

# GHANA VISA REGULATIONS

## Entry Requirements

### 1. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All persons entering Ghana must be in possession of a valid passport or travel document issued by competent national or international authority and recognised by the Government of Ghana.

### 2. ENTRY VISAS

- (a) All foreigners entering Ghana require entry visas with the exception of those listed under Exemptions (3) below. Entry visas may be obtained prior to arrival from a Ghana Embassy, High Commission or Consulate abroad. Where Ghana has no Consular or Diplomatic representation, an application for entry visas may be made to the nearest British Diplomatic Mission or Consulate authorised by the Government of Ghana to act on its behalf.
- (b) Entry visa may be issued on arrival if the Director of Immigration has prior notification from travellers or their sponsors.
- (c) Nationals of the following Commonwealth East and Southern African countries may obtain visas, gratis at a point of entry in Ghana.

These countries are:

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| Malawi   | Zambia    |
| Lesotho  | Botswana  |
| Zimbabwe | Tanzania  |
| Uganda   | Swaziland |

Application may be made direct to:

**DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION  
GHANA IMMIGRATION SERVICE  
PRIVATE MAIL BAG  
MINISTRIES POST OFFICE, ACCRA, GHANA  
TEL: (233-21) 221667, 224445  
FAX: (233-21) 226996**

### 3. EXEMPTIONS

The following categories of persons are exempted from obtaining entry visas to Ghana:

- a. ECOWAS citizens.
- b. Nationals of Kenya, Malaysia, Singapore, Egypt and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
- c. Holders of German and Cuban Diplomatic/Service Passports.
- d. Persons in direct airside transit.

#### **4.0 INVESTORS**

- 4.1 In special circumstances, prospective investors to Ghana may route their application for visas through:

**The Chief Executive  
Ghana Investment Promotion Centre  
P O Box M193  
ACCRA, Ghana  
Tel: (233-21) 665125-9  
Fax:(233-21) 663801  
Email: gipc@ghana.com**

- 4.2 Application for the extension of visas or immigrant quotas under the GIPC Act to the Director of Immigration must be accompanied by supporting letters from the GIPC confirming the status of the investor.
- 4.3 Application for the extension of visa or immigrant quota for investors in the Free Zones enclaves must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the Ghana Free Zones Board.
- 4.4 Application for the extension of visa or immigrant quota for investors in the mining and petroleum sectors must be accompanied by a supporting letter from the Minerals Commission and the Ministry of Mines and Energy respectively.

#### **5. IMMIGRATION NOTICE**

Intending travellers must note that the possession of the appropriate documents does not confer a right of entry. Travellers may be refused entry into Ghana if they fall within the category of prohibited immigrants and if they do not satisfy immigration requirements at the point of entry. The Government of Ghana will not be financially liable for their repatriation.

#### **6. IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS**

##### **Immigrant Quota**

Persons who enter Ghana ostensibly as visitors may not be permitted to take employment.

No person shall be permitted to accept employment or undertake an occupation for reward in Ghana unless such employment is within an authorised Immigrant Quota (an immigrant quota being the number of non-Ghanaians that a person or firm can employ).

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Website: <http://www.gipc.org.gh>*

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