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DIRECTION No. 24

Attention: Foreign Diplomatic Missions
International Organisations.
Residency Visa Holders.
Business Visa Holders.
Visitor Visa Holders.
Special Category Visa Holders.

Date: 2nd April 2020

DIRECTIVES UNDER CLAUSE 2 SUB SECTION 1 OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY REGULATION ORDER # 35 OF 2020

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on the National Disaster Management Office under clause 2 sub section 1 of the State of Emergency Regulation Order # 35 of 2020, I as head of the office issue the following directions:

Renewal of Visa and Issuance of Emergency Visa during the SOE.

1. In accordance to COM decision No.16 of 2020 section 12 (iv) all residency permit for 2020 are cancel. To avoid doubt; the Residency **permit** is also referred to as Residency **Visa**.
2. All foreign nationals who have been issued Residency visa are advice that the normal fees for the renewal of the Residency Visa which is amount to 57,600Vt per annum is cancelled for 2020.
3. The COM decision on the residency visas applied to the following category of residency visas,
 - A. Foreign Investor.
 - B. Self-Funded
 - C. Land Owner
 - D. Accompany partner.
 - E. Employee.
 - F. Dependents under 18 of the foreigners with residency visas.
4. Foreign nationals who have been issued the above residency visas and will expire this year (2020) will be issued a 2020 residency visa without any cost.
5. Foreign Nationals are advised to liaise with their embassy to organize with Immigration for the issuance of the 2020 residency visa or come directly to the Vanuatu Immigration Office for the issuance of the Residency Visa.
6. The COM decision does not apply to Business Visa , Special Category Visas ,Visitor Visas and Student Visa holders.
7. Foreign nationals with Special Category Visas and Visitor Visa that will be expire in 2020 will be issued an Emergency Visa for the period of the SOE.

8. Foreign nationals with SCV and Visitor Visa are advice to report to their respective Embassy to organize their Emergency visa issuance with the Vanuatu Immigration Department.
9. Foreign Nationals who have no physical presence in Vanuatu are advice to organize their SCV and Visitor visa issuance directly with the Vanuatu Immigration Department.
10. The Emergency Visa will be extended according to the approval of the Director Immigration after Consultation with the Director NDMO.
11. Business Visa holder will be extended with the normal process or will be issued an Emergency visa with the approval of the Director Immigration in Consultation with the Director NDMO.
12. Staff of the Foreign Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations are advice to liaise directly with the Department of Foreigners Affairs, International Cooperation with regards to the Special Category Visa extension.

All relevant agencies responsible are instructed to enforce compliance to the directives issued.

Authorised by:

Abraham Nasak



Director National Disaster Management Office.

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