

High Commission of the Republic of Mauritius CANBERRA

INFORMATION NOTE ON VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants for a **tourist visa** are required to submit the following documents to the Mauritius High Commission:

- 1. Duly filled in Visa Application Form (available on http://passport.gov.mu/English//DOCUMENTS/VISA_%20FORM_MTIUS.PDF)
- 2. Certified true copy of passport, including bio data page and visa pages. Visa status in Australia (if on tourist visa, application should be made from your country of origin).
- 3. Confirmation of booking for accommodation in Mauritius (letter/email from the hotel). If the applicant is sponsored by a Mauritian citizen, the latter should provide:
 - a) A letter of Sponsorship stating:
 - i) Name, address,
 - ii) Telephone number,
 - iii) Profession of the sponsor and
 - iv) Relationship with the applicant,
 - b) Copy of his/her National Identity Card
 - c) Copy of his/her recent utility bill.
- 4. Evidence of sufficient funds to meet the costs of stay in Mauritius i.e. a minimum of US\$ 100.00 per day, (recent bank statement).
- 5. A self-addressed registered envelope.
- 6. 2 identical passport-sized photographs.

Applicants must also satisfy the following before travelling to Mauritius:

- 1. Hold a passport which is valid beyond the intended period of stay.
- 2. Hold a valid return ticket to your country of origin or residence (travel plan from a registered travel agency).
- 3. Be eligible to re-enter the country of origin or residence.
- 4. Do not engage in any gainful activities in Mauritius.

NOTE: Kindly note that it takes approximately 3 to 4 weeks to process the visa application on a case to case basis. The Mauritius High Commission only verifies and send the application to the Passport and Immigration Office in Mauritius for further processing and approval. Therefore, it is only the Passport and Immigration Office in Mauritius which has the right for the approval or refusal of a visa.

A visa is an official acknowledgment issued by the Immigration Office of Mauritius, indicating that your application to enter Mauritius has been reviewed by an Immigration officer and that the officer has determined you are <u>eligible</u> to enter or transit in Mauritius for a specific purpose.

A visa therefore, simply allows the bearer to travel to Mauritius up a port of entry and <u>does not</u> implicitly guarantee right of admission into Mauritius. The final decision to admit a non-citizen rests with the Immigration officer after examination at the point of entry in Mauritius. He/she decides how long the person can stay for any particular visit.

Visa Administrative Processing Fee

A visa application processing fee of AU\$ 14.00 is charged to applicants. A money order to <u>AU\$ 14.00</u> in favour of <u>Mauritius High Commission</u> must also be submitted.

Visa Application Form

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Visa Requirements in Mauritius

Caution: Passengers arriving without a visa (if required) may be repatriated to their country of origin or residence at the transporting carrier's expenses.

Note: You are required to state whether you have previously travelled to Mauritius; if in the affirmative, please mention the dates and purpose of visit and the duration of stay.