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**Government Approves Removal of eVisa Requirement for Eligible Entry Permit & Work Permit Holders**

The Department of Immigration is advising the public that Cabinet has approved the removal of the eVisa requirement for nationals of visa-restricted countries who hold valid Entry Permits in the Territory. The change, which is intended to take effect on 15 November 2026, will allow eligible persons to travel to The Virgin Islands without obtaining a separate eVisa, provided they remain compliant with the conditions of their Entry Permits.

The Department of Immigration and the Civil Registry and Passport Office are working together to support the implementation of the new requirements. Persons who qualify for this exemption must still comply with the Territory's other immigration and travel requirements. The visa exemption will cease to apply to Entry Permit holders if their permits expire, are cancelled or are revoked.

The exemption will also apply to dependants of qualifying Entry Permit holders who would otherwise require an eVisa. Dependants will remain eligible as long as the principal Entry Permit holder continues to qualify and their own Entry Permits remain valid. The exemption for a dependant will cease if the principal holder no longer qualifies, if the dependant's Entry Permit expires, is cancelled or revoked, or if the dependant obtains an independent immigration status.

Additionally, persons who have received Work Permit approval through an Immigration Clearance Letter, but have not yet entered the Territory or obtained their physical Work Permit and Entry Permit, will not be required to obtain a visa under this initiative. Persons with visa applications already in progress will still be required to complete the application process and pay the applicable fees.

Premier Dr. Natalio Wheatley, Minister with responsibility for Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation, said “We made a commitment to simplify the immigration process for qualifying entry permit holders, and this decision is part of my government's commitment to deliver on that promise. By removing the separate eVisa requirement for eligible persons who have already received immigration approval, we've made it easier for businesses to access workers and improved the travel experience for many, while maintaining our immigration requirements.”.

The initiative was approved by Cabinet on 30 September 2026 and is implemented through the required Visa Exemption Order Gazetted on 29th October, 2026. For further information or clarification on eligibility, persons are encouraged to contact the Department of Immigration at immigrationinfo@gov.vg or (284) 468-4705 or the Civil Registry and Passport Office at bvivisas@gov.vg or (284) 468-3036.

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