REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

CONSOLIDATION OF THE FRENCH AND ENGLISH TEXTS OF THE LAWS OF VANUATU ACT [CAP 295]

Approval of the English Text of the Immigration Visa Regulation Consolidation Edition 2025 Order No. 141 of 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection 9(1) of the Consolidation of the French and English Texts of the Laws of Vanuatu Act [CAP 295], I, the Honourable JOB SAM ANDY, Minister of Youth, Justice and Community Services, make the following Order:

1 Approval of the English Text of the Immigration Visa Regulation Consolidation Edition 2025

The English Text of the Immigration Visa Regulation Consolidation Edition 2025 is approved.

2 Appointed day

The appointed day for the coming into operation of the Immigration Visa Regulation Consolidation Edition 2025 is the day on which this Order is made.

3 Commencement

This Order commences on the day on which it is made.

Made at Port Vila this 18 **day of** July **, 2025.**

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU Ministry of Justice & Community Service MINISTER Ministère de la Justice et services du REPUBLIQUE DE VANUATU

Honourable JOB SAM ANDY
Minister of Youth, Justice and Community Services

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1. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears:

"Act" means the Immigration Act No. 17 of 2010;

"Crew", for the purposes of clause 5, means a person:

(i) arriving on a cruise ship or aircraft and approved by the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services for an intended visit to Vanuatu of less than 18 hours and who intend to depart Vanuatu on the same cruise ship or aircraft or on a vessel or aircraft operated by the company which operates the crew ship or aircraft; or

(ii) arriving on cruise ship or aircraft and approved by the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services for an intend stay in Vanuatu for less than 72 hours; or

(iii) who is a member of the crew of the cruise ship or aircraft that arrives in Vanuatu; or

(iv) who hold identification approved by the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services indicating that he or she is a member of the crew of the cruise ship or aircraft;

"Director" means the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services.

2 Exempt persons

(1) For the purposes of paragraph 2(a) of the Act, the countries listed in Item 1 of Column A of Table 1 of the Schedule are prescribed Commonwealth countries.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 2(b) of the Act, the countries listed in Item 2 of Column A of Table 1 of the Schedule are prescribed member states of the European Union.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph 2(c) of the Act, a citizen or national of a country, state, territory, federation or dependency listed in item 3 of Column A of Table 1 of the Schedule is an exempted person.

3. Categories of Extended visitor visa, Residence visa, Student visa, Multipurpose visa, Remote Worker visa, Tourism visa, Emergency Employment visa, Provisional investor visa, Business investor visa, Direct investor visa, Permanent investor visa, Short term employment visa, Employment visa, Residential leasehold owner visa, Agriculture leasehold owner visa, commercial leasehold owner visa, Bridging visa, Religious worker visa, Development support visa, Close family visa, Social exchange visa, Retiree visa, Diplomatic visa, Business multiple entry visa, Ni-Vanuatu descent visa and Special category visa

For the purposes of sections 27, 29, 30, 30A, 31, 31A, 31B, 32 and 33 of the Act, the different categories of visas provided for in those sections are set out in Table 2 of the Schedule.

4. Course of study

For the purposes of subsection 31(2) of the Act, a course of study means a course of formal study presented at a secondary, tertiary or technical educational institution operating in Vanuatu according to the relevant laws and regulations of Vanuatu and recognised by the Vanuatu Department of Education as an educational institution.

5. Classes of persons for special category visa

For the purposes of paragraph 32(2)(e) of the Act, Crew, imported Soccer Players and Van2017 athletes and sporting officials are prescribed as a class of persons.

6. Visa application charges

(1) For the purposes of subsection 35(1) of the Act, the prescribed charge for an application for a class of visa is set out under Table 2 of the Schedule.

(2) Despite subclause (1), subject to subclause (3) and for the purposes of paragraph 35(2)(c) of the Act, the following persons are exempted from paying visa application fees:

(a) a person who is a student at the University of the South Pacific Emalus Campus; or

(b) a person who is a student at the Australia-Pacific Technical College; or

(c) a person who has received a scholarship to study at the University of the South Pacific Emalus Campus or at the Australia-Pacific Technical College from the institution itself or the Government of a country listed in Table 3 of the Schedule.

(3) Persons referred to in paragraphs 2(a), (b) and (c) must be citizen or national of a country or territory listed in Table 3 of the Schedule.

7. Criteria for the grant of a visitor visa

(1) In addition to the criteria listed under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) of the Act and for the purposes of paragraph 37 (g), the following are additional criteria for the application of a visitor visa:

(a) the applicant has a genuine intention of visiting and departing Vanuatu within 30 days of the grant of the visa; and

(b) the applicant has a ticket or has other satisfactory means of travelling from Vanuatu to a place outside Vanuatu which he or she will be able to enter; and

(c) if the applicant is under 18 years of age, the applicant's parents or legal guardians have consented to the grant of the visa; and

(d) the applicant is attending conference; and

(e) the applicant is attending a workshop; and

(f) the applicant is attending a training; and

(g) the applicant is bringing a new registered aircraft or vessel to Vanuatu.

(2) In addition to the criteria listed under subclause (1), if the applicant is under 18 years of age at the time of his or her prospective entry to Vanuatu and is not a member of an organised tour and will not be accompanied by at least one of his or her parents or legal guardians whilst in Vanuatu, the applicant must stay in Vanuatu with a person who:

(a) is at least 18 years of age; and

(b) is a citizen of Vanuatu or the holder of a visa valid for the duration of the applicant's stay; and

(c) has provided an undertaking to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services to provide accommodation, food and be responsible for the general welfare of the applicant, during the applicant's stay; and

(d) in the opinion of the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services is a person of good character.

8. Criteria for the grant of a student visa

(1) In addition to the criteria listed under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the following are additional criteria for the application for a student visa:

(a) the applicant for the student visa must have a ticket or other satisfactory means of travelling from Vanuatu to a place outside Vanuatu which he or she will be able to enter;

(b) if the applicant is under 18 years of age at the time of application the applicant's parents or legal guardians have consented to the grant of the visa.

(2) In addition to the criteria in subclause (1), if the applicant is under 18 years of age at the time of his or her prospective entry to Vanuatu, the applicant must stay in Vanuatu with:

(a) a person who is a parent or legal guardian of the applicant; or

(b) a person who:

(i) is at least 18 years of age; and

(ii) is a citizen of Vanuatu or the holder of a visa or permit valid for the duration of the applicant's stay; and

(iii) has provided an undertaking to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services to provide accommodation and food to the applicant, and to be responsible for the general welfare of the applicant, during the applicant's stay; and

(iv) in the opinion of the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services is a person of good character.

(3) The Director must be satisfied that:

(a) the applicant is undertaking or is likely to undertake a course in any secondary, tertiary or technical institution in Vanuatu; and

(b) the applicant is a private or self sponsored student.

(4) The applicant is to be granted a Student visa for a period similar to the period of his or her studies.

(5) A member of the family of the applicant may be granted a Student visa for the same period as the applicant.

(6) The Director must receive a written advice from the institution that the applicant is a student or has enrolled to a study program offered in that institution.

9. Criteria for the grant of an interim visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the following are additional criteria for the application for an interim visa:

(a) for an applicant who intended to carry out business activities in Vanuatu:

(i) he or she is recognised as a foreign investor according to the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Act [CAP 248]; and

(ii) his or her application for approval certificated under the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Act [CAP 248] is pending approval or is approved; or

(b) for an applicant who intended to work in Vanuatu, he or she has accepted an offer of employment in Vanuatu for less than 12 months.

10. Criteria for the grant of a special category visa

(1) For the purposes of this clause:

"diplomatic passport" means a document issued by a Government of a country to its diplomatic officers who are representing their country in a foreign country;

"official passport" means a document issued by a Government of a country to its officers who are travelling for work purposes in a foreign country.

(2) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) and for the purpose of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, a special category visa must not be granted unless the Principal Immigration Officer has received a written recommendation from:

(a) the Director of the Foreign Affairs Department that the applicant be granted a special category visa on the basis of being a family member of a Diplomatic Representative; or

(b) the relevant Commission that the applicant be granted a special category visa on the basis of being a family member of an employee of a government department or agency; or

(c) the relevant Commission on the basis of being seconded to a government department or agency, or a family member of such a person: or

(d) the head of a prescribed donor agency on the basis of being a member of that donor agency, or a family member of such a person; or

(e) the relevant head of the institution that the applicant be granted a special category visa on the basis of being a government sponsored student, and is registered to undertake a study program in that institution in Vanuatu.

