

Immigration Act No.17 of 2010 Regulation 15

#### Application for a Special Category Visa

Please read this information carefully before you complete your application.

#### Who should use this form?

- Use this form if you are applying for a Special Category visa to come to Vanuatu as a diplomatic representative, employee of the Government of Vanuatu or on secondment to the Government, or if you intend to work for an approved donor agency. A Special Category visa may be granted for a period of *up to five years*.
- Only one form needs to be completed by the applicant and any family members included in the application. You may include your spouse (married or de facto) and any dependent children in your application.
- There is no visa application charge payable for a Special Category visa.
- People granted a Special Category visa must be willing to abide by the following visa conditions:
  - ✓ the visa holder must comply with all laws of Vanuatu;
  - ✓ the visa holder must not behave in a manner that is prejudicial to peace, good order, good government or public morality in Vanuatu;
  - ✓ the visa holder must inform Vanuatu Immigration of any significant changes in his or her personal or financial circumstances;
  - ✓ the holder of the visa must not cease to undertake the activity on the basis of which his or her visa was granted; and
  - ✓ the holder of the visa must not engage in any employment or commercial or business activities unless the employment or business or commercial activities are the basis of which his or her visa was granted.
- Please complete the form by printing clearly in block letters. All dates should be shown in the format: dd/mm/yyyy (eg 20/08/1980).
- Please be aware that incomplete or partially complete applications will not be accepted. Information in a language other than English, French or Bislama needs to be translated by a certified translator into one of these languages.
- Please post the completed and signed visa application form with certified copies of relevant documents (listed on the visa application checklist) and the correct visa application charge to the address below.

#### Vanuatu Immigration Service Private Mail Bag 9092 Port Vila Vanuatu

• If you have any questions regarding this application, visa requirements and/or visa conditions please contact Vanuatu Immigration on:

#### Telephone: +678 22354 or Email: visqueries@vanuatu.gov.vu

	Applicant Checklist – Special Category visa	
1	<b>Special Category Visa Application Form</b> – completed and signed by you and each person included in your application aged 18 years and over	
2	If you are in Vanuatu: Valid <b>Passport</b> ; or	
	If you are outside Vanuatu: certified copy of bio-data page and all used passport pages for you and all people included in your application	
3	<b>2 recent passport sized photographs</b> of you and each person included in your application with names of the person on the back of their photograph	
	Note: Passport must be the one you will use on entry to Vanuatu	
4	If you or a person included in your application is aged under 18 years: certified copy of birth certificate*	
5	If you or a person included in your application is aged 18 years or above: original Police certificate* from all countries you resided in for 12 months or more in the last 5 years	
6	If you or a person included in your application is aged 18 years or above: Medical examination completed by a registered medical practitioner*	
7	<b>If you or a person included in your application is married:</b> certified copy of marriage certificate*	
8	If you or a person included in your application has been widowed: certified copy of death certificate*	
9	<b>If you or a person included in your application has been divorced:</b> certified copy of divorce certificate*	
10	A letter recommending that you be granted a visa from:	
	• the Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs on the basis of being a diplomatic representative in Vanuatu or a family member of such a person; or	
	• the Public Service, Police, Teaching or Judiciary Commissioner on the basis of be- ing an employee of a Government Department or seconded to a Government Department or a family member of such a person; or	
	• the head of a donor agency on the basis that the person will be working for that agency in Vanuatu or a family member of such a person and the donor agency is:	

- an agency or Foreign Government approved by the Director of Foreign Affairs or an organisation operating on a not for profit basis in Vanuatu; and
- $\circ$  the agency will be providing development assistance to Vanuatu.

People who apply for a special category visa are permitted to include their partner and any dependent children (under 21 years of age) in their application.

Note\*: Supporting documents not in English, French or Bislama must be translated into one of these languages.

#### Applicant's Details

1.	How many people are included in this application?			
2.	2. Give your details as shown on your passport.			
	Family Name			
	Given Names			
3.	3. Have you been known by any other name?			
	No			
	YesPlease give details and provide supporting documentation			
	Family Name			
	Given Names			
4.	4. Gender			
	Male Female			
5.	5. Date of birth			
6.	6. Place of birth			
	Town/city Country			
7.	7. Nationality			
8.	8. Your passport details			

Country of Passport	
Passport number	
Place of issue	
Date of Issue	Date of Expiry
9. Do you hold any other citizenship	o?
No	
Yes If yes, please speci	fy
10. Relationship Status	
Married De facto	Engaged
Separated Divorced	Widowed Single
Name of partner/ spouse/ fiancé	
Date of birth	
11. Your country of usual residence	

12. Your residential address in your country of usual residence

13. Your telephone numbers outside Vanuatu (include country and area code)

Office hours	
After hours	

### 14. Address for correspondence.

#### 15. Do you agree to Vanuatu Immigration communicating with you by fax or e-mail?

No					
Yes [		If yes, plea	se give details		
Fax nui	mber				
E-mail address					
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#### 16. Please give details of your family members included in your application.

Members of your family may include your spouse or de-facto partner and your dependent children

(a)	Family Name	
	Given Names	
	Date of birth	
	Country of Passport	
	Passport number	
	Place of issue	
	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry
(b)	Family Name	
	Given Names	
	Date of birth	
	Country of Passport	
	Passport number	
	Place of issue	
	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry
(c)	Family Name	
	Given Names	

	Date of birth	
	Country of Passport	
	Passport number	
	Place of issue	
	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry
(d)	Family Name	
	Given Names	
	Date of birth	
	Country of Passport	
	Passport number	
	Place of issue	
	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry

If you have more than 4 family members included in your application please attach a page to your application with the required information asked above.

