

Statutory Instrument No. 32 of 1967

THE IMMIGRATION (CONSOLIDATION) LAW, 1966

THE IMMIGRATION (VISA) REGULATIONS, 1967

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In the exercise of the powers vested in him by section 31 of the Immigration (Consolidation) Law, 1966 (No. 19 of 1966) His Excellency the President hereby makes the following regulations –

Title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration (Visa) Regulations, 1967.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

“authorized officer” means a person authorized by the Minister to issue a visa;

“holder” means the person to whom a visa is granted and who is the holder of a valid travel document.

Visa Required in the Case of Persons Entering Botswana

3. Subject to the provisions of regulation 5 no document shall be a travel document for the purposes of the Immigration (Consolidation) Law, 1966, unless it contains, or has annexed to it, a valid and current visa issued in accordance with these regulations.

Types of visas

4. (1) A visa shall be either –

(a) a continuous visa; or

(b) a transit visa; or

(c) an ordinary visa.

(2) A continuous visa shall be a visa authorizing the holder to enter Botswana on an unlimited number of occasions within a period of twelve months from the date of the grant of the visa.

(3) A transit visa shall be a visa authorizing the holder to pass through Botswana in transit to some other country and shall be valid for the period endorsed on the visa by the authorized officer.

(4) An ordinary visa shall be a visa authorizing the holder to enter Botswana on such number of occasions, and for such periods, as may be endorsed on the visa by the authorized officer.

- (5) A continuous, transit or ordinary visa may be granted —

(a) where the provisions of regulation 6 (3) are applicable; or

(b) on the direction of the Minister;

as a diplomatic, official or gratis visa.

Exemptions

5. (1) No visa shall be required by a national of a country listed in the First Schedule who is the holder of a valid passport issued by that country:

Provided that nothing in this subregulation shall exempt any person from obtaining a visa who holds a travel document other than a full national passport.

(2) The following persons, shall not require a visa --

- (a) travellers by air when the traveller holds a through ticket to a destination outside Botswana and passes through Botswana in direct transit; and
- (b) persons travelling through Botswana by rail on an unbroken journey.

(3) No visa shall be required by members of the Diplomatic Service of foreign states or by foreign consular officers *de carriere* accredited to Botswana.

Application for visas

6. (1) A person wishing to obtain a visa shall make application to an authorized officer and shall produce to that officer --

- (a) a valid national passport or other sufficient document establishing the nationality and identity of the applicant; and
- (b) a re-entry permit to the country where he is ordinarily resident if such a permit is required by that country.

(2) The fees specified in the second column hereunder shall be paid for the visas specified in the first column --

<i>First Column</i>	<i>Second Column</i>
Continuous visa	R2.25
Transit visa	R0.25
Ordinary visa	R2.25

Provided that the Minister may direct that the visa fees charged to the nationals of a country specified by him shall be equivalent to the fees charged by that country for visas issued to citizens of Botswana.

(3) No visa fee shall be charged in respect of a diplomatic visa issued --

- (a) to the officers of foreign governments, the United Nations or other international organizations travelling on official business;
- (b) to servants of persons mentioned in regulation 5 (3) and of holders of a diplomatic visa when travelling alone on their way to or from posts at which they are or have been employed;
- (c) in such other cases as the Minister may direct.

(4) A visa shall be in the form prescribed in the Second Schedule.

United Nations Laissez-passer

7. A United Nations *laissez-passer* shall be a sufficient document establishing the nationality and identity of the applicant for the purposes of regulation 6(1).

No Right of Entry

8. A visa shall not confer upon any person a right to enter or remain in Botswana.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Regulation 5 (1))

All Commonwealth countries
Belgium
Denmark
Finland
Greece
Iceland
Italy
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Netherlands
Norway and Colonies
Republic of Ireland
Republic of South Africa
San Marino
Sweden
Switzerland
United States of America
Uruguay

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Regulation 6 (4))

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA

(issuing office and place)

Continuous/Transit/O:rdinary/Visa

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Diplomatic/Official/Gratis/Visa

Good for journeys within

..... months of the date hereof

to Botswana
in transit through

(Signed).....

(date)

* So much as is inapplicable to be deleted.

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for Secretary to the Cabinet

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