(3) To avoid doubt, subclause (2) does not apply if a family member of a Diplomatic Representative or a Government official presents on arrival in Vanuatu a diplomatic or official passport.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, a person who presents on arrival in Vanuatu, his or her diplomatic or official passport, may be granted a special category visa.

11. Criteria for the grant of an extended visitor visa

(1) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the following are additional criteria for the grant of an extended visitor visa:

(a) the applicant has a genuine intention of visiting Vanuatu and departing Vanuatu within the period of the grant of the visa; and

(b) the applicant has a ticket or has other satisfactory means of travelling from Vanuatu to a place outside Vanuatu where he or she will be able to enter; and

(c) if the applicant is under 18 years of age, the applicant's parents or legal guardians have consented to the grant of the visa.

(2) In addition to the criteria in subclause (1), if the applicant is under 18 years of age at the time of his or her prospective entry to Vanuatu and is not a member of an organised tour and will not be accompanied by at least one of his or her parents or legal guardians whilst in Vanuatu, the applicant must stay in Vanuatu with a person who:

(a) is at least 18 years of age; and

(b) is a citizen of Vanuatu or the holder of a visa or permit valid for the duration of the applicant's stay; and

(c) has provided an undertaking to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services to provide accommodation and food to the applicant, and to be

responsible for the general welfare of the applicant, during the applicant's stay; and

(d) in the opinion of the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services is a person of good character.

12. Criteria for the grant of a residence visa

(1) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the criteria outlined from subclause (2) to (6) are additional criteria for the grant of a residence visa.

(2) The applicant is an employee or has accepted an offer of employment in Vanuatu for a period of at least 12 months.

(3) The applicant satisfies one of the following criteria:

(a) the applicant:

(i) on the commencement of this Regulation, was the holder of a residence permit on the basis of being a self funded retiree; or

(ii) is a person with an income certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu of at least VT150,000 per month or VT300,000 per month if the applicant included his wife or her husband or partner in the application for the visa; and

(b) the applicant is a person with an income certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu of at least VT250,000 per month, or VT500,000 per month if the applicant has included his wife or her husband, or partner in the application for the visa.

(4) In the case of a foreign investor, the applicant:

(a) has been issued with an approval certificate by the Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority as a foreign investor within the meaning of the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Act [CAP 248]; and

(b) has provided a certified copy of the approval certificate issued by the Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services; and

(c) has a business licence to operate in his or her business in Vanuatu; and

(d) has provided a certified copy of the business licence to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services.

(4A) In the case of a foreign investor under the Capital Investment Immigration Plan, who wishes to benefit from the Road Map as set out in Schedule 2, the criteria for the grant of a residence visa are as follows:

(a) the applicant must establish a Vanuatu international company having a paid up capital of not less than US$170,000 of which the applicant is the registered and beneficial owner of not less than 50% of the equity and whose share of the equity has a value of not less than US$170,000; and

(b) the applicant must deposit with a Vanuatu Financial Institution, in the name and for the account of the applicant's company, a sum in ready money of not less than US$100,000 to be applied partly as investment and partly as fees as provided in clause 5(a) of the Road Map; and

(c) the applicant must satisfy the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission, that the source of the deposited funds and the further funds to be deposited is legitimate; and

(d) the applicant must satisfy the Principal Immigration Officer that he or she has no criminal record in either the country of his or her nationality or (if different) the country of his or her residence and that he or she is a person of good moral standing; and

(e) the applicant and the applicant's company must have submitted to the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission, a letter or letters in a form approved by the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission undertaking:

(i) to pay the remaining instalments required by the Road Map at the specified times or sooner; and

(ii) not to withdraw or seek to withdraw any of his or her or the company's deposited funds from Vanuatu for a period of 7 years from the date of grant of a visa under this Regulation unless the applicant or his or her company has waived repayment of the government bonds and made the donation required by section 13C of the Citizenship Act; and

(f) the applicant must pay the fee prescribed in Item 12A in Table 2 of Schedule 1; and

(g) the applicant must submit to the Principal Immigration Officer for approval:

(i) the Certificate of Incorporation and Constitution of the applicant's company;

(ii) the share certificate(s) evidencing his or her equity interest;

(iii) the certificate of deposit of the funds issued by Vanuatu Registry Services Ltd;

(iv) the letter of undertaking certified by:

(A) a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner appointed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Foreign Affairs or the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission; or

(B) an Ambassador, High Commissioner, Consul General or Honorary Consul of the Republic of Vanuatu.

(4B) In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d), and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following are additional conditions for granting a residence visa:

(a) the holder of the residence visa must continue to hold shares in the applicant's company representing the share of equity specified in paragraph 4A(a) until and unless the applicant or his or her company has waived repayment of the government bonds and made the donation required by section 13C of the Citizenship Act.;

(b) the applicant's company pays in a timely manner its annual renewal and other fees from time to time due to the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission and remains in good standing;

(c) the applicant and the applicant's company comply with the laws of the Republic of Vanuatu.

(4C) To avoid doubt, subclause (4) and paragraph 16(e) do not apply to an investor under the Capital Investment Immigration Plan.

(5) In the case of a leasehold holder, the applicant:

(a) is a person who has leasehold ownership of property in Vanuatu certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu, a chartered accountant or a registered valuer to be of a value of VT10 million or more; and

(b) is a person with an income certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu of at least VT250,000 per month for each person included in the application up to a maximum of 1 million Vatu.

(6) In addition to subclause (1) and for the purpose of granting residence visa set out in item 12 of Table 2 of the Schedule and pursuant to the Permanent Resident Program as set out in Schedule 3 and Schedule 4:

(a) the applicant's company must be registered with the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission; and

(b) the applicant must provide the Certificate of registration of the said company issued by the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission; and

(c) the applicant must provide a proof of income and assets validated by the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission and approved by the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services; and

(d) the applicant must pay the required fee specified under column D of Table 2 of the Schedule; and

(e) the applicant must provide a certified letter of undertakings from the relevant Vanuatu Trade Commission Office; and

(f) if the applicant chooses to reside in Vanuatu, he or she must after landing in Vanuatu and for the purposes of the immigration administrative matters:

(i) complete and submit a declaration of his or her residential status in the form prescribed under the Schedule of this Regulation; and

(ii) must pay a declaration fee specified under item 12B of column D of Table 2 of the Schedule.

(g) The applicant under paragraph (f) must provide to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services the following documents or information:

(i) his or her written application to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services expressing his or her desire to reside and invest in Vanuatu; and

(ii) a certified copy of the certificate of registration of his or her company with the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission; and

(iii) his or her proof of income and assets validated by the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission and approved by the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services; and

(iv) his or her receipt of payment of the required fees specified under column D of Table 2 of the Schedule; and

(v) his or her copy of a certified letter of undertakings from the relevant Vanuatu Trade Commission Office.

(6A) A residence visa granted under subclause (6) is to be referred to as a Residence Visa Card.

(6B) In addition to subclause (6), the applicant must provide:

(a) a certification of an investment in any part of the world which must be more than VT40,000,000 vatu; and

(b) a police clearance; and

(c) a medical certificate; and

(d) a copy of a passport bio-page; and

(e) an Economical Investment proposal in line with the Government decentralization priority.

(6C) The applicant must:

(a) apply as an individual; or

(b) apply as a family with not more than four individual.

(6D) For the purpose of paragraph (6C)(b), the application must:

(a) include the parents and children under 18 years of age; and

(b) provide a certified married certificate; and

(c) provide proof of birth certificate of children included.

(7) Subclause (4) does not apply to an investor who owns or operates an offshore company.

12A. Criteria for the grant of a Permanent Residence visa

(1) Subject to Schedule 3, an applicant may apply to the Director for a Permanent Residence visa.

(2) An applicant under this clause must:

(a) apply in the prescribed form; and

(b) provide all certified copies of documents required by the Director.

