

# **DO IT YOURSELF**

## **e-VISA APPLICATION FOR KENYA**

\*\*\* Visa fees and processing times are subject to change by the government without notice \*\*\*

As of 20 August 2015

**All applications must be made on-line through the Kenya website. Start by clicking the red REGISTER button, then the blue VISITORS 'create an account' button**

**<https://www.ecitizen.go.ke/>**

### **BUSINESS VISA - TOURIST VISA - VISITOR VISA**

- Single Entry Visa, valid for 3 months US\$51 (You pay online to Kenyan Govt)

### **TRANSIT VISA**

- Single-entry Transit Visa US\$21 (You pay online to Kenyan Govt)

**Processing your e-Visa takes approximately four (4) working days.**

## **SPECIFIC e-VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR KENYA**

### **ALL VISA TYPES**

- original passport, valid for at least 6 months after return to Canada, with at least two blank pages.
- PDF scan of your passport to upload with application (see instructions below).
- JPEG image of a professional ID photograph to upload with application (see instructions below).
- eVisa Application Printout from [www.eCitizen.go.ke](http://www.eCitizen.go.ke) (see above)
- air ticket or air itinerary from your travel agent (NOT trip itinerary/brochure) showing flights into and out of Kenya to another country (preferably in Europe)
- an onward air ticket if applying for a transit visa (NOT trip itinerary/brochure)
- Supporting letter e.g. letter from company or Invitation letter for business visits/family visits. or
- Hotel bookings/details about places to stay if going as tourist, meaning the name and address of one (1) hotel or safari lodge in which you will stay
- Volunteer supporting letters and authorizations from the Director of Immigration Services Nairobi.
- Pay online using a credit card.

### **BUSINESS VISA**

This visa allows the holder to attend conferences, workshops, seminars or discussions.

**VOLUNTEERS** - Visa applicants who intend to undertake an internship/placement or volunteer work in Kenya are required to liaise with their host organizations/companies in Kenya to make application for authorization to the Director of Immigration Services Nairobi. prior to their engagement in the respective attachments. Volunteers must provide a formal letter of invitation from the Kenyan NGO showing what they will be doing and where they will be housed. Volunteers must carry this letter into Kenya.

## **e-VISA UPLOAD REQUIREMENTS FOR KENYA**

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### **PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENTS for Kenyan e-Visa**

**PASSPORT-style professional colour ID photo, square 55mm x 55mm (207 pixels x 207 pixels) with a white background.**

- The photograph must be in colour.
- It must have a white background.
- It must have a close up of your head and top of your shoulders so that your face takes up 70-80% of the photograph.
- It must be in sharp focus and clean.
- It must be of high quality with no ink marks and creases.
- The photograph must show you looking directly at the camera.
- It must be 55mm x 55mm (207 pixels x 207 pixels).
- It must show your skin tone naturally.
- It must have appropriate brightness and contrast.
- The photograph must be a recent one not more than 6 months old.
- It is to be taken without headgear.
- Photograph should be taken with any headgear, after consideration on case by case basis if the applicant wears headgear on religious grounds. The main characteristics of the face must be apparent from the photograph. Chin, nose, eyes and eyebrows must not be covered, the forehead should be uncovered to the extent that the shape of the face is apparent.
- It must be without hat/cap.
- It must be with the applicant's hair tucked behind his/her ears.
- The photograph must not have any staple marks.
- Scanned & colour photocopies will NOT be accepted.
- Non-compliant photographs will result in rejection of your application

### **PASSPORT SCAN REQUIREMENTS for Kenyan e-Visa**

#### **SCAN OF PASSPORT**

- The PDF scan must be in colour.
- The scan must fill the total scanned area (no white edges).
- It must be in sharp focus and clean.
- It must be of high quality with no ink marks and creases.
- The scan must show all four corners of the open passport booklet.
- It must have appropriate brightness and contrast.
- Non-compliant scans will result in rejection of your application.

### **RESTRICTED NATIONALS not allowed to use the e-Visa system**

The following nationals cannot make e-Visa applications. These nationals require Referred Visas. The visa applications are referred to the Director of Immigration services for processing and approval in Nairobi, Kenya by your sponsor. This is NOT done in Canada..

Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cameroon, DPR Korea (North Korea), Eritrea, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia, Syria, Tajikistan.