



CLIENT ALERT
NIGERIAN IMMIGRATION SERVICE
ANNOUNCES FULLY DIGITAL CERPAC
APPLICATION PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

As part of sweeping reforms introduced by the 2025 Nigeria Visa Policy, the Nigeria Immigration Service (“NIS”) has launched a fully digital platform for the Combined Expatriate Residence Permit and Automated Card (CERPAC) application process¹. This initiative, which will be effective from 1st August 2025, will enable applicants to submit all CERPAC applications online.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW REGIME

Under this new digital platform, the use of physical CERPAC forms will be discontinued and all applications must be submitted only through the online portal. This will provide a streamlined and user-friendly experience for foreign nationals applying for CERPAC. Applicants who have paid, but have not submitted their CERPAC forms should complete and submit such forms on or before the online application process commences to avoid loss of application status and payments.

NEXT STEPS FOR STAKEHOLDERS

Expatriates and other stakeholders assuming immigration responsibilities are advised to familiarise themselves with the new online portal to ensure seamless compliance with the updated application process. Stakeholders are also advised to direct all enquiries through the office of the Public Relations Office of the Nigerian Immigration Service or visit the NIS portal at <https://www.immigration.gov.ng>

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¹Nigerian Immigration Service Launches Digital Platform for CERPAC Application [PRESS RELEASE: NIS SETS AUGUST 1ST TO ROLL OUT FULLY DIGITAL CERPAC APPLICATION PROCESS - Nigeria Immigration Service](#)