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ONLINE SYSTEM – WORK PERMITS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS

Introduction

In line with Tanzania's efforts to move labour and immigration permits application processes online, a new system which is the Online Work permit Application and Issuance System (OWAIS) has been developed by the Prime Minister's Office-Policy, Parliament, Coordination, Labour, Youth, Employment and Persons with Disability (Ministry of Labour) to enable applicants to electronically submit their applications for Work/Residence Permit, pay required fees, receive status notification and grant notice online through their email accounts.

The system was launched officially in August. With the new system (OWAIS), there will be improved application approval process which allow permits to be issued expeditiously.

Work Permits

Below are the classes of work permits that one can apply for via the OWAIS which are to be approved by the Labour Commissioner under the Ministry of Labour:

Classes	Non- Citizens
Work Permits Class A	Investors or self employed
Work Permit Class B	Non-citizen in possession of prescribed professions
Work Permit Class C	Non-citizen in possession of other professions
Work Permit Class D	Non-citizens employed or engaged in approved religious or charitable activities
Work Permit Class E	Refugees

Residence Permits

The system integrates the labour and immigration permits, hence once the permit application has been scrutinized by the Labour Commissioner for work permit and appropriate decision made, the system then forwards the application to the Commissioner General of Immigration to process the application and make a decision for residence permit.

The types of Residence Permits are:

Classes	Non- Citizens
Residence Permit – Class A	Self-employed foreigners (investors)
Residence Permit – Class B	Expatriates working in company/ private institutions
Residence Permit – Class C	Other class of foreigners such as researchers, retired persons, Missionaries, Volunteers etc

It should be noted that after payment of the requisite fees, the applicant will be required to report to the nearest Immigration Office for biometric information...

Approval of Application

Upon approval of the application, an e-permit smart card will be issued containing details of work and residence permit.

Conclusion

RSM Eastern Africa provides work permit processing services. Should you require our assistance, please reach out to us.

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