#### Family members included in your application who are under 18 years of age

# 17. If a family member included in your application is aged under 18 years of age, do you have the sole right to determine where they will live?

Yes	Go to Question 18
No	Please give details of the person who has this right below
Family Name	
Given Names	
Date of birth	
Address	
Telephone	
Relationship	to dependent applicant
Basis of legal	right

Please attach statutory declaration from this person (unless they are included in this application) giving permission for the child to come to Vanuatu.

### 18. Are your dependants subject to a court order giving you the sole right to determine where they live or to remove them from their country of residence?

No	
Yes	Please attach a copy of the court order

#### Details of the purpose of your stay in Vanuatu

#### 19. What is the purpose of your stay in Vanuatu?

Diplomatic representative in Vanuatu
Please specify

Please attach letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs approving your stay in Vanuatu

 $\rightarrow$  Go to Question 22

Employee/Secondment to Government Department

Please specify Department

Please attach letter from the relevant Commissioner approving your stay in Vanuatu

 $\rightarrow$  Go to Question 22

Member of a 'donor agency' Please specify donor agency



#### 20. Is the donor agency an agency or Department of a foreign Government?

No	$\rightarrow$ Go to Question 21
Yes	$\rightarrow$ Go to Ouestion 22

#### Information about the donor agency

#### 21. Please specify in detail:

#### (a) The development assistance that the donor agency is providing to Vanuatu;

Please attach a letter from your donor agency in support of your stay in Vanuatu. The letter must indicate:

- the purpose of the organisation;
- indicate that the organisation is operating in Vanuatu on a not-for-profit basis
- your role/the purpose of your stay in Vanuatu.

#### 22. Your intended date of arrival and departure?

Date from to	.0
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#### 23. Your intended address and telephone number in Vanuatu (if known).

Address	
Telephone	

#### **Previous Visa Applications**

24. Have you or any other person included in your application previously spent any time in Vanuatu?

Yes

If yes, please give the following details

Name of applicant	Date from	Date to	Type of Visa held

No

## 25. Have you or any other person included in your application previously been refused a visa to come to Vanuatu?

No	
Yes	If yes, please give details

#### Health and Character

#### 26. Have you or any person included in your application:

- ever had or currently have tuberculosis?
- been in close contact with a person who has active tuberculosis?

No		
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Yes

If yes, please give details

- 27. Are you or any person included in your application suffering from a contagious disease and/or a mental illness?
  - No

Yes

\_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please give details

If you and any person included in your application are aged 18 years or over and intend to stay in Vanuatu for 12 months or more, you must undertake a medical examination and include the results with your application.

#### 28. Have you or any person included in your application ever:

• been convicted of a criminal offence in any country?	Yes	No
• been charged with an offence that is currently awaiting legal action?	Yes	No 🗌
• been acquitted of any offence on the grounds of mental illness, insanity or unsoundness of mind and as a result been detained in a facility or institution?	Yes	No 🗌
<ul> <li>been removed or are you in the process of removal from any country (including Vanuatu)?</li> </ul>	Yes	No 🗌
• left any country to avoid being prosecuted for an offence in that country or to avoid being removed or deported?	Yes	No 🗌
<ul> <li>had, or do you have, an association with another person or with a group or organisation that is or has been involved in criminal conduct?</li> </ul>	Yes	No 🗌
• been involved in any activities that would represent a risk to the security and defence of Vanuatu?	Yes	No 🗌
• been involved in any activity relating to the illegal movement of people to any country?	Yes	No 🗌
<ul> <li>served in a military force or militia, undergone any military/paramilitary training, or been trained in weapons/explosives use?</li> </ul>	Yes	No 🗌
Do you have any outstanding debts to the government of Vanuatu?	Yes	No 🗌

If you answered **'Yes'** to any of the above questions, you must give ALL the relevant details. If the matter relates to a criminal conviction, please give the nature of the offence, full details of sentence and dates of any period of imprisonment or other detention.

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If you and any person included in your application are aged 18 years or over and your intended period of stay is 12 months or more, you must provide a police clearance certificate from each country you have lived in for 12 months or more in the previous 5 years.

#### 29. Declaration

The declaration below must be signed by all applicants over the age of 18.

- I am aware that giving false or misleading information is a serious offence and may result in a conviction resulting in a fine or imprisonment, the refusal of this visa application or the cancellation of any associated visa.
- I certify the information supplied on and with this form is correct.
- If granted a visa I will abide by all laws of Vanuatu and the conditions of the visa (as specified in the Information section on the front page of this form).
- I will immediately advise Vanuatu Immigration if I become aware that any information provided in this form is incorrect or if there is a change in my personal or economic circumstances.

Signature of applicant		
Name of applicant		
Date		
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Signature of applicant		
Name of applicant		
Date		
Signature of applicant		
Name of applicant		
Date		
Signature of applicant		11

Name of applicant	
Date	

#### 30. Consent to correspond with authorised representative (if applicable)

Through my signature at question 29 above I consent to the Vanuatu Immigration Service corresponding with the following person who is my authorised representative or agent. I understand that this may extend to the provision of personal information about me if relevant to this application.

Name and address of authorised representative

Telep	hone number		
Fax n	umber		
E-ma	il address		