(3) Without limiting paragraph 12A(2)(b), the applicant must provide the following documents:

(a) his or her police clearance from the country of origin; and

(b) his or her birth certificate; and

(c) in the case of an applicant applying for his or her family:

(i) the marriage certificate; and

(ii) the birth certificate for each child; and

(iii) the birth certificate for each resident dependant.

(4) For the purpose of this clause:

"child" mean a natural or lawfully adopted child of an applicant or of the spouse of an applicant who has not attained 18 years of age;

"resident dependant" includes the following:

(a) a natural or adopted son or daughter of an applicant or his or her spouse who is or between the age of 18 to 25 years and is:

(i) residing with or dependent upon the applicant or his or her spouse; and

(ii) attending full time education; or

(b) the lawful mother or father of the applicant or his or her spouse who is:

(i) residing with and is dependent upon the applicant or his or her spouse; and

(ii) over the age of 50 years.

12B. Granting and cancelling of Permanent Residence visa

(1) The Director may grant a Permanent Residence visa if he or she is satisfied that the applicant has paid the relevant charge and complied with the requirements under subclause 12A(2).

(2) The Director must issue a permanent Residence card upon granting a Permanent Residence visa under subclause (1).

(3) The Director may cancel a Permanent Residence visa on the following grounds:

(a) the applicant has failed the character test under section 38 of the Act; or

(b) the applicant is wanted person in a foreign country for any criminal offence he or she has committed in that foreign country; or

(c) the applicant is someone who in on the Interpol red alert database.

(4) For the purpose of this clause, "Permanent Residence card" means the Permanent Residence card approved and issued by the Director.

12BA. Decentralisation Development Account

(1) Subject to subclause (2), all charges paid under item 11B in Schedule 1, the amount of VT100,000 out of the charges paid must be deposited into a bank account in Vanuatu, which is to be named as the Decentralisation Development Account.

(2) The approval of the Director General of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Management in accordance with subsection 43(4) of the Public Finance and Economic Management Act [CAP 244] for the opening of the account under subclause (1).

12C. Criteria for the grant of a business owner residence (permanent)(subclass 133a) visa

(1) A person:

(a) who owns majority share of the business in the case of shared ownership of more than two partners; and

(b) whose value of personal and business assets is not less than the value of the ownership of the business; and

is eligible to apply to the Director for a business owner residence (permanent) visa.

(2) An applicant under subclause (1) must meet the following requirements:

(a) meets the English or French language requirements set by the Vanuatu National Training Council (have at least competent English or French); and

(b) meets the character requirements under section 38 of the Act; and

(c) meets the health requirements under paragraph 37(d) of the Act ; and

(d) provides a satisfactory police clearance certificate; and

(e) entry to and residence in Vanuatu is by way of a legal and valid visa

(3) An applicant must:

(a) apply to the Director in the prescribed form; and

(b) provide all certified copies of documents required by the Director; and

(c) attend any interview set by the Director and make available any originals of documents required at that interview.

(4) The Director must process all applications and provide a response to the applicant within 3 months after receiving all documents required by the him or her.

12D. Criteria for the grant of a serious investor residence (permanent)(subclass 133b) visa

(1) Subject to subclause (2), a person must:

(a) have a financial investment capacity of VT 5 billion; and

(b) be able to demonstrate to the Director that he or she:

(i) possesses knowledge, experience and ownership of business; or

(ii) has ownership of a local business that operates from Vanuatu;

to be eligible to apply to the Director for a business talent residence (permanent) visa.

(2) The Director must not grant a visa under this clause to an applicant unless the applicant has received a formal invitation from either the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Authority, a Provincial Government Council or a Municipal Council to invest in Vanuatu.

(3) To be invited under subclause (2), a person may:

(a) lodge an expression of interest with the Vanuatu Immigration Services and Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Authority, a Provincial Government Council or a Municipal Council; and

(b) submit a business plan to the Vanuatu Immigration Services, a Provincial Government Council or a Municipal Council which must include:

(i) land goodwill payments of 5% of total investment to land owners including successive owners; and

(ii) profit share of 5% of gross profit to the Government of Vanuatu; and

(iii) a plan of meeting his or her social obligation for the education, infrastructure, health and any other areas of development.

(4) An applicant must:

(a) apply to the Director in the prescribed form; and

(b) provide all certified copies of documents required by the Director; and

(c) attend any interview set by the Director and make available any originals of documents required at that interview.

(5) The Director must not grant a visa to an applicant under this clause unless:

(a) the total cost of the proposed infrastructure development comprises of more than 10% of the proposed total investment; and

(b) the prospective value of export is more than 50% of the proposed initial financial outlay at Year 1 and will increase at a growth of more than 5% each year to Year 3; and

(c) the proposed number of jobs created at Year 1 is no less than 50 persons and at least doubled at successive years to Year 3; and

(d) at least one-third of the management positions is occupied by locals by end of Year 3; and

(e) the applicant has an approved Succession Plan for selected management and technical posts for local candidates that must include external exposure; and

(f) the applicant meets the English or French language requirements set by the Vanuatu National Training Council (have at least competent English or French); and

(g) the applicant meets the character requirements under section 38 of the Act; and

(h) the applicant meets the health requirements under paragraph 37(d) of the Act; and

(6) The Director must process all applications and provide a response to the applicant within 3 months after receiving all documents required by him or her.

12E. Criteria for the grant of a skills residence (permanent)(subclause 134 and 135) visa

(1) A person who possess skills that is not in existence or in short supply and are required for Vanuatu's development may apply to the Director for a skills residence (permanent) visa under this clause.

(2) A person who applies for a visa under this clause and who is being sponsored to work in Vanuatu must:

(a) be sponsored for a specific position; and

(b) not be over the age of 50 at the time of application; and

(c) be sponsored by a body or institution that are legally established in Vanuatu at the time of application and during the period of sponsorship.

(3) An applicant under subclause (1) must meet the following requirements:

(a) has scored at least 60 points on the points test conducted by the Vanuatu Immigration Services; and

(b) the applicant meets the English or French language requirements set by the Vanuatu National Training Council (have at least competent English or French); and

(c) the applicant meets the character requirements under section 38 of the Act; and

(d) the applicant meets the health requirements under paragraph 37(d) of the Act ; and

(e) provides a satisfactory police clearance certificate; and

(f) entry to and residence in Vanuatu is by way of a legal and valid visa.

(4) An applicant must:

(a) apply to the Director in the prescribed form; and

(b) provide all certified copies of documents required by the Director; and

(c) attend any interview set by the Director and make available any originals of documents required at that interview.

(5) The Director must process all applications and provide a response to the applicant within 3 months after receiving all documents required by the him or her.

12F. Criteria for the grant of a multipurpose visa

(1) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) and for the purposes of paragraphs 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a multipurpose visa:

(a) the applicant has entered Vanuatu as a consequence of stress of weather or another emergency situation; or

(b) the applicant's visa has expired or is about to expire and the applicant has been compelled to remain in Vanuatu due to circumstances beyond his or her reasonable control; or

(c) the applicant is a seaman who is not eligible to obtain a visa on arrival, however, he or she:

(i) intends to join a vessel in Vanuatu; or

(ii) intends to separate or has separated from a vessel in Vanuatu with the intention of departing by air; or

(d) the applicant is an asylum claimant who meets the requirements under section 43 of the Act; or

(e) the applicant is identified as a trafficked person by the Director, or by the Commissioner of Police and the Director considers it appropriate to grant a multipurpose visa to the applicant to allow for lawful stay pending repatriation; or

(f) appropriate advice has been received from a judicial authority that the applicant is required to enter or remain in Vanuatu for the purposes of a court proceeding against the State; or

(g) the applicant is required to enter Vanuatu as part of an emergency response team.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(c), the Director must satisfied that the relevant company, agent or Master has provided acceptable documentary evidence of the proposed movement.

