

Web Notification

Issuance of Tourist Visa Free of Charge for selected 40 Countries

As per the cabinet decision dated 30.03.2026 and the approval given by the parliament, the amendment to the Immigrant and Emigrant regulations will be published in the Government Gazette Notification on 25.05.2026. Accordingly, the measures to be adhered by the foreign nationals intending to visit Sri Lanka, are as below.

- I. With effect from 25.05.2026, nationals of the following 40 countries are eligible to obtain tourist visa (ETA) free of charge for a period of 30 days.

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| 1 AUSTRALIA | 11 FRANCE | 21 MALAYSIA | 31 SAUDI ARABIA |
| 2 AUSTRIA | 12 GERMANY | 22 NEPAL | 32 SOUTH KOREA |
| 3 BAHRAIN | 13 INDIA | 23 NETHERLAND | 33 SPAIN |
| 4 BELARUS | 14 INDONESIA | 24 NEW ZEALAND | 34 SWEDEN |
| 5 BELGIUM | 15 IRAN | 25 NORWAY | 35 SWITZERLAND |
| 6 CANADA | 16 ISRAEL | 26 OMAN | 36 THAILAND |
| 7 CHINA | 17 ITALY | 27 PAKISTAN | 37 TURKIYE |
| 8 CZECH REPUBLIC | 18 JAPAN | 28 POLAND | 38 UAE |
| 9 DENMARK | 19 KAZAKHSTAN | 29 QATAR | 39 UNITED KINGDOM |
| 10 FINLAND | 20 KUWAIT | 30 RUSSIA | 40 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA |

- II. Nationals of the above-mentioned countries holding Diplomatic, Official, Service, or Ordinary passports shall be eligible to obtain tourist visa (ETA) free of charge under this scheme.
- III. Please note that all foreign nationals (except those referred to in paragraph VII below), including nationals of the above-mentioned 40 countries as well as nationals of Maldives, Seychelles and Singapore, are required to obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) prior to their arrival in Sri Lanka. As per the bilateral reciprocal agreement between Sri Lanka and Maldives, all Maldivian nationals will receive 90-day tourist visa through the ETA system.
- IV. The Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA) for nationals of the above-mentioned 40 countries and nationals of Maldives, Seychelles and Singapore shall be processed free of charge. However, ETA fees paid by the applicants prior to 25.05.2026 are non-refundable.
- V. Under this scheme, tourists of above 40 countries are entitled to a free tourist visa (ETA) valid for 30 days, with double entry permitted from the date of first arrival in Sri Lanka during the second entry only the balance period of the 30 days will be granted.

- VI. Applicants, who have obtained a tourist visa (ETA) free of charge and wish to remain in Sri Lanka beyond 30 days, may apply for a visa extension upon payment of the applicable visa fee.

- VII. As per the reciprocal and bilateral arrangements with the Government of Sri Lanka, holders of Diplomatic, Official Service and Special Passports specified in Annex 1, who are visiting Sri Lanka for official purposes and holders of Diplomatic and Official Passports issued by the United Nations (UN) and United Nations Organizations (UNO) shall be permitted to obtain visa without obtaining ETA prior to arrival.