

## REPUBLIC OF SURINAME



### MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Government of the Republic of Suriname has decided to unilaterally abolish the requirement to obtain a visa to enter the Republic of Suriname for all countries to further facilitate the movement of persons to Suriname for purposes of tourism and for family visits for a period of 90 days, which will enter into force on July 01, 2022.

In accordance with this unilateral visa exemption, abovementioned nationals who are going to travel visa free, starting July 01, 2022 and nationals who are currently travelling visa free under the existing bilateral visa exemption agreements to the Republic of Suriname, shall pay on each entry to the territory of the Republic of Suriname an Entry-Fee of US\$ 25 or € 25, to be paid via the online application of VFS Global Suriname (<https://suriname.vfsevisa.com>).

#### 1. What is the “Entry Fee”?

The “Entry Fee” is the amount that every foreigner who travels visa free to Suriname must pay upon each entry. On presentation of the Entry Fee Voucher at the Immigration checkpoint, the traveller will be granted entry to the territory of the Republic of Suriname.

#### 2. How to pay the Entry Fee?

- i. The Entry Fee can be paid via the VFS Web application.
- ii. For the first three months passengers will also be able to pay the Entry Fee at the Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport or the Zorg en Hoop airport at the Consular office.
- iii. Persons traveling from French Guyana can pay the Entry Fee at the Consulate General of the Republic of Suriname in Cayenne and at the Dependence of the Consulate General at Saint Laurent Du Maroni in French Guyana.
- iv. Persons traveling from Guyana can pay the Entry Fee upon arrival in Suriname at Canawaima Management N.V. at Southdrain, Nickerie.

#### 3. What documents are required when paying the “Entry Fee”?

A valid passport with a validity of at least 6 months.

#### 4. How much do you pay for the Entry Fee?

The Entry Fee is \$25 or €25 and is paid for each entry into Suriname.

#### 5. How long can you stay in Suriname by paying the Entry Fee?

From the day of entry, foreigners can stay in Suriname for up to 90 days.

#### 6. What if someone who has arrived in Suriname and has paid the Entry Fee and leaves for another country before the expiry of the 90 days but returns within the 90 days. Does he/she have to pay again?

Yes, the person or persons involved will have to pay the Entry Fee again.

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**7. Who will pay the Entry Fee?**

The following persons are required to pay the Entry Fee:

- i. Persons from all countries who will travel to Suriname with the purpose tourism and or family visit
- ii. Persons who were born in Suriname and currently have another nationality.
- iii. Persons who have the nationality of one of the countries with which Suriname has an existing bilateral visa abolition agreement and as a result are exempted from the visa requirement.

**8. Which persons, countries or International Organizations are excluded from this measure?**

The following persons are exempted from the payment of the Entry Fee.

- i. Residents of Suriname including PSA Card holders
- ii. Citizens of all Member Countries of the CARICOM.
- iii. Holders of diplomatic, service, official and Laissez Passer travel documents.
- iv. Persons who are holders of:
  - a. A valid visa or tourist card until the visa has expired
  - b. A valid PSA-document

**9. Does this arrangement also apply to family members of persons born in Suriname?**

This arrangement also applies to family members of persons who were born in Suriname and who currently hold another nationality.

**10. Can Surinamese citizens also travel visa-free to one of the countries for which the visa requirement is exempted?**

Surinamese citizens can only travel visa-free to the countries with whom we have concluded Bilateral Visa Abolishing Agreements.

**11. Can you also work and study in Suriname under this arrangement?**

Persons can only travel to Suriname visa-free for purposes of tourism and/or family visits. Persons traveling for business or wishing to work and study in Suriname will need to apply for the appropriate visa (business visa or short stay visa respectively).

**12. Will the previous measures lapse the existing ones; PSA, visa-free travel for people over 65, Visa-free travel for people of Surinamese origin?**

The PSA arrangement is still in affect and with this new measure Holders of the PSA document or Card are exempted from payment of the Entry Fee. The measure regarding visa-free travel for people over 65 remains, but persons who make use of this arrangement will also be subject to the Entry Fee.

**13. Do persons who still have a valid visa have to pay the Entry Fee?**

Persons with a valid visa do not have to pay the Entry Fee. The Entry Fee will only have to be paid for each entry after the visa has expired.