12G. Criteria for the grant of a Remote Worker visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) and for the purposes of paragraphs 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Remote Worker Visa:

(a) the applicant owns a business abroad and the applicant has provided evidence of that business during the application; and

(b) the applicant is working for himself or herself in Vanuatu and must not engage in any employment or commercial activities in Vanuatu; and

(c) the applicant is working for a business or company based abroad; and

(d) the applicant has an income statement certified by a Bank, to be over VT5,000,000 for an individual or VT6,000,000 for a family; and

(c) the applicant has provided a satisfactory police clearance certificate; and

(f) the applicant meets the health requirements under paragraph 37(d) of the Act; and

(g) the applicant has provided a copy of the passport bio-page; and

(h) the applicant has provided proof of Medical Insurance.

12H. Criteria for the grant of a Tourism visa

(1) For the purpose of this clause, accredited tourism facility means a tourism facility that has been issued a permit or approval certification by the Department of Tourism.

(2) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) and for the purposes of paragraphs 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Tourism visa:

(a) the applicant has genuine motive for visiting Vanuatu purposely for tourism and leisure; and

(b) the applicant has proof of booking with an accredited tourism facility; and

(c) the applicant must have his or her return ticket wile applying for the Tourism visa.

12I. Criteria for the grant of an Emergency Employment visa

(1) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting an Emergency Employment visa:

(a) the applicant has provided a satisfactory police clearance certificate; and

(b) the applicant meets the health requirements under paragraph 37(d)) of the Act and has provided a certified medical certificate; and

(c) the applicant has a letter of approval from the chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce; and

(d) the applicant has a letter of support from the Commissioner of the Department of Labour.

12J. Criteria for the grant of a Provisional investor visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Provisional investor visa:

(a) the applicant has provided acceptable evidence that he or she has communication correspondent in form of a letter or email to the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission; and

(b) the applicant has provided acceptable evidence that he or she has shown interest by way of a communication exchange through email or letter to Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority for a Foreign Investment Approval Certificate; and

(c) the applicant has provided proof of sufficient funds with a minimum equivalent to VT10,000,000; and

(d) the documents and claims contained in the application are genuine.

12K. Criteria for the grant of a Business investor visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Business investor visa:

(a) the applicant has been granted a Foreign Investment Approval Certificate by the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Authority; and

(b) the applicant has provided certificate of registration from Vanuatu Financial Service Commission; and

(c) the applicant has provided valid business license from relevant authorities to operate in Vanuatu; and

(d) the applicant has provided a proof of business bank account from a bank operating in Vanuatu and physical establishment of the business and that the business is fully operational; and

(e) the documents and claims contained in the application are genuine.

12L. Criteria for the grant of a Direct investor visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Direct investor visa:

(a) the applicant provides a copy of the Vanuatu Financial Services Certificate; and

(b) the applicant provides a copy of the Vanuatu Foreign Investment Promotion Authority Certificate; and

(c) the applicant provides a copy of the business licence; and

(d) the applicant provides proof of the assets in country of value more than VT20,000,000.

12M. Criteria for a grant of a Permanent investor visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Permanent investor visa:

(a) the applicant must be a holder of a class of investor visa or a current holder of residency visa and spent a continuous period of at least 10 years residing lawfully in Vanuatu; and

(b) if the applicant lawfully owns a business in Vanuatu for at least 10 years, the Director must be satisfied that:

  (i) the applicant maintains an ownership or management interest in a business; and

  (ii) the business activities of the applicant are providing ongoing employment and training opportunities for Vanuatu citizens; and

  (iii) the applicant has met the required obligations for taxation and labour requirements.

(c) if the applicant has maintained a substantial direct investment in Vanuatu for at least 10 years and that the investment remains in place; and

(d) the applicant has provided a proof of assets in the country with value of more than VT50,000,000; and

12N. Criteria for the grant of a Short term employment visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Short term employment visa:

(a) the applicant must be a subject of an acceptable sponsorship from an employer to undertake skilled work in Vanuatu in an occupation which is not listed on the Reserved Occupation List under the Labour (Work Permits Act [CAP 187]); and

(b) the Commissioner of Labour must be satisfied that the applicant under paragraph (a) has skills and experience that the work that the applicant is to carry out cannot be performed by a national of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of the work that the applicant is to carry out must not be more than 4 months; and

(d) the applicant is to work on that skilled work which is not listed on the Reserved Occupation list under paragraph (a);

(e) the applicant brings a Vanuatu registered aircraft or vessel for maintenance.

12O. Criteria for the grant of an Employment visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting an Employment visa:

(a) the applicant must be a subject of an acceptable sponsorship from an employer to undertake skilled work in Vanuatu for a period of not more than 12 months; and

(b) the applicant has a valid work permit issued by the Department of Labour under the Labour (Work Permits) Act [CAP 187]; and

(c) the applicant is to work on that skilled work which is not listed on the Reserved Occupation list.

12P. Criteria for the grant of a Leasehold owner visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Leasehold owner visa:

(a) the applicant has leasehold ownership of a property in Vanuatu, certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu, chartered accounting operating in Vanuatu or a registered Value of leasehold property of VT10,000,000; and

(b) the applicant provides copy of leasehold ownership.

12Q. Criteria for the grant of an Agriculture leasehold owner visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting an Agriculture leasehold visa:

(a) the applicant has leasehold ownership of a property in Vanuatu certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu, a chartered accounting or a registered value to be VT10,000,000 or more; and

(b) the applicant must reside in Vanuatu continuously for 5 years under any of the following visa:

  (i) close family visa; or

  (ii) investor visa; or

  (iii) employment visa; and

(c) the Director must be satisfied that the applicants has a secure monthly income of at least VT250,000 to VT1,000,000 maximum for each person included in the application.

12R. Criteria for the grant of a Commercial leasehold owner visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting a Commercial leasehold owner visa:

(a) the applicant has leasehold ownership of a property in Vanuatu certified by a bank operating in Vanuatu, a chartered accounting or a registered value to be VT10,000,000 or more; and

(b) the applicant must reside in Vanuatu continuously for 5 years under any of the following visa:

  (i) close family visa; or

  (ii) investor visa; or

  (iii) employment visa; and

(c) the Director must be satisfied that the applicants has a secure monthly income of at least VT250,000 to VT1,000,000 maximum for each person included in the application.

12S. Criteria for the grant of a Bridging visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d) (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting a Bridging visa:

(a) the applicant is in the Country and has applied for a substantive visa and the Director is satisfied that it is appropriate to grant a bridging visa so that the applicant has lawful status in Vanuatu which the substantive visa application is processed; or

(b) the applicant is in the Country and his or her previous visa has been expired but requires a bridging visa to prepare documents for Vanuatu National Provident Fund and Immigration Bond for departing.

12T. Criteria for the grant of a Religious worker visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Religious worker visa:

(a) the purpose of the applicant to enter Vanuatu is to engage in a religious activity; and

(b) the Director has received written notification from the sponsoring religious organization detailing the nature, location and duration of the proposed religious activities and the profile of the applicant; and

(c) if the sponsoring religious organization is affiliated with the Vanuatu Christian Council, the Director must be satisfied that the sponsoring religious organization has supported:

  (i) the proposed placement in writing; or

  (ii) the proposed placement is in the community interest; and

(d) the Director must request a security bond if the applicant will be in country for more than 90 days.

12U. Criteria for the grant of a Development support visa

(1) In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting a Development support visa:

  (a) the applicant has been nominated to work in a Government agency or on a development oriented program or project which has been negotiated and formally agree with the Government; or

  (b) the applicant is an official, employee, consultant, advise, expert or volunteer who has been nominated by an NGO to work in a development related field.

(2) if paragraph (1)(a) applies and the nominating entity is an Approved Nominating Entity, the Director must receive a written nomination in an approved format that contain the details of the application and the nature and duration of the proposed assignment.

12V. Criteria for the grant of a Close family visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Close family visa:

(a) the applicant must be sponsored by:

  (i) a Vanuatu citizen; or

(ii) a non-citizen who is residing in Vanuatu as the holder of a valid visa; and

(b) the applicant must be the spouse or dependent child of the sponsor under subparagraph (a)(i) or (ii); and

(c) the Director must be satisfied that the sponsorship is acceptable; and

(d) if the applicant is sponsored by his or her spouse, the Director must be satisfied that the relationship is genuine, continuing and exclusive.

