

Pilot Program for Issuance of Electronic Visa to Foreign Nationals Entering Vietnam

On 25 January 2017, the Government promulgated Decree No.07/2017/ND-CP regarding the process and procedure for a pilot program for qualified foreign nationals to apply for electronic visas prior to entering Vietnam (“**Decree 07**”)

Subjects of application for issuance of electronic visa

Foreign nationals who are citizens from any of the 40 nations prescribed in the Annex attached to Decree 07 (hereinafter as “**Foreign Nationals**”), shall qualify to apply for electronic visa prior to entering Vietnam, such as: Korea, the United States of America, Germany, Japan, Italy, France, China (not applicable to citizens having a popular electronic visa), Russia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland...

Process and Procedure for Issuance of Electronic Visa Upon Application for Qualified Foreign Nationals

- i. A qualified applicant can access the online application for issuance of electronic visa at the Vietnamese Department of Immigration website at <https://www.xuatnhapcanh.gov.vn> or the English domain name being <https://www.immigration.gov.vn>;

The applicant will complete and submit an online application along with a photo and passport data page;

- ii. The applicant will obtain the code of online dossier and pay the visa fee to the account specified on the electronic visa application Website;
- iii. The Department of Immigration shall verify, process and makes its decision on the electronic visa

application website within 03 (three) working days upon receiving all necessary information and payment from the applicant;

- iv. Upon approval of application for issuance of an electronic visa, the approved applicant is required to print out the electronic visa under a required Form.

The List of Ports of Entry Allowing Foreign Nationals to Enter or Exit by Electronic Visas

Foreign Nationals who hold electronic visa are allowed to enter and exit through:

- i. Air ports of entry consist of the following international airports: (i) Noi Bai; (ii) Tan Son Nhat; (iii) Cam Ranh; (iv) Da Nang; (v) Cat Bi; (vi) Can Tho; (vii) Phu Quoc; (viii) Phu Bai;
- ii. Land ports of entry consist the of following border gates: (i) Mong Cai/Quang Ninh province; (ii) Huu Nghi/Lang Son province; (iii) Lao Cai/Lao Cai province; (iv) Nam Can/Nghe An province; (v) Cau Treo/Ha Tinh province; Cha Lo/Quang Binh province; (vi) Lao Bao/Quang Tri province; (vii) Bo Y/Kon Tum province; (viii) Moc Bai/Tay Ninh province; (ix) Xa Mat/Tay Ninh province; (x) Tinh Bien and Song Tien/An Giang province; and (xi) Ha Tien/Kien Giang province;
- iii. Sea ports of entry consist of the following seaports: (i) Hon Gai/Quang Ninh; (ii) Hai Phong; (iii) Nha Trang/Khanh Hoa province; (iv) Da Nang; (v) Quy Nhon/Binh Dinh province; (vi) Vung Tau/Ba Ria – Vung Tau province; (vii) Ho Chi Minh city.

Decree 07 takes effect within 2 years from 01 February 2017 to 31 January 2019.

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