



# MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### The Immigration Division transitions to Online Payments for eVisas and eStudent Permits

**Port-of-Spain:** The Immigration Division will launch its new ePayment Portal for persons applying for Student Permits and Visas for entry into Trinidad and Tobago effective **March 1, 2024**.

The ePayment Portal will allow for the:

- Online application for eVisas and eStudent Permits
- Payment by online mechanism (using a Credit Card)
- Acknowledgment of the Visa application in real time
- Ability to track the application status
- The online issuance of eVisas and eStudent Permits.

During the transition period from **February 10 – 29, 2024**, please take careful note of the following:

Applications submitted to [immigration.visas@gov.tt](mailto:immigration.visas@gov.tt) will be processed as an application for a visa waiver. This would result in persons receiving approval to pay the visa waiver fee of TT\$400.00 on arrival at the port of entry. This measure **would not be applicable** to holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service passports and citizens of the following Second Schedule countries, namely:

- Cuba
- North Korea
- The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Vietnam and the
- Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

These persons **must continue** to apply via email directly to [immigration.visas@gov.tt](mailto:immigration.visas@gov.tt) or to any Trinidad and Tobago Mission.

- Effective March 1, 2024 this process will be discontinued as the new eVisa Online Portal would be available.

### **Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service passports**

Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service passports **must** apply via the Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, Trinidad and Tobago.

The Ministry of National Security takes the opportunity to acknowledge the dedicated and hard work of the Immigration Division, as this implementation will allow for a more robust, time-efficient, transparent and user-friendly service for our clients who require entry visas and student permits.

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