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THE KENYA CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION ACT

(Cap. 170)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 59 of the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Interior and National Administration makes the following Regulations—

**THE KENYA CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION
(AMENDMENT) RULES, 2025**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Kenya Citizenship and Immigration (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

2. The The Kenya Citizenship and Immigration Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the “principal Regulations” are amended by inserting the following new regulation immediately after regulation 15F

Sub. Leg.

Persons exempted
from eTA.

15G. The category of persons set out in the Seventeenth Schedule are exempted from the requirement of obtaining eTA before travelling into the country.

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting the following new Schedule immediately after the Sixteenth Schedule—

SEVENTEETH SCHEDULE (r.15G)

PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING eTA

1. Holders of Kenya Permanent Residence, valid Work Permits and Passes.
2. All persons whose passports are endorsed with valid Kenya re-entry passes or any other written authority *in lieu* of a re-entry pass.
3. Citizens of the East African Partner States: These countries include Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda for a period not exceeding 180 days.
4. Nationals of the following Countries for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days—

Barbados, Belize, Botswana, Brunei, Cyprus, Dominica, Eritrea, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Fiji Island, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lesotho, Malaysia, Maldives, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea,

Union of Comoros, Samoa, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Swaziland, Seychelles, The Bahamas, The Gambia, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, The Republic of Congo (Brazzaville), Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

5. Nationals of the following African countries for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days—

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sudan, Togo and Tunisia,
6. All passengers in transit through Kenya arriving and leaving by the same aircraft or transferring to another aircraft and who do not leave the precincts of Airports in Kenya.
7. All passengers arriving and leaving by the same ship, and who do not leave the ship.
8. Members of crew of any ship, aircraft, train, vehicle or carrier; whose name and particulars are included in the crew manifest of the ship, aircraft or carrier; and who is proceeding in such ship, aircraft or carrier to a destination outside Kenya.
9. Owners of private aircraft stopping over for refueling in Kenya and who do not leave the precincts of the airport.
10. Holders of United Nations Organization Laissez-Passers whilst on official UN Business.
11. Holders of African Union Laissez-Passers whilst on official A.U. business.
12. Holders of African Development Bank Laissez-Passers, whilst on official A.D.B. business.
13. Holders of Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa Laissez-Passers, whilst on official BADEA business.
14. Holders of International Red Locust Control Organization for Central and Southern Africa Laissez-Passers, whilst on official I.R.L.C.O. business.
15. Holders of Desert Locust Control Organization Laissez-Passers, whilst on official D.L.C.O. business.
16. Holders of COMESA Laissez-Passers, whilst on official COMESA business.
17. Holders of International Monetary Fund and World Bank Laissez – Passers whilst on official IMF/World Bank Business.
18. Holders of Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Laissez- Passers whilst on official IGAD business.
19. Holders of African Airlines Travel Association (IATA) Laissez-Passers whilst on official business.

20. Holders of Environment Liaison Centre International (ELCI) Laissez-Passers whilst on official ELCI business.
21. Holders of Union of Radio, Television Network of Africa (URTNA) Laissez- Passers whilst on official URTNA business.
22. Holders of International Labour Organization (ILO) Laissez – Passers whilst on official ILO business.
23. Holders of Preferential Trade Area/Common Market of East & Southern African Bank Laissez – Passers whilst on official PTA/COMESA business.
24. Holders of European Union Laissez – Passers whilst on official European Union business.
25. Holders of CIP (International Potato Centre) Laissez – Passers whilst on official CIP business.
26. Holders of African Reinsurance Corporation (ARC) Laissez – Passers whilst on official ARC business.
27. Holders of African Housing Fund (AHF) Laissez – Passers whilst on official AHF business.
28. Holders of African Export – Import Bank (Afreximbank) Laissez - Passers whilst on official Afreximbank business.
29. Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports from The Islamic Republic of Iran for a period not exceeding (30) Days stay.
30. Holders of Diplomatic, Official, Special, and Service Passports, from The Republic of Turkey and members of their families holding valid Diplomatic, Official, Special, and Service Passports, while on Transit or Stay not exceeding ninety (90) days.
31. Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports from the Federal Republic of Brazil for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.
32. Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports from the Republic of India for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days.
33. Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passports from the People's Republic of China for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days.
34. Serving Members of the British Military.

Made on the 30th May, 2025.

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Interior and National Administration.*