 5 of the Schedule.

**9 Departure Cards**

Every person departing from Tuvalu by air or by sea except the crew of commercial aircraft or commercial vessels shall complete a Departure Card in Form 6 of the Schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

**IMMIGRATION ACT**

**FORM 1 - APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO ENTER AND RESIDE IN TUVALU**

(Regulation 2)

This form, when completed, is to be sent to:

PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER

FUNAFUTI

TUVALU

Each person applying for a permit to enter and reside must make a separate application, except that children under 16 years of age may be included in an application by a parent or guardian.,

I .....(full name)

of, ..... (full postal address)

apply for a permit to enter and reside in Tuvalu. I submit the following particulars concerning myself:

- 1. (a) Passport number:
- (b) Nationality:
- (c) Place and date of issue:
- (d) Valid until:
- 2. Place and date of birth:
- 3. Parents: Full Name: Country of birth: Nationality:
  - (a) Father:
  - (b) Mother:
- 4. (a) Marital state (Single, Married, Divorced or Widowed):
- (b) (If married) Full name of husband:
- or
- Full name and maiden name of wife:
- 5. Children under 16 years of age accompanying applicant:
 

Name:	Date of Birth:	Sex:
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- 6. Racial origin (e.g. European, Asian, Polynesian, Melanesian, etc.):
- 7. Personal description:
  - Colour of complexion: Sex:
  - Colour of hair: Colour of eye:
  - Height: feet inches Weight:
- 8. Country of residence for last 12 months:
- 9. (a) Occupation at time of application:  
(b) Name and address of employer:
- 10. Intended occupation, name of employer (if any) and place of proposed residence in Tuvalu:
- 11. Proposed date of departure by air/sea for Tuvalu:
- 12. Names and addresses of not more than two friends or relatives (if any) who are resident in Tuvalu:
  - (1)
  - (2)
- 13. If previously resident in Tuvalu, give place of residence and dates of arrival and departure:
- 14. Have you ever been deported from or refused entry to Tuvalu?
- 15. Have you ever been convicted of any offence before any court? If so, state which court, the offence of which you were found guilty and the sentence:
- 16. Have you ever been a patient in a mental hospital or home? If so, give full particulars:

I declare that the particulars set out in this application are true and correct in every respect.

Date: ..... Signature of Applicant:.....

Signed by the applicant in my presence at .....

on .....

.....

*Signature of Witness to Declaration*

Name:

Address:

**FORM 2**

Regulation 3



<p><b>TUVALU</b>  <b>Immigration Act section 8</b>  <b>Permit</b>  <b>to Enter and Reside</b>  <b>until.....</b>  <b>on following condition;</b></p>	
<p>/ /</p>	

**FORM 3**

Regulation 4

<p><b>TUVALU</b>  <b>Immigration Act section 9</b>  <b>Permit to Enter</b>  <b>as Visitor / /</b>  <b>and remain for</b>  <b>.....days</b>  <b>Prohibited to Work</b>  <b>or Proselytize</b></p>	
<p><b>Extension to Visitor</b>  <b>Permit for .....days</b>  <b>from / /</b></p>	

**FORM 4**

Regulation 6

**IMMIGRATION ACT**  
**Notice to Master**  
**(Regulation 6)**

Take notice .....now upon  
MV .....is prohibited from landing  
in Tuvalu.

Dated

To Master of MV .....

*Immigration Officer*

**FORM 5 - ARRIVAL CARD***Tuvalu Immigration Act**Regulation 8***Part I**

All passengers must complete Part I and sign this form

Flight No: or	
Ships Name .....	Date .....
Full Name .....	
<i>(Surname First)</i>	
Place of Embarkation .....	Destination .....

SIGNATURE .....

**Part II**

Transit passengers need not complete this Part

Nationality (as given in Passport) .....	Passport No .....
Place and Date of Issue .....	on ..... Valid until .....
Date of Birth:- .....	on ..... Marital State .....
Place: .....	<i>(Single Married Widowed Divorced)</i>
Country of Last Permanent Residence .....	<i>(12 months or longer)</i>
Intended length of stay .....	Address in Tuvalu .....
Purpose of visit .....	

**Part III** (Complete if appropriate)

Accompanying Children under age of 16 years .....		
Name	Date of Birth	Sex

*for Official use*

Permitted to enter for .....
Conditions: .....
Remarks. ....
Date ..... Signed .....

*(For printing on back of Arrival Card)*

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY TO TUVALU

1 Unless you fall into the exempt categories listed in the box or have already obtained a permit from the Immigration Officer, you will probably require a permit to enter Tuvalu.

### Exempt Categories

1. Citizens
2. Employees with or on behalf of Government of Tuvalu and families
3. Accredited Diplomats and families

2. The Immigration Officer will usually permit entry for a maximum of 30 days without any fee. This permit is for Social, Domestic and Tourist reasons. A visitor may not engage in work or religious proselytizing.

### VISITORS PERMIT 30 DAYS

**WORK AND PROSELYTIZING  
PROHIBITED**

3. A visitor who has come to work for a non-Government agency, for example, a sales representative, must seek an authority to work and pay a \$10.00 fee.

### VISITORS PERMIT 30 DAYS

**PERMITTED TO WORK  
\$10 FEE**

4. A Visitor may renew his permit for a further 30 days on payment of a \$10.00 fee.

**VISITORS PERMIT  
EXTENSION \$10.00**

5. A person wishing to reside who has not already obtained a permit, may only be granted a visitors permit on arrival, and at the expiry date of that visitors permit will have to leave Tuvalu if his application to reside is not approved.

### PERMIT TO ENTER AND RESIDE

Discretionary

Subject to conditions which Immigration Officer may impose

**FORM 6 - DEPARTURE CARD**

*Tuvalu Immigration Act  
(Regulation 9)*

**Part I**

Flight No

or

Ship's Name ..... Date .....

Full Name .....

*(Surname First)*

Destination ..... Signature .....

**Part II**

**Non Residents Only**

Date of Arrival in Tuvalu.....

Purpose of Visit to Tuvalu

*(tick one)*

- Tourism .....
- Family/Social .....
- Commerce .....
- Government .....
- Transit .....
- Other .....

**Residents Only**

Anticipated Period of Absence.....

Purpose of Trip

*(tick one)*

- Tourism .....
- Family/Social .....
- Commerce .....
- Government .....
- Education .....
- Other .....
- Nationality .....

**ENDNOTES**

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<sup>1</sup> LN 9/1985 and LN 23/1990

Amended by LN 4/1991

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<sup>2</sup> Amended by LN 9/1994

<sup>3</sup> Inserted by LN 9/1994

<sup>4</sup> Amended by LN 9/1994