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Work permit renewals are processed in accordance with the Virgin Islands Labour Code, 2010, whilst Food Handler Cards are mandated under the Public Health (Food Hygiene) Regulations, 1972. **Failure to upload a valid card will delay processing.**

For assistance, contact the Department of Labour and Workforce Development at (284) 468-4707 or labour@gov.vg.

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