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ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS FOR FOREIGN JOURNALISTS INTENDING TO VISIT NIGERIA FOR REPORTING/FILMING PURPOSES

Foreign journalists intending to visit Nigeria are required to forward their applications to the Nigerian Diplomatic/ Consular post in their respective countries of residence at least six weeks before the intended date of departure. In countries where there are no Nigerian Mission/ Consulates, journalist are to forward their applications to the Mission/ Consulate nearest to them.

Applications should include the following details

1. Personal Data
 - Name of Journalist
 - Nationality
 - Date and Place of Birth
 - City and Country of Residence
 - Particulars of Drivers License if available.
 - Full names and addresses of educational institution attended, with dates and qualifications obtained.
2. Passport Details
 - Passport Number
 - Date and Place of Issue
 - Date of Expiry
3. Employment Status
 - Organisation/ Media Represented
 - Address of place of employment
 - Position Held
 - Period of employment
4. Each application should be accompanied by four passport-size photograph(s) of applicant.

5. Applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a Senior Executive of the Organisation/Media represented.
6. Applications should be forwarded with a detailed list of equipment for use in Nigeria (where applicable) to the External Publicity Department, Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation at least six weeks before intended date of departure of the crew journalist(s).

7. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

All applications must be submitted through the Information Section of the Nigeria Diplomatic/Consular Posts, for onward transmission to the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation, Abuja.

8. On arrival in Nigeria, it is mandatory for all visiting Journalist/film crew to seek press accreditation at the External Publicity Department, Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation, Radio House, Area 10, Garki, Abuja.

9. SHORT TERM/LONG TERM VISITS

- I. Journalists on short-term visits for periods of not more than 6 weeks require NO work permits. However, they will only be accredited for the duration and purpose of their assignment in Nigeria.

II. Journalists who work for longer periods in the country (including Resident Correspondents) are required to obtain the combined Expatriate Residence Permit and Aliens Card (CERPAC) from the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) issuing centers with Headquarters at the Old Secretariat, Area 1 Garki, Abuja as detailed below:

- ❖ Aliens Card - The Naira equivalent of **US \$100.00** at the prevailing exchange rate.
 - ❖ Residence/Work Permit – The Naira equivalent of **US \$250.00** at the prevailing exchange rate.
 - ❖ Regularization/Multiple Re-Entry Visa – Fees range from N100-N11050 depending on the nationality of the applicant.
10. In addition, film crews are to pay a **fee** of **US \$150.00** per filming day and **US \$200.00** per day for commercial or promotional films respectively (in foreign currency only).

11. It is mandatory that an advance copy of the synopsis/script of films as well as proposed shooting locations in Nigeria and the programme for filming, be forwarded to the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation at least **SIX WEEKS** before the proposed date of visit.
12. For the duration and location work in the country, film crew(s) will be accompanied by a professional filmmaker and an official of the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation.

PRESS ACCREDITATION at the Federal Ministry of Information and National Orientation is issued FREE.