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**NOTE THESE  
RESTRICTIONS FOR  
A BUSINESS VISA**





**By Regulation 11 of the Nigeria Immigration Regulations 2011 (“the Regulations”), a person wishing to enter Nigeria for business purposes is required to be in possession of a valid entry visa unless the person is from a country or belongs to an organisation whose nationals or members can enter Nigeria visa-free or based on a visa waiver, visa abolition agreement, reciprocity or any international agreement. The categories of countries or organisations whose nationals or members are visa exempt are as follows:**

**1** Exemption based on the Protocols to the ECOWAS Treaty on Free Movement of Persons, Residence and Establishment - All citizens of ECOWAS member states are exempted under this category.

**2** Exemption based on Visa Abolition Agreement between Nigeria and Immigrant's country – Nigeria currently has such an agreement with Cameroun and Chad. Their citizens are, therefore, exempted accordingly.

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**Exemption based on Visa Waiver for International Organisations –Persons on official assignments and carrying Official Travel Documents (Laissez Passer) who are from the following International Organisations are also exempted: the United Nations (UN), the African Union (AU), the ECOWAS Commission, and the African Development Bank (AfDB).**

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**Exemption based on Reciprocal Visa Waiver Agreements between Nigeria and Immigrant's country – Nationals of the following countries who hold Diplomatic or Official Passport are exempted based on existing bilateral or multilateral agreements, on the Principle of Reciprocity: Brazil, China, Cuba, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Rwanda, Singapore, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Turkey, and Venezuela.**



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**There are various immigration approvals applicable to the different categories of exemption, and an immigrant who is visa exempt under any of the categories shall be required to have the appropriate immigration approval .**

**Business visas are short visit visas issued to immigrants into Nigeria for the following specific business-related purposes: to attend business meetings, conferences, seminars, contract negotiation, marketing, sales, procurement of Nigerian goods/services, trade fairs and job interviews.**

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**A person who has been issued a business visa can only undertake the specific purposes highlighted above. A person who has entered Nigeria on a business visa as described is prohibited from working or take up any employment in Nigeria. They also cannot conclude any contracts in Nigeria.**

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