



## GUIDELINES FOR VISA REVALIDATION AND MIGRANT TRAVELS

Upon resumption of international flights in Nigeria on September 5, 2020, the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) issued guidelines for visa revalidation and migrant travels affected by the suspension of international flights and closure of airspace. The guidelines provide as follows:

1. All migrants in Nigeria, whose Permit expired between March 23, 2020 to September 5, 2020 will upon presentation of their confirmed return tickets, be granted a free extension to enable them to depart the country on, or before September 15, 2020.
2. All migrants in Nigeria, whose Permit or Visitors' pass expired before March 23, 2020 will pay overstay penalty for the number of days stayed before the suspension of international flights and border closure, which commenced on March 23, 2020.
3. All resident migrants whose residence permits expired, while outside the country from March 23, 2020 shall be allowed entry into Nigeria with the expired permit on or before September 25, 2020. These returning migrants are required to renew their residence permit within thirty (30) days of their arrival in Nigeria to avoid sanctions under the relevant Immigration laws.
4. All migrants who processed payments for Visa on Arrival (VoA) and other categories of visas from the Nigerian Missions before March 23, 2020 are to apply for revalidation. This should be done by sending a copy of the previous payments to [cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng](mailto:cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng) not later than September 15, 2020.
5. All migrants who obtained VoA pre-approval Letters and other categories of visas from the Nigerian Missions before March 23, 2020, whose approvals/visas expired before September 5, 2020, are to also apply for revalidation. The revalidation process requires that copies of the expired pre-approval letters/visas be sent to [cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng](mailto:cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng) not later than September 15, 2020. These categories of migrants will not be required to make fresh payments.
6. VoA and e-Visa payment portals have been activated to enable intending migrants to Nigeria process entry visas as from September 5, 2020.

7. Migrants who have obtained Temporary Work Permit (TWP) approval addressed to Missions that are closed for visa issuance should submit a complaint through [cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng](mailto:cis-evisa@immigration.gov.ng). The NIS will, upon receipt of the complaint, revert with appropriate options for visa issuance.
8. All intending passengers are required to register via a Nigerian International Travel Portal online accessed through <https://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng/onboarding/guidelines>.
9. While on the portal, passengers are required to complete the 'Health Declaration/Self-Reporting' form, upload COVID-19 Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test conducted in the country of departure and make payment for a repeat PCR test to be done upon arrival in Nigeria, with the options of where and when to carry out the test.

Strict adherence to the guidelines is hereby advised. We shall continue to monitor developments and keep you updated.

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