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## CAMEROONIAN E-VISA

**Scope of this document:** The present requirements apply only to Transit, Short Stay or Long Stay regular or express visas. These requirements DO NOT apply to Courtesy or Diplomatic visas which are the subject of a separate set of requirements.

Applications for Transit, Short Stay and Long Stay regular or express visas must be submitted exclusively through the online portal [www.evisacam.cm](http://www.evisacam.cm). Travelers can apply online as of **APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**.

**I. Jurisdiction of the Embassy of Cameroon in Washington, DC:** UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BAHAMAS, COSTA RICA, MEXICO, JAMAICA, SAINT CHRISTOPHER AND NEVIS, BELIZE, BERMUDA, GUAM, GUERNSEY, AMERICAN SAMOA, THE WORLD BANK, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF), AND THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE ORGANIZATION (ITSO).

**II. Eligibility:** Eligible applicants include:

- Citizens or staff members of the countries or international organizations listed above;
- Legal residents with a current immigrant or nonimmigrant (**excluding visitor status\***) status in those countries, and their dependents;
- Citizens of countries not covered by any other Cameroonian Embassy/Consulate, and closest geographically to the United States of America.

\* **Individuals who are visitors in the countries listed above are not eligible** and must apply through the Cameroonian Embassy/Consulate that is closest geographically to their country of citizenship.

**III. Types of visas, fees, processing times and categories of travelers:**

- The processing times in the table below apply only to complete files and exclude weekends and Cameroonian and US public holidays.
- Entry-visas are Single-Entry or Multiple-Entries. Travelers may request single-entry or multiple-entries visa. However, the number of entries will ultimately be granted as deemed appropriate by the Embassy of Cameroon in Washington, DC.
- Visas are valid as of their date of issuance and until the expiration date on the visa sticker.

VISA TYPE – VALIDITY	FEES	PROCESSING TIME	CATEGORIES OF TRAVELERS <sup>(a)</sup>
Transit Visa – 5 DAYS	Gratis	1-3 business days	Transit to the country of destination
Short Stay Visa – Up to 6 MONTHS	\$181.82	3 business days	For temporary visitors: Private visitors, tourists, businesspersons, promoters, guests or participants in an event organized in Cameroon, persons of private means, pensioners, healthcare evacuees
Short Stay Express Visa – Up to 6 MONTHS	\$272.73	24 hours	
Long Stay Visa – Up to 1 YEAR	\$272.73	3 business days	Contract workers, independent workers, long-term trainees, students, family members of an alien staying in Cameroon, refugees.
Long Stay Express Visa – Up to 1 YEAR	\$363.64	24 hours	

(a) CATEGORIES OF TRAVELERS as defined in Decree N° 2023/147 of March 02, 2023 to lay down the conditions of implementation of Law N° 97/012 of January 10 1997 to lay down conditions of entry, stay and exit for aliens in Cameroon.

**IV. Overview of the E-visa Process.**

**Phase 1 – Online pre-enrolment:** Apply ONLINE EXCLUSIVELY at [www.evisacam.cm](http://www.evisacam.cm). Create and verify a user account on the platform – Fill-out and validate the online application form – Upload copies (PDF or IMAGE file types) of the **required documents** according to the type of visa and purpose of the trip – Review and confirm the information submitted ⇒ **Receive a confirmation notice by email or text message.**

**Phase 2 – Online payment of required fees:** Pay via the online portal using a debit or credit card (Mastercard or Visa), PayPal, Mobile Money, Orange Money, Mood, Safaricom, Airtel, Vodacom, Africell ⇒ **Receive a payment confirmation notice by email or text message.** Payments made on the platform are nonrefundable.

**Phase 3 – Processing of the application:** For complete application files, the request is processed in **3 business days for regular visas, 24 hours for Express visas, and 1-3 business days for Transit visas.**

(a) For approved requests:

a1. Applicants who reside in Washington, DC, receive a notification of visa approval by text message or email. They must then come to this Embassy in person for their biometric enrolment to receive their visa sticker. **Attention:** Applicants who reside in Washington, DC, cannot travel to a Cameroonian border entry point to obtain their visa sticker, but they must rather come in person to the Embassy.

a2. Applicants who reside outside of Washington, DC, receive an online visa issuance authorization along with a QR code by email. They can choose to either come to this Embassy, or to travel to a Cameroonian border entry point to obtain their visa sticker.

(b) For incomplete or rejected requests:

- If the information/documentation submitted is incomplete or inaccurate (for example, a letter of invitation is not legalized by the Police in Cameroon, or the applicant has submitted proof of the MMR vaccine instead of the Yellow Fever), the request is placed on hold, the applicant is notified by text message/email and must promptly submit the correct documentation through the portal; the processing resumes only once the requested documentation is received. Depending on the volume of applications in process by the Embassy, incomplete files could experience significant delays.

- If it is determined that an applicant is not eligible to apply through this Embassy, or if any of the documentation/information submitted is found to be false (for example, a fake yellow fever immunization card is presented), the application can be rejected and the fees paid forfeited.