12W. Criteria for the grant of a Social exchange visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting a Social exchange visa:

(a) the applicant intends to enter Vanuatu to:

(i) participate in a community support program sponsored by an organization or entity; or

(ii) undertake a research project sponsored by an educational institution; or

(iii) engage in a film making or other media activity sponsored by a media or film organization, with a permit from the Cultural Centre; or

(iv) work as a student on attachment; or

(b) the Director must received a written advice from the sponsoring organization or entity under subparagraph (a)(i) detailing the nature and location of the proposed activity and proposed time frame; or

(c) the Director must received written advice from the sponsoring educational institution under subparagraph (a)(ii) (either inside or outside Vanuatu) detailing the nature and location of the proposed research activity and the proposed time frame and the profile of the applicant; or

(d) the Director must receive written advice from the sponsoring media or film organization under subparagraph (a)(iii) detailing the nature of the proposed activity and the proposed time frame and the profile of the applicant.

12X. Criteria for the grant of a Retiree visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Retiree visa:

(a) the applicant is at least 50 years of age and is proposing to enter or remain in Vanuatu to retire; and

(b) the applicant has a secured monthly income of at least VT250,000 to VT1,000,000 maximum for each person included in the application.

12Y. Criteria for the grant of a Diplomatic visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Diplomatic visa:

(a) the applicant is the holder of a diplomatic passport; and

(b) the applicant is on a diplomatic mission for a foreign government in Vanuatu; and

(c) the applicant is a family member of the holder of the diplomatic passport; and

(d) the Director must receive a written advice from the Department of Foreign Affairs supporting the application for a Diplomatic visa.

12Z. Specialist Skills visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that the following criteria has been met before granting a Specialist Skills visa:

(a) The applicant must be a subject of an acceptable sponsorship from an employer to undertake specialist skills work in Vanuatu not more than two weeks.

(b) The applicant must provide:

(i) a copy of Terms of reference; and

(ii) a letter from the request company for a business registered in Vanuatu; and

(iii) a copy of Valid Passport; and

(iv) a copy of Return Ticket to country of origin.

12ZA. Criteria for the grant of a Ni-Vanuatu descent visa

In addition to the criteria outlined under paragraphs 37(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) and for the purposes of paragraph 37(g) of the Act, the Director must be satisfied that any of the following criteria has been met before granting a Ni-Vanuatu descent visa:

(a) the applicant is a descendant of a Vanuatu citizen; or

(b) the applicant is a former Vanuatu citizen.

13. Conditions of a Student visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Student visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is similar to the period of his or her study program; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must continue to undertake the program of study which is the subject of the granting of the Student visa; and

(ii) must inform the Director in writing if he or she intends to change hie or her program of study; and

(iii) must not engaged in any employment, or commercial or business activities unless that employment, or commercial or business activities relates to his or her program of study; and

(iv) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(v) is not allow to change his or her visa status; and

(vi) is allow to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions.

14. Conditions of an interim visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following are additional conditions for granting an interim visa:

(a) the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services is satisfied that, during the period of validity of the interim visa, the applicant will continue to undertake the activities or

employment specified in his or her application for residence visa or special category visa; and

(b) if not previously cancelled under paragraph 47 of the Act, the visa will cease 14 days after the date of determination of the application for review under subsection 58(4) of the Act.

15. Conditions for a special category visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following are additional conditions for granting a special category visa:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not cease to undertake the activity on the basis of which his or her visa was granted; and

(ii) must not engaged in any employment, or commercial or business activities unless that employment or commercial or business activities are the basis of which his or her visa was granted; and

(iii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iv) is not allow to change his or her visa status; and

(v) is allow to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions.

16. Conditions of a residence visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed for a residence visa:

(a) in the case of a person mentioned in subclause 13(2), the holder of the visa:

(i) continues to be an employee of the employer on which basis the visa was granted; and

(ii) has been given permission to commence or to continue working in Vanuatu under the Labour (Work Permits Act) [CAP 188];

(b) in the case of a person mentioned in subclause 13(3), the holder of the visa continues to receive the monthly income mentioned in that subclause;

(c) in the case of a person mentioned in subclause 13(4), the holder of the visa:

(i) continues to hold a foreign investor approval certificate issued by the Vanuatu Investment and Promotion Authority; and

(ii) if applicable, continues to hold a valid business licence mentioned in subclause 13(5);

(d) in the case of a person mentioned in subclause 13(6), the holder of the visa continues to have a leasehold ownership of property with a value mentioned in that subclause and to receive the monthly income mentioned in that subclause;

(e) in the case of a person mentioned in item 12 of table 2 of Schedule 1, the holder must continue to receive monthly income as specified in his or her application.

17. Conditions for Extended Visitor Visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed for an extended Visitor visa:

(a) the holder of the visa is undertaking a holiday and will continue his holiday or visit for up to four (4) months according to the duration of the visa;

(b) the holder of the visa must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities.

17A. Conditions for Multipurpose visa

(1) In addition to the general conditions of grating a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, multipurpose visas issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out under this clause.

(2) In the case of a person mentioned in paragraphs 12F(1)(a), (b), (d), (e) or subparagraph 12F(1)(c)(ii):

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be in Vanuatu.

(3) In the case of subparagraph 12F(1)(c)(i):

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the period of validity of his or her visa is 1 month.

(4) In the case of a person mentioned in paragraph 12F(1)(f), the location of the applicant at the time of grant is in Vanuatu.

(5) In the case of a person mentioned in paragraph 12F(1)(g):

(a) the location of the applicant at the time of application and at the time of grant is upon his or her arrival in Vanuatu; and

(b) the period of validity of his or her visa is 1 month.

(6) For each criteria of application, the Director is:

(a) to determine the period of stay for each applicant; and

(b) to extend a visa subject to prescribed conditions.

(7) The holder of a visa:

(a) must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities; and

(b) is eligible only for a single entry visa; and

(c) is not allowed to change his or her visa status.

17B. Conditions for visitor visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, the following conditions are prescribed for the holder of a visitor visa:

(a) *(Repealed)*

(b) *(Repealed)*

(c) *(Repealed)*

(d) he or she must not be engaged in any form of employment; and

(e) he or she must not be engaged in any voluntarily work without obtaining a permission from the Director; and

(f) he or she must not be involved in prostitution; and

(g) he or she must not falsely provide or instigate social unrest in Vanuatu such as:

(i) sharing or posting misinformation to the social media; or

(ii) harassing other people online; and

(h) he or she must not be engaged in any civil disruption or public disorder; and

(i) he or she must not be involved in the sale, purchase, consumption and distribution of illegal drugs; and

(j) he or she must not be engaged in job seeking opportunities; and

(k) he or she must not be involved in extra maternal affairs; and

(l) he or she must not collect money from Vanuatu citizens for supporting themselves in Vanuatu.

17C. Conditions for Remote Worker visa

(1) In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Remote Worker visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must apply for a job in Vanuatu; and

(b) the applicant is not allowed to apply for a change of status; and

(c) the applicant must not engage in job seeking opportunities in Vanuatu; and

(d) the applicant must not work for a company in Vanuatu; and

(e) the applicant must be outside Vanuatu while applying for Visa; and

(f) the applicant must have their return ticket while applying for the Remote Worker visa.

(2) The Period of Validity of the applicant's visa is 12 months.

17D. Conditions for Tourism visa

(1) In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Tourism visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 120 days; and

(d) the Director is to determine the period of validity of the applicant's visa; and

(e) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities; and

(ii) is eligible only for a single entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is not allowed to extend his or her visa.

17E. Conditions for Emergency Employment visa

(1) In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Emergency Employment visa issued under this Regulations are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant is not allowed to extend his or her visa; and

(b) the applicant is allowed to apply for a change of status of his or her visa, but strictly to Residency for Emergency Employment visa; and

(c) the applicant is not allowed to engage in any employment or commercial or business activities except the employment visa issued under the Emergency Employment visa; and

(d) the applicant is not allowed to change work in a Company or change Employer without the approval from the Commissioner of the Department of Labour; and

(e) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months.

