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*The American Embassy to the Dominican Department of State
for Foreign Affairs and Worship*

THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Department of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Dominican Republic and has the honor to refer to the Embassy's note of July 5, 1955 and its Memoranda of September 12, 1955, September 19, 1955, November 18, 1955 and December 2, 1955 and the Department's note No. 18813 of July 29, 1955, its Memorandum No. 26931 of November 4, 1955, its Memorandum No. 27939 of November 16, 1955 and its Memorandum No. 29777 of December 9, 1955,² all of which relate to the effecting of a reciprocal agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Dominican Republic concerning the validity of non-immigrant visas issued by both Governments to nationals of either country, and the fees to be charged therefor. Reference is also made to a conversation of October 20, 1955 between Foreign Minister Enrique de Marchena and Ambassador Pheiffer in which the former stated, in effect, that his Government was agreeable to the making of such an agreement but, before doing so, wished to scrutinize the form of agreement which has been employed in connection with the effecting of similar agreements between the United States and other countries. That wish was imparted by the Embassy to the Department of State of the United States. The ensuing paragraphs of this note are a reproduction of a form of note furnished to the Embassy by the Department of State of the United States, in accordance with Minister de Marchena's request, with the addition thereto by the Embassy, of a paragraph dealing with the retention by the Dominican Government of its privilege to issue Tourist Cards to those citizens of the United States who do not present valid United States passports when they apply for entry into the Dominican Republic and a paragraph stating that the note is applicable to

¹ Came into force on 1 February 1956, in accordance with the terms of the said notes.

² Not printed by the Department of State of the United States of America.

nationals of both countries. The Embassy is of the opinion that the ensuing paragraphs of this note faithfully comply with the terms prescribed by the Dominican Government in the Department's aforementioned Memoranda No. 26931 and No. 29777.

In view of the foregoing, it is mutually agreed that on and after February 1, 1956 citizens of the United States and citizens of the Dominican Republic seeking to enter the Dominican Republic and the United States as non-immigrants will be granted gratis visas which in certain cases may have a maximum validity of forty-eight (48) months.

On and after the above-mentioned date eligible citizens of both countries who are found to be entitled to non-immigrant classification will be issued visas valid for one period shown in the following schedule :

<i>Class</i>	<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Number of Times Visa May Be Used</i>
Ambassador, public minister, career diplomatic or consular officer, and members of immediate family . . .	A-1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other foreign-government official or employee, and members of immediate family	A-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant, or personal employee of A-1 and A-2 classes and members of immediate family . . .	A-3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for business . . .	B-1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Temporary visitor for pleasure . . .	B-2	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Person in transit	C-1	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Person in transit to United Nations Headquarters District under 11 (3), (4), or (5) of the Headquarters Agreement ¹	C-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Foreign-government official, members of immediate family, attendant, servant, or personal employee, in transit	C-3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Crewman (seaman or airman) . . .	D	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Exchange visitor	EX	Gratis	12 months	Single
Student	F	Gratis	48 months	Multiple
Principal resident representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, his staff, and members of immediate family	G-1	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Other representative of recognized foreign member government to international organization, and members of immediate family	G-2	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Representative of non-recognized or non-member foreign government to international organization, and members of immediate family . . .	G-3	Gratis	12 months	Multiple

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, Vol. 11, p. 11.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Visa Symbol</i>	<i>Fee</i>	<i>Validity of Visa</i>	<i>Number of Times Visa May Be Used</i>
International organization officer or employee, and members of immediate family	G-4	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Attendant, servant or personal employee of G-1, G-2, G-3, and G-4 classes, and members of immediate family	G-5	Gratis	12 months	Multiple
Temporary worker of distinguished merit and ability	H-1	Gratis	Period for which employment authorized	Multiple
Other temporary worker, skilled or unskilled.	H-2	Gratis	Period for which employment authorized	Multiple
Industrial trainee	H-3	Gratis	Period for which training authorized	Multiple
Representative of foreign information media, spouse and children	I	Gratis	48 months	Multiple

It is further understood and agreed that those citizens of the United States who do not present valid passports issued by the United States on applying for entry into the Dominican Republic may be issued Dominican Republic Tourist Cards, at the fee prescribed by the Dominican Government, providing such applicants are otherwise eligible for entry. However, any and all citizens of the United States who present valid United States passports, and who are otherwise eligible for entry into the Dominican Republic, will be provided by the Dominican Government with passport visas in accordance with the above schedule.

The validity of non-immigrant visas issued by American consular officers and Dominican consular officers relates only to the period within which they may be used in connection with an application for admission at a port of entry into the United States and its possessions or the Dominican Republic, and not to the length of stay in the United States or the Dominican Republic which may be permitted the bearer after he is admitted. The period of stay will, as at present, continue to be determined by the immigration authorities at the port of entry.

This agreement is applicable to the nationals of each one of the two countries who request entrance into the other.

Upon notification of the Department's agreement to the above provisions, the United States Government shall consider the understanding as being in effect as of the date specified above.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship the assurances of its highest consideration.

Ciudad Trujillo, D. R., December 14, 1955

of the Dominican Republic and the Government of the United States of America concerning the validity of nonimmigrant visas issued by both Governments to nationals of either country, and the fees to be charged therefor. The text of the said note from the Embassy, translated into Spanish, is as follows :

[*See note I*]

The Department of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that the Dominican Government has given its approval to the terms of the reciprocal agreement on visas contained in the Embassy's note transcribed above, and that, consequently, it will consider the agreement as being in force from the date specified above, that is, February 1, 1956.

The Department of State for Foreign Affairs and Worship avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ciudad Trujillo, December 16, 1955
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