**Phase 4 – Biometric Enrolment:** During this phase, visa beneficiaries are required to show original copies of all documents uploaded via the online portal for verification (original passport and supporting documentation), along with the notification of visa approval (for applicants residing in Washington, DC) or the visa issuance authorization and QR code (for applicants reside outside of Washington, DC). An agent takes their fingerprints and photograph ⇒ **A visa sticker is printed and applied inside the passport which must have 2 blank adjacent visa pages (one for the visa sticker and the other one for the entry/exit stamps into/out of Cameroon).**

**This phase is done in person only (no representative allowed), on a walk-in basis Monday through Thursday between 1:00pm and 5:00pm**

**V. Required Documentation:** Documents to submit through the portal, according to the type of visa requested: Preferred file format: PDF. Scan and upload the relevant items (incomplete files will experience processing delays):

1. Biodata page of applicant's passport that will have at least 6 months of validity left on the projected date of travel for Short Stay visas, and more than 6 months of validity left on the projected date of travel for Long Stay visas.
2. Copy of the payment confirmation notice (PDF File) received by email confirming that the required payment was made.
3. Copy of flight ticket to Cameroon showing the travel itinerary (travel dates and transit cities and countries).
4. Legible copy of vaccination certificate showing proof of yellow fever immunization (*not required for infants under 1 year old*). The certificate must **clearly** show a **YELLOW FEVER / FIEVRE JAUNE / STAMARIL vaccine, NOT OTHER VACCINATIONS**. If not immunized against yellow fever, get vaccinated prior to applying for a visa. If you cannot get a yellow fever vaccine for medical reasons, please provide a signed and stamped exemption note/request from your primary care provider.
5. **Proof of financial support (not required for travelers of Cameroonian origin):** Submit the appropriate documentation indicated below:
  - **The traveler will be supporting themselves financially during the trip to Cameroon:** Submit a recent bank statement (less than 3 months old).
  - **Travel expenses will be supported by a third party (individual):** Submit a notarized letter of support along with a copy of a recent bank statement (less than 3 months old) from the third party.
  - **Travel expenses will be supported by the traveler's company/organization:** Submit a signed letter of financial support/responsibility on company letterhead.
  - **The trip is sponsored by an individual/company/organization in Cameroon:** Letter of invitation legalized by the Police in Cameroon confirming that travel expenses will be covered by the inviting party.

**Note #1:** Items 1 to 5 above are mandatory for all applications. Any application lacking these items will immediately be rejected.

6. **Eligible citizens from countries not listed in Section I:** Submit the appropriate documentation indicated below, depending on the case:
  - Permanent residents in one of those countries: **copy (front and back)** of residency permit;
  - Foreigners with a non-immigrant visa and their dependents (e.g.: H1B/H4, G1, G4, etc.): submit a copy of the visa.
  - International students and dependents (F1/F2 visas and similar visas): **copy of most recent form I-20**, and letter from the International Students Office of the school **confirming the validity of the student status** – Exchange visitors and dependents (J1/J2): **copy of current form DS-2019**;
  - For applicants with a pending immigration case: copies of documents justifying that a procedure of adjustment of status is in progress;
7. **Naturalized foreign citizens born in Cameroon:**
  - **If a visa was previously obtained at this Embassy**, submit scanned copies of at least one previous visa.
  - **If applying for a visa for the first time**, once the application has been submitted online, surrender the former Cameroonian passport by mail, include a note bearing your name, phone number, visa application number, and indicating that the former Cameroonian passport is sent as part of an E-visa application (send it to **Embassy of Cameroon – Attn: Consular Section E-Visa, 2349 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008**). Use a trackable envelope (USPS, FedEx or UPS). **If the old Cameroonian passport is lost, provide a scanned copy of a police report (not only a report case number, but an actual report indicating the Cameroonian passport as a lost item) as proof/evidence.**
8. **Visas for minors (Under 18 years old):** Please submit items a, b (if applicable), c and d indicated below:
  - a. Copy of the minor applicant's birth certificate.
  - b. Copy of official/Court documentation assigning guardianship for legal guardians who are not the minor's biological parents.
  - c. Copies of parents/legal guardians' valid identification document (identification card, passport or other) and proof of residency status in their country of residence (copy of US or foreign passport, valid visa, residency permit, I-20 form for students, etc.).
  - d. **Notarized letter of support** jointly signed by both parents/legal guardians expressing agreement for the minor's trip to Cameroon, and specifying who will be traveling with the child. If the letter cannot be signed jointly, 2 separate letters (one for each parent) must be provided.
    - If the child's birth certificate does not bear the father's name, but only the mother's name, she alone will submit this document.
    - If a Parent/legal guardian is NOT physically present in one of the countries listed in Section I: Parents/legal guardians who are in Cameroon must provide a parental authorization legalized by the Police along with certified copies of the biodata page of their Cameroonian passport or national identity card. Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) who are neither in one of the countries in Section I, nor in Cameroon must submit a letter of support legalized at the nearest Cameroonian Embassy/Consulate along with copies of their passport or other identification document.

