



NEW ENTRY PERMIT FEES AND PROCEDURES

From the 1 October 2011, the Ascension Island Government will bring into force new fees for entry permits. The current fees have not been increased since 2001 and are currently very low compared to visa fees for other countries. Currently the fee is the same for all categories of permit regardless of the purpose of the visit, i.e., employment, transit, tourist, business etc.

The new fees will reflect the various category of visitor and will offer the facility for applicants to pay in advance at a reduced rate compared to paying on arrival. The purpose of this is to help AIG to meet its objective to reduce cash handling throughout its operations.

Another aspect of the new entry permit fees is the facility to have a 'fast track' option; this means that entry permit applications which are received late will be subject to a higher fee which reflects the disruption and extra work involved in processing the application. The new fees are detailed below:

| Condition of Entry | Standard * | | Fast Track** |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Paid in Advance | Paid on arrival | |
| Business | £30.00 | £35.00 | £60.00 |
| Contractor | £30.00 | £35.00 | £60.00 |
| Employment | £20.00 | £25.00 | £40.00 |
| Dependant/Accomp. | £15.00 | £20.00 | £30.00 |
| Tourist | £15.00 | £20.00 | £30.00 |
| Transit | £15.00 | £20.00 | £30.00 |

*for those applying 28 days ahead of proposed arrival, or longer

**for those wishing to arrive within 28 days of application

(those arriving by non-commercial means e.g., yachtsmen will continue to pay the standard fee).

Alongside the new fees are new guidance notes and application forms. These are currently being rolled out and will be available on the Ascension Island Government website (www.ascension-island.gov.ac) soon.

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