17F. Conditions for Provisional investor visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Provisional investor visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant is outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the applicant must not apply under any variations of the terms and conditions of the Vanuatu Investment Promotion Authority certificate; and

(d) the period of stay of the applicant is 1 year; and

(e) the Director is to determine the period of validity of the applicant's visa; and

(f) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is allowed to change his or her visa status to Business investor visa; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17G. Conditions for Business investor visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Business investor visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) visa applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or In Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 3 years; and

(d) the Director is to determine the period of validity of the applicant's visa; and

(e) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment outside the context of proposed investment; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17H. Conditions for Direct investor visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Direct investor visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 8 years; and

(d) the Director is to grant Direct investor visa for 8 years; and

(e) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) may establish and conduct business activities subject to normal business requirements; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is allowed to change his or her visa status to an Investor visa or a Leasehold visa; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for secondary applicant.

17I. Conditions for Permanent investor visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Permanent investor visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is indefinite; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(ii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iii) provides for a secondary applicant.

17J. Conditions for Short term employment visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Short term employment visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 1 to 4 months effective from the date of grant; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must be employed on the skilled work he or she is to undertake as provided under paragraph 12M(a); and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is not allowed to extend his or her visa; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17K. Conditions for Employment visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Employment visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months effective from the date of grant of his or her visa; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must be employed on the skilled work he or she is to undertake as provided under paragraph 12N(a); and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is allowed to change his or her visa status to only one of the Investors visa; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17L. Conditions for Residential leasehold owner visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Residential leasehold owner visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months effective from the date of grant; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment; and

(ii) must physically reside in Vanuatu to develop the land; and

(iii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iv) is allowed to change his or her visa status to only one of the Investors visa; and

(v) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(vi) provides for a secondary applicant.

17M. Conditions for Agriculture leasehold owner visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Agriculture leasehold owner visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months effective from the date of grant; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment; and

(ii) must physically reside in Vanuatu; and

(iii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iv) is allowed to change his or her visa status to only one of the Investors visa; and

(v) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(vi) provides for a secondary applicant.

17N. Conditions for Commercial leasehold owner visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Commercial leasehold owner visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months effective from the date of grant; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment; and

(ii) must physically reside in Vanuatu; and

(iii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iv) is allowed to change his or her visa status to only one of the Investors visa; and

(v) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(vi) provides for a secondary applicant.

17O. Conditions for Bridging visa

(1) In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Bridging visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu ; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is upon the Director's discretion and is from a period up to 3 months; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment, business or commercial activity; and

(ii) must physically reside in Vanuatu; and

(iii) is eligible for single entry; and

(iv) is allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(v) is allowed to extend his or her visa.

(2) The visa in this clause ceases if substantive visa application is refused.

17P. Conditions for Religious worker visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Religious worker visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant must not exceed 5 years; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment outside the context of proposed activity; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions.

17Q. Conditions for Development support visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Development support visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant must not exceed 5 years; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment outside the proposed employment activity; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is not allowed to extend his or her visa; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17R. Conditions for Close family visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Close family visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant must not exceed 12 months and it takes effect on the date the visa is granted; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) provides for a secondary applicant.

17S. Conditions for Social exchange visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purpose of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Social exchange visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment activity outside the proposed employment activity; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) provides for a secondary applicant.

(e) the international students who are in Vanuatu will continue with the attachment without engaging in any employment outside their attachment activities.

17T. Conditions for Retiree visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Retiree visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant may be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 10 years; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) may change his or her visa status upon the discretion of the Director; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17U. Conditions for Diplomatic visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Diplomatic visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu or in Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is upon the discretion of the Director; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment activity outside the proposed employment activity; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

17V. Specialist Skills visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Specialist Skills visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) The applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) The period of stays is from one to two weeks; and

(d) Allow the change of status.

17W. Conditions for Ni-Vanuatu descent visa

In addition to the general conditions of granting a visa under paragraphs 44(a), (b), (c) and (d) and for the purposes of paragraph 44(e) of the Act, Ni-Vanuatu descent visa issued under this Regulation are subject to the conditions set out below:

(a) the applicant must be outside of Vanuatu at the time of his or her application; and

(b) the location of the applicant at the time of grant must be outside of Vanuatu; and

(c) the period of stay of the applicant is 12 months; and

(d) the holder of a visa under this clause:

(i) must not engage in any employment, commercial or business activities; and

(ii) is eligible for multiple entry; and

(iii) is not allowed to change his or her visa status; and

(iv) is allowed to extend his or her visa subject to prescribed conditions; and

(v) provides for a secondary applicant.

18. Grounds for cancelling a visa

In addition to paragraphs 47(1) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) and for the purposes of paragraph 47(k) of the Act, the following are prescribed grounds for cancelling a visa:

(a) the holder of the visa has asked the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services to cancel the visa; or

(b) the holder of the visa is less than 18 years of age and the parents or legal guardians of the holder ask the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services to cancel the visa; or

(c) the person is a prohibited immigrant.

18A. Grounds for cancelling a Permanent Residence Card

Subject to subclause 12(6), the Director may cancel a Permanent Residence Card on the following grounds:

(a) the applicant has failed the character test under section 38 of the Act; or

(b) the applicant is a wanted person in a foreign country for any criminal offence he or she has committed in that foreign country; or

(c) the applicant is someone who is on the Interpol red alert database.

19. Prescribed class of prohibited immigrant

For the purposes of paragraph 50(1)(l) of the Act, the following classes of persons are prescribed prohibited immigrants:

(a) a person who, without a compelling reason and without making a valid application for a visa, remains in Vanuatu for a period of more than 30 days after the expiry of the term of validity of a visa or permit granted or issued, or deemed to have been granted or issued, under the Immigration Act [CAP 66] or the Immigration Act No. 17 of 2010;

(b) a person designated by resolution of the United Nations Security Council as a person, or a member of a class of persons, whose entry and stay in Vanuatu should be prevented.

20. Debt to the Vanuatu Government

For the purposes of paragraphs 84(1)(a) and 85(1)(d) of the Act, the prescribed amount of debt is VT10,000.

21. Payment of charges

All charges prescribed by this Regulation must be paid in Vatu and are not refundable.

22. Change of status

(1) A person who has a valid visa may change the status of his or her visa by lodging an application for the change to visa status to the Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services.

(2) An application for change of status under subclause (1) must be accompanied by a charge of VT100,000.

(3) In the case of a child under 18 years, an application for change of status under subclause (1) must be accompanied by a charge of VT 50,000.

SCHEDULE 1

TABLE 1 – PRESCRIBED COUNTRIES IN RELATION TO EXEMPT PERSONS

(Clause 2)

Item	Column A
1	Bangladesh, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Pakistan, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Uganda
2	Romania
3	Andorra, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Brazil, Chile, China (People's Republic of) [1], Croatia, Cuba, Denmark [2], France [3], Israel, Japan, Korea (Republic of), Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Netherlands [4], Norway, Oman, Palau, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Switzerland, Taiwan [5], Thailand, Turkey [6], Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom [7], United Arab Emirates, United States of America [8], Uruguay, Vatican City (Holy See), Georgia, Vietnam [1] includes Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Macau Special Administrative Region [2] Overseas administrative divisions, including Greenland [3] Overseas collectivities, departments and territories of France [4] Overseas divisions of the Netherlands [5] Does not include Official and Diplomatic passport holders [6] Does not include Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (Kuzey Kibris) [7] United Kingdom Dependencies and overseas territories, including British National (Overseas) [8] includes United States territories

TABLE 2 – CATEGORIES OF VISA AND VISA APPLICATION CHARGES

(Clauses 6 and 7)

