



GES Immigration Alert

Indonesia

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Recent Changes in Immigration – Presidential Regulation No. 21 of 2016 concerning Visa-Free Visit

(1) Overview

Effective 10 March 2016, based on Presidential Regulation No. 21 of 2016, the Indonesian Government has exempted nationals from 169 countries from the obligation to obtain a visa to visit Indonesia. This regulation replaces Presidential Regulation No. 69 of 2015 (effective 10 June 2015) and its amendment Presidential Regulation No. 104 of 2015 (September 2015), which granted visa exemption to nationals from 45 countries and 90 countries, respectively. The expansion of the visa exemption facility is expected to increase the number of tourists visiting Indonesia and also provide, in general, benefits for economic development.

(2) Changes

This new regulation adopts the principle of reciprocity and the principle of benefit. Exception is only applied for journalistic activity. Further guidance, relating to the purpose or activities for visiting Indonesia for which the visa exemption can be granted, immigration checkpoints, and the procedure for entering and exiting Indonesian territory, is yet to be stipulated in a Ministerial Regulation. While awaiting the issuance of the Ministerial Regulation, the Directorate General of Immigration has issued a circular letter addressed to the Heads of Regional Offices of the Ministry of Law and Human Rights throughout Indonesia to provide guidance to all immigration officials/officers concerning the purpose of arrival for the recipients of the visa exemption, which include:

- Tourism;
- Family;
- Social;
- Art and Culture;
- Government duties;
- Giving lectures or taking part in seminars;
- Taking part in international exhibitions;
- Attending a meeting held with a head office or representative in Indonesia; and
- In transit to another country.

Below are further details on Presidential Regulation No. 21 of 2016:

NO	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
1.	Types of purpose of arrival for Recipients of Free Visit Visa (Bebas Visa Kunjungan):	Referring to the circular letter from the Directorate General of Immigration mentioned above: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tourism; ➤ Family; ➤ Social; ➤ Art and Culture; ➤ Government duties; ➤ Giving lectures or taking part in seminars; ➤ Taking part in international exhibitions; ➤ Attending a meeting held with a head office or representative in Indonesia; and ➤ In-transit to another country. Note: This regulation does not apply for conducting journalistic activities and education purposes.
2.	Requirements	It is advisable that the individual's passport has validity of at least six months and that the individual has a return ticket or connecting ticket.
3.	Length of Stay	Eligible to enter and remain in Indonesia without a visa for 30 days. The visa exemption facility cannot be extended or changed to another type of permit.

The following pages show the list of countries eligible for Visa-Free Visit.

(3) Deloitte's View

The expansion of the countries eligible for Visa-Free Visit will have positive impact on international relationships and also on Indonesia's economy. Tourism has been an important component of the Indonesian economy and also a significant source of its foreign exchange revenue. The government has been actively promoting tourism to Indonesia. This regulation is expected to help boost the number of visitors to Indonesia and contribute to economic development in Indonesia.

Below is the list of countries eligible for Visa-Free Visit:

List of Visa-Free Countries Presidential Regulation No. 21 of 2016							
1	Albania	44	Egypt	86	Madagascar	128	San Marino
2	Algeria	45	El Salvador	87	Malawi	129	Sao Tome and Principe
3	Andorra	46	England (United Kingdom)	88	Malaysia	130	Senegal
4	Angola	47	Estonia	89	Maldives	131	Serbia
5	Antigua and Barbuda	48	Fiji	90	Mali	132	Seychelles
6	Argentina	49	Finland	91	Malta	133	Singapore
7	Armenia	50	France	92	Marshall Islands	134	Saudi Arabia
8	Australia	51	Gabon	93	Mauritania	135	South Africa
9	Austria	52	Gambia	94	Mauritius	136	South Korea (Republic)
10	Azerbaijan	53	Georgia	95	Mexico	137	Solomon Islands
11	Bahama	54	Germany	96	Moldova	138	Slovakia
12	Bahrain	55	Ghana	97	Monaco	139	Slovenia
13	Bangladesh	56	Grenada	98	Mongolia	140	Spain
14	Barbados	57	Greece	99	Morocco	141	Sri Lanka
15	Belarus	58	Guatemala	100	Mozambique	142	Suriname
16	Belgium	59	Guyana	101	Myanmar	143	Swaziland
17	Belize	60	Haiti	102	Namibia	144	Sweden
18	Benin	61	Honduras	103	Nauru	145	Switzerland
19	Bhutan	62	Hungary	104	Nepal	146	Taiwan
20	Bolivia	63	Hong Kong (SAR of China)	105	Netherlands	147	Tajikistan
21	Bosnia and Herzegovina	64	India	106	New Zealand	148	Tanzania
22	Botswana	65	Iceland	107	Nicaragua	149	Thailand
23	Brazil	66	Ireland	108	Norway	150	Papua New Guinea
24	Brunei Darussalam	67	Italy	109	Oman	151	Togo
25	Bulgaria	68	Ivory Coast	110	Palau	152	Tonga
26	Burkina Faso	69	Jamaica	111	Palestine	153	Trinidad and Tobago
27	Burundi	70	Japan	112	Panama	154	Tunisia
28	Cambodia	71	Jordan	113	Papua New Guinea	155	Turkey
29	Canada	72	Kazakhstan	114	Paraguay	156	Turkmenistan
30	Cape Verde	73	Kenya	115	Peru	157	Tuvalu
31	Chad	74	Kiribati	116	Philippines	158	Uganda
32	Chile	75	Kuwait	117	Poland	159	Ukraine
33	China	76	Kyrgyzstan	118	Portugal	160	United Arab Emirates
34	Costa Rica	77	Laos	119	Puerto Rico	161	United States of America
35	Comoros	78	Latvia	120	Qatar	162	Uruguay
36	Croatia	79	Lebanon	121	Romania	163	Uzbekistan
37	Cuba	80	Lesotho	122	Russia	164	Vanuatu
38	Cyprus	81	Liechtenstein	123	Rwanda	165	Vatican City (Holy See)
39	Czech Republic	82	Lithuania	124	Saint Kitts and Nevis	166	Venezuela
40	Denmark	83	Luxemburg	125	Saint Lucia	167	Vietnam
41	Commonwealth of Dominica	84	Macao (SAR of China)	126	Saint Vincent and Grenadines	168	Zambia
42	Dominican Republic	85	Macedonia (Republic)	127	Samoa	169	Zimbabwe
43	Ecuador						

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