



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION EXTENDED FOR REGISTERED VENEZUELAN NATIONALS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Port of Spain:** The Ministry of National Security wishes to advise that the duration of the Work Permit Exemption granted to Venezuelan nationals in Trinidad and Tobago, registered under the Migrant Registration Framework, has been extended to **December 31, 2023**.

Registered Venezuelan nationals who were issued with Minister's Permits and Migrant Registration Cards are invited to visit the relevant Immigration Division, Enforcement Unit office **during the period June 20, 2023 to July 28, 2023** to process their extended permits and update their Registration Cards.

A list of Minister's Permits numbers will be posted to the Ministry of National Security's website via link <https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/services/workpermit-exemptionextension/>, and social media pages, indicating the **scheduled dates** when persons holding those card numbers must visit the relevant Immigration office.

Registrants are to present the following documents:

- Completed Immigration Form 17A (available on Ministry of National Security's website (via <https://nationalsecurity.gov.tt/services/workpermit-exemptionextension/>))
- Certificate of Character (or receipt, if CoC is not available by the scheduled application date)
- Previously issued Minister's Permit
- Previously issued Registration Card
- Passport- sized photograph (for self and minors declared on application form)

Documents are to be packaged, labelled with registrants' names and updated contact information, and submitted at the relevant Immigration office locations as follows:

1. Immigration Division Enforcement Unit, 135 Henry Street, Port of Spain;
2. Immigration Division Enforcement Unit, No. 2 Knox Street, San Fernando; and
3. Immigration Division Enforcement Unit, Port Authority, Scarborough, Tobago.

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Corporate Communications Unit, General Administration

Temple Court I, 31-33 Abercromby Street, Port of Spain

Ph. – 624-5771 | Fax – 625-3925 | Email – [corpcomm@mns.gov.tt](mailto:corpcomm@mns.gov.tt)

**PLEASE NOTE** that failure to visit the relevant Immigration office by **July 28, 2023** will prevent further processing, and incomplete applications will be considered as withdrawn.

Registrants are urged to inform the Immigration Division of any changes in their address and contact details when they visit the relevant Immigration office. Without accurate and updated contact information, the Immigration Division will be unable to advise the registrant on the status of their application.

Approved applicants will be issued with new Minister's Permits, which will be valid until **December 31, 2023**, and their existing registration cards will be updated with a sticker indicating the date of expiry at December 31, 2023.

In the instances where registration cards have been lost, stolen or mutilated, new cards will only be issued upon completion of the relevant statutory declaration and payment of a **replacement fee of \$500.00**.

Registrants will be advised on the Ministry's website when their Minister's Permits are ready for collection.

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