Column A Item	Column B Class of Visa	Column C Circumstance	Column D Charge (in Vatu)	Column E (charge in Vatu) 3% included in Fees
1	Visitor visa	the applicant is not an exempt person	3,600	
2	Extended Visitor visa	the applicant has applied for an extended visitor visa of less than 4 months	6,000	
3	Extended Visitor visa	the applicant has applied for an extended visitor visa of 4 months or more but less than 7 months	12,000	
4	Extended Visitor visa	the applicant has applied for an extended visitor visa of 7 months or more;	18,000	
5	Extended Visitor visa	a person granted an extended visitor visa pursuant to section 43 of the Immigration Act No. 17 of 2010	Nil	
6	Residence visa	each applicant if the applicant is 18 years of age or over and has applied for a residence visa for a period of 1 year	57,600	
7	Residence visa	each applicant if the applicant is 18 years of age or over at the time of application and has applied for a residence visa for a period of more than 1 year but not more than 3 years;	158,400	
8	Residence visa	each applicant if the applicant is 18 years of age or over at the time of application and has applied for a residence visa for a period more than 3 years but not more than 5 years	259,200	
9	Residence visa	each applicant if the applicant is 18 years of age or over at the time of application and has applied for a residence visa for a period of more than 5 years but not more than 10 years	511,200	
10	Residence visa	each applicant who is less than 18 years of age at the time of application, for each year for which the residence visa has been applied for	2,880	

11	Residence visa	each applicant, for each year for which the residence visa has been applied, if the applicant is 55 years of age or over at the time of application and, either: was born in Vanuatu; or was a resident in Vanuatu on or before 30 July 1980 and has remained a resident of Vanuatu since that date	14,400	
11A	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	
11B	Permanent Residency Program (Middle East, Europe, Pacific, Africa and American countries)	(i) If the applicant applies as an individual (ii) If the applicant applies for permanent residency of his or her family with not more than 4 individuals (iii) In addition to (ii), if the applicant applies for permanent residency for an additional child (under the age of 18)	200,000 450,000 50,000 per child	
12	Residence visa	each applicant who is the owner of a "Vanuatu Offshore company", for a period of 5 years or more but not more than 10 years, this does not include other charges e.g bank charges	300,000	
12A	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	
12B	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	(Repealed)	
12C	Business Owners Residence (permanent)(subclass 133a) visa	on application	300,000	
12C	Business Owners Residence (permanent)(subclass 133a) visa	on issuance of visa	211,200	
12D	Serious Investor Residence (permanent)(subclass 133b) visa	on application	300,000	
12D	Serious Investor Residence (permanent)(subclass 133b) visa	on issuance of visa	211,200	
12E	Skills Residence (permanent)(subclass 134-135) visa	on application	300,000	
12E	Skills Residence (permanent)(subclass 134-135) visa	on issuance of visa	211,200	

13	Student visa	the applicant is less than 18 years of age at the time of application and is not a member of an exempt class of persons listed at Regulation 16(2)	2,880	
14	Student visa	the applicant is 18 years of age or over at the time of application and is not a member of an exempt class of persons listed at Regulation 16(2)	14,400	
15	Transit Visa	the applicant is not an exempt person	1,800	
16	Interim Visa	the applicant will continue to undertake the employment or activities for the duration of the visa.	2,500	
17	Special Category Visa	Crew, imported Soccer Players and all Van2017 athletes, sporting officials, Family member of a civil servant and Government sponsored student	Exempted	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant has entered Vanuatu as a consequence of stress of weather or another emergency situation	Exempted	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant has been compelled to remain in Vanuatu due to circumstances beyond his or her reasonable control	Exempted	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is a seaman who is not eligible to obtain a visa on arrival and intends to join a vessel in Vanuatu	6,000	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is a seaman who is not eligible to obtain visa on arrival and intends to separate or has separated from a vessel in Vanuatu with intention of departing by air	6,000	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is an asylum claimant who meets the requirements under section 43 of the Act	Exempted	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is identified as trafficked person by the Director, or by the Commissioner of Police and Director considers it appropriate to grant a multipurpose visa to the applicant to allow for lawful stay pending repatriation	Exempted	
18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is required to enter or remain in Vanuatu for the purposes of a court proceeding against the State	Exempted	

18	Multipurpose Visa	the applicant is required to enter Vanuatu as part of an emergency response team	Exempted	
18A	Business (Single entry)	the applicant will continue to undertake the employment activities for that period of up to 3 months only	20,000	
18B	Business (Multiple entry)	Individual applicant	40,000	
19	Remote Worker Visa	Individual applicant	100,000	
19	Remote Worker Visa	Family package for a family of 4	150,000	
19	Remote Worker Visa	Additional son or daughter included in the family of 4	50,000	
20	Tourism Visa	Individual applicant (Non-exempt countries)	5,000	
21	Emergency Employment visa	Individual applicant Family package (parents and 4 children under 18 years of age) Additional child under 18 years of age	120,000 160,000 15,000	
22	Provisional investor visa	Individual applicant	50,000	51,500
23	Business investor visa	Individual applicant	200,000	206,000
24	Direct investor visa	Individual applicant	300,000	309,000
25	Permanent investor visa	Individual applicant	3,000,000	3,090,000
26	Short term employment visa	Individual applicant	If less than 1 month – 50,000 if less than 5 months – 100,000	51,500 of less than 1 month 103,000 if less than 5 months
27	Employment visa	Individual applicant	250,000	257,000
28	Residential leasehold owner visa	Individual applicant Family of 4 package	57,600 200,000	59,330
29	Agriculture leasehold owner visa	Individual applicant	300,000	
30	Commercial leasehold owner visa	Individual applicant	500,000	
31	Bridging visa	Individual applicant	15,000	15,450
32	Religious visa	Individual applicant Family of 4	10,000 20,000	10,300 20,600
33	Development support visa	Individual applicant Family of 4 Approval letter from the Director of Foreign Affairs for the exemption of fees	10,000 100,000	10,300 15,450 for family of four and children under 18 years are exempted Exempted

34	Close family visa	Individual applicant Child under 18 years old	60,000 5,000	61,800 5,150
35	Social exchange visa	(a) The applicant under sub-paragraphs 12W(a), (i) and (ii) are exempt. (b) The applicant under subparagraph 12W(a) (iii), who makes profit out of the activity then will be charge. (c) The applicant under paragraph (b) will be exempt if the activity creates no profit. (d) Any Sponsored Media activities will pay a fee of 100,000VT. (e) The students on attachments are exempt.	60,000 5,000	Exempt 61,800 Exempt 103,000 Exempt
36	Retiree visa	Individual applicant	300,000	309,000
37	Diplomatic visa		Exempted	Exempt
38	Student visa	Under 18 years 18 years over	5,000 15,000	5,150 15,450
39	Ni-Vanuatu descent visa	Individual applicant	20,000	20,600
40	Residence Visa during Disaster Recovery Process	The applicant is 18 years of age or more and has applied for a residence visa for a period of 1 year	Exempted	

TABLE 3 – COUNTRIES EXPEMPTED FROM PAYING VISA APPLICATION CHARGES

(Clause 7)

1	Cook Islands
2	Federated States of Micronesia
3	Fiji
4	Kiribati
5	Marshall Islands
6	Nauru
7	Niue
8	Palau
9	Papua New Guinea
10	Samoa
11	Solomon Islands
12	Tokelau
13	Tonga
14	Tuvalu

DECLARATION OF RESIDENCE STATUS

I, ... declare that I am the true recipient of a residence visa issued under the PR Program.

Visa Card No.: .....

Date of Issue.: .....

Declaration Card No.: .....

Confirmed by: .....
Director of the Vanuatu Immigration Services

Declared this ..... day of ....., 20..... at ....., Vanuatu.

SCHEDULE 2

ROAD MAP OF THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT IMMIGRATION PLAN

1. Introduction

In the present global economic climate, many jurisdictions around the world have adopted or are in the process of adopting plans to attract foreign capital investment in exchange for the right to be granted residence and/or citizenship. At the same time, many individuals are concluding that being a resident or citizen of more than one country has the potential to protect their assets and their freedom to travel.

The government of the Republic of Vanuatu recognises the potential for mutual benefit to be derived from implementing such a plan and for that purpose has adopted the Capital Investment Immigration Plan ("CIIP") and, in November 2012, appointed VRS as its exclusive distributor.

This document sets out the criteria and conditions of CIIP.

2. The Present Position

Under the laws of Vanuatu, prior to the adoption of CIIP, a foreign national may only apply for citizenship of Vanuatu upon completion of a period of 10 years of normal residence in Vanuatu, the definition of which requires either the personal presence of the applicant in Vanuatu during the period of residence or, at least, the maintenance of the applicant's principal family home in Vanuatu.

