



**CLIENT ALERT**  
**NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE  
ANNOUNCES EXPIRED VISA INITIATIVE  
FOR VISA OVERSTAYERS**

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## INTRODUCTION

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On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the Federal Government of Nigeria, through the Ministry of Interior and the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), launched a crucial Expired Visa Initiative (Amnesty) (the “Initiative”)<sup>1</sup>. This Initiative offers an opportunity for foreign nationals currently residing in Nigeria with expired immigration statuses to regularise their stay without incurring penalties.

## IMPLICATIONS AND KEY PROVISIONS

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This Amnesty initiative, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025, establishes a unique legal pathway for individuals to regularise their immigration status without facing the penalties associated with such law contraventions. The Initiative’s scope covers foreign nationals with expired Visa on Arrival (VoA), holders of expired single and multiple-entry visas, and individuals whose Combined Expatriate Residence Permit and Aliens Card have not been renewed within 30 days of their expiration. The Government will, through this programme, reconcile immigration records, mitigate challenges stemming from irregular migration, and ensure proper documentation for all foreign nationals within Nigerian borders.

## NEXT STEPS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

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Foreign nationals in Nigeria with expired immigration statuses must act promptly to avoid penalties, including significant fines, detention, deportation, and future entry bans. To regularise their status, individuals may visit the official online portal at <https://amnesty.immigration.gov.ng> to submit their application for regularisation.

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<sup>1</sup> Nigerian Immigration Service Announces Amnesty Window for Visa Overstayers <https://immigration.gov.ng/nis-announces-amnesty-window-for-visa-overstayers-to-regularize-immigration-status/>