**Note #2:** Items 6 to 8 above are mandatory for the categories of travelers indicated.

**9. Justification of purpose of visit, of duration of stay and of means/conditions of subsistence for the type of visa requested:**

- a. **Transit Visas (5 days):** Submit:
  - Items 1 through 7 above, as applicable;
  - A visa or an authorization to enter the country of destination, obtained prior to submitting a Transit visa request.
  - Copy of flight ticket or travel itinerary from airline or travel agency confirming the trip itinerary to the intended destination.
- b. **Short Stay Visa (Up to 6 months):** Submit:
  - Items 1 through 7 above, as applicable;
  - For Item 2 above (flight/trip reservation), evidence of round-trip travel must be provided;
  - Additional required items according to the type of visa requested:

**For Tourism:** Be advised that there is no Long Stay Tourist visa. Submit Proof of accommodation: hotel reservation, certificate of accommodation or letter of invitation from a tour operator legalized by the Police.

**For Business:** Submit:

- (1) Company letter guaranteeing financial and legal responsibilities for the traveler for a duration of stay in Cameroon of up to 6 months.
- (2) Warranty of repatriation.
- (3) Letter of introduction from well identified business partner(s) or prospective business partners in Cameroon, legalized by Immigration or Police Authorities.
- (4) If applicable, business contract between traveler(s) and partner(s) in Cameroon, undersigned by Administrative or Immigration Authorities.
- (5) An authorization, when required, issued by competent Authorities to practice a liberal profession or to promote farming, pastoral, industrial, commercial, artisanal, or other activities.

**For Visits:** Submit:

- (1) Letter of invitation from the inviting party for a duration of stay in Cameroon of up to 6 months, or an invitation to an event organized on the National territory, in each case legalized by the Police.
- (2) Proof of hotel reservation, valid for the expected duration of stay or Certificate of Accommodation issued by the inviting party, and legalized by territorially competent Immigration or Police Authorities.
- (3) Proof of marital or parental relationship respectively for a spouse or a child of a Cameroonian citizen, or a U.S. citizen of Cameroonian origin (examples: copy of marriage license or birth certificate, copy of spouse or parent's passport or birth certificate, any combination of documents permitting to establish the relationship). **If such relationships (marital or parental) are established, items (1) and (2) are not required.**

**For Studies:** Submit:

- (1) Letter from the student's local school (in one of the countries listed in Section I above) acknowledging the student's trip to Cameroon.
- (2) Acceptance letter or admission certificate issued by school officials in Cameroon.
- (3) Bank statement or letter from the student or the student sponsor's bank confirming that sufficient resources are available to be used by the student during their stay in Cameroon.

**For Internships/Volunteering:** Internship program acceptance letter signed by the relevant authorities for interns, or letter of confirmation for a volunteering opportunity in Cameroon for volunteers, legalized by the Police.

**c. Long Stay Visa (Up to 1 year):** Submit:

- **Items 1 through 7 above, as applicable;**
- **Additional required items according to the type of visa requested:**

**For Business:** Submit:

- (1) Company letter guaranteeing financial and legal responsibilities for the traveler for a duration of stay in Cameroon exceeding six (06) months.
- (2) Warranty of repatriation.
- (3) Letter of introduction from well identified business partner(s) in Cameroon, request for the issuance of a visa with a validity exceeding 6 months, legalized by Immigration or Police Authorities.
- (4) Business contract between traveler(s) and partner(s) in Cameroon, undersigned by Administrative or Immigration Authorities.
- (5) An authorization, when required, issued by competent Authorities to practice a liberal profession or to promote farming, pastoral, industrial, commercial, artisanal, or other activities.

**For Visits:** Submit:

Proof of marital or parental relationship respectively for a spouse or a child of a Cameroonian citizen, or a U.S. citizen of Cameroonian origin (examples: copy of marriage license or birth certificate, copy of spouse or parent's passport or birth certificate, any combination of documents permitting to establish the relationship).

**For Studies:** Submit:

- (1) Letter from the student's local school (in one of the countries listed in Section I above) acknowledging the student's trip to Cameroon.
- (2) Acceptation letter or admission certificate issued by school officials in Cameroon for an academic program with a duration exceeding 6 months.
- (3) Bank statement or letter from the student or the student sponsor's bank confirming that sufficient resources are available to be used by the student during their stay in Cameroon.

**For Internships/Volunteering:** Internship program acceptance letter signed by the relevant authorities, or letter of confirmation for a volunteering opportunity in Cameroon for volunteers, legalized by the Police for a duration exceeding 6 months.

**10. Upon request, any additional document(s) deemed necessary for the processing of the application.**

**Questions/Inquiries?** Please use the contact form on the [www.evisacam.cm](http://www.evisacam.cm) portal. Before submitting any questions/inquiries, review the *Frequently Asked Questions* section by clicking on the "FAQ" link on the portal.