The CIIP program provides a means by which investors who comply with the conditions of the plan may enjoy the exclusive privilege of being granted citizenship following a significantly reduced and less stringent period of residence.

3. The Benefits

Upon application and compliance with the criteria of CIIP and completion of all necessary due diligence investigation, an investor applicant and his or her spouse and dependants under the age of 21 are to be granted the following rights:

(a) Residence -

The right to enter and reside in Vanuatu for a period of 7 years renewable, subject to continued compliance with the conditions of CIIP, for further periods of 7 years;

(b) Citizenship -

(i) the right to be granted citizenship of Vanuatu upon holding and complying with the conditions of a CIIP residence permit for a period of 2 years from its grant; or

(ii) the right to be granted citizenship of Vanuatu within a period of 9 months from the grant of a CIIP residence permit upon complying with the conditions of paragraph 13C(1)(b) of the citizenship Act [CAP 112].

4. Conditions of Qualification

To qualify for the above benefits, the applicant must fulfil the conditions set out in this section.

(a) Investment -

The applicant must invest the sum of US$170,000 payable by the instalments set out in section 5, or sooner applied in the manner set out in clause 6 and placed through a Vanuatu international company as provided in subclause 4(d).

(b) Fees –

The applicant must pay the following fees in addition to making the above investment;

(i) Marketing fee payable to Vanuatu Registry Services Ltd - US$20,000;

(ii) Fee for the grant of the residence permit - US$5,320;

(iii) Processing fee to the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission - US$2,680;

(iv) *(Repealed)*

(v) Fee for the grant of citizenship - US$ 10,000;

(vi) Fee for application of citizenship-US$250;

(vii) Fee for Passport US$150.

(c) Expedition Fee -

(i) if the applicant wishes to be granted citizenship within 9 months from the grant of the residence permit under paragraph 13C(1)(b) of the Citizenship Act [CAP 112], the applicant's company must waive repayment of Government bonds and donate to the Vanuatu Government a further 25% of the investor's investment as therein provided by way of transfer of shares in Capital Investment Immigration Fund Ltd.

(ii) if the applicant wishes to be granted citizenship within 3 months from the grant of the residence permit the applicant's company must waive repayment of its government bonds and transfer to the Vanuatu Government all of its shares in Capital Investment Immigration Fund Ltd.

(d) Vanuatu International Company -

The applicant's investment must be made through a Vanuatu international company ("Company") with a name of the applicant's choice (subject to approval by Vanuatu Financial Services Commission ("VFSC"). The incorporation fee of the Company will be included in the fees set out in subclause (b) of this section but the applicant will be required to maintain the Company in good standing by paying to VRS for the provision of registered office and registered agent services (including the annual fee payable to VFSC) a fee not exceeding, during the period of the investment, the sum of US$1,000.

(e) *(Repealed)*

(f) Residence -

Upon satisfying the conditions of subclause 4(d) and subclause 4(e) the applicant is eligible to apply for a residence permit. The applicant and his qualifying dependants must be physically resident in Vanuatu for an aggregate period of not less than 30 days at some time between the date of grant of the residence permit and 36 months following the grant of citizenship. Such residence is necessary to avoid third party countries refusing to accord to applicants the rights granted to other Vanuatu citizens on the grounds that the applicant's passport was not obtained by virtue of a period of residence.

(g) Oath of Allegiance -

The applicant and any dependant of the applicant over the age of 12 years seeking the grant of citizenship are to take and subscribe to an oath of allegiance or make a solemn affirmation in the form set out in the Citizenship Act.

4A. Fees for marketing agents

Marketing agents in contract with VRS may charge additional fees for their ancillary services provided that the total cost shall not exceed US$260,000.

5. Instalment Payments

The investment sum and fees will be payable to VRS by the following instalments or sooner:

(a) upon submission of the application – US$100,000 comprising US$75,000 of investment and US$25,000 of fees;

(b) upon grant of citizenship - US$110,000 comprising US$95,000 of investment and US$15,000 of fees.

6. Application of Investment

The investment amount will be applied as follows:

(a) Government Bonds -

US$60,000 of the investment sum will purchase 7-year zero-coupon bonds issued by the Reserve Bank of Vanuatu ("RBV");

(b) Bank Deposit -

US$60,000 of the investment sum will be deposited with either National Bank of Vanuatu or Vantu Bank Ltd for the period of 7 years from the date of grant of the residence permit.

(c) Investment -

US$50,000 of the investment sum will be invested in the purchase of preference shares in Capital Investment Immigration Fund Ltd ("CIIF"), a company formed for the express purpose of managing the investment of applicants' investment sums with preference (subject to prudent investment diversification and security) for qualified investments that promote the development of Vanuatu or otherwise benefit Vanuatu.

The Board of Directors of CIIF comprises representatives of VRS, Vantu Bank Ltd and the Vanuatu government. CIIF will issue a prospectus for the placement of its preference shares to be registered with VFSC.

7. Limitations

The category of citizenship granted to applicants will be full citizenship, not economic citizenship or any other category different from that enjoyed by native-born citizens. However, certain privileges of citizenship may not be exercised so long as the citizen is the holder of dual nationality.

SCHEDULE 3

PERMANENT RESIDENCE PROGRAM (GREATER CHINA, HONG KONG, MACAU AND TAIWAN)

1. Introduction

The Permanent Residence (PR) Program is established for the purpose to attract investors to Vanuatu. This is an initiative of the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu ("the Government") to attract foreign capital investment.

The Government in adopting the PR Program is convinced in adopting this program that it will be beneficial and appoints PRG Consulting Limited as its exclusive agent.

2. Authorisation

(1) The Government authorizes PRG Consulting Limited through a Contract Agreement with the Government to act on its behalf as agents for the PR Program.

(2) The PRG Consulting Limited has the responsibilities to explore and facilitate the development and promotion of Vanuatu as a destination for potential investment opportunities in the Greater China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

(3) The PRG Consulting Limited are entitled to present itself as an authorized officer to deal with PR Program on behalf of the Government.

3. Scope of Application

The PR Program is to apply to Greater China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

4. Period of residence

The PR Program is a Government initiative for the granting of residence where a person has a Permanent Residence visa valid for a period of 10 years and is renewable.

5. Privileges and requirements

(1) A person granted a Permanent Residence visa may:

(a) enter into Vanuatu with his or her Permanent Residence visa card; and

(b) reside in Vanuatu for the period set out in clause 4; and

(c) engage in a business activity in Vanuatu.

(2) if a person granted a Permanent Residence visa intends to engage in a business activity in Vanuatu, he or she must:

(a) register with the Department of Labour for employment; and

(b) register with the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission.

SCHEDULE 4

PERMANENT RESIDENCE PROGRAM (MIDDLE EAST, INDIA, AFRICA, EUROPE, AMERICAS, PACIFIC REGION AND SOUTH EAST ASIA REGION)

1. Introduction

The Permanent Residence (PR) Program is established for the purpose to attract investors to Vanuatu. This is an Initiative of the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu ("the Government") to attract foreign capital investment.

The Government in adopting the PR Program is convinced in adopting this program that it will be beneficial and appoints Agents.

2. Authorisation

(1) The Government authorizes Agents through a Contract Agreement with the Government to act on its behalf as Agents for the PR Program.

(2) The Agents have the responsibilities to explore and facilitate the development and promotion of Vanuatu as a destination for potential investment opportunities in the regions.

(3) The Agents are entitled to present themselves as an authorized officer to deal with the PR Program on behalf of the Government.

3. Scope of Application

The PR Program is to apply to Middle East, India, Africa, Europe, Americas, Pacific Region and South East Asia Region.

4. Period of residence

The PR Program is a Government initiative for the granting of residence where a person has a Permanent Residence visa valid for a period of 10 years and is renewable.

5. Privileges and Requirements

(1) A person granted Permanent Residence visa may:

(a) enter into Vanuatu with his or her Permanent Residence visa card; and

(b) reside in Vanuatu for the period set out in clause 4; and

(c) engage in a business activity in Vanuatu.

(2) If a person granted a Permanent Residence visa intends to engage in a business activity in Vanuatu, he or she must:

(a) register with the Department of Labour for employment; and

(b) register with the Vanuatu Financial Service Commission.

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