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CABINET APPROVES KEY AMENDMENTS TO VISA AND IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS

The Cabinet of Namibia has granted approval for several significant updates to the country's visa and immigration policies aimed at enhancing diplomatic relations and facilitating easier access for international visitors. Since the launch of the E-Visa-on-Arrival Portal and the Visa-on-Arrival application form on 3rd March 2025, a total of 10,016 visa applications have been approved, with the Ministry continuing to receive more applications.

Exemption for Diplomatic and Official Passport Holders

In a move to strengthen bilateral relations, the Cabinet has granted the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety, and Security the authority to exempt holders of diplomatic passports from the Republic of Germany and the Republic of France from visa requirements. Additionally, holders of diplomatic and official passports from the Republic of Switzerland will also be exempted from visa requirements. This decision is a reciprocal gesture aimed at fostering closer ties with these nations.

Day Visit Fees for Cruise Liner Passengers

Cabinet has also approved the introduction of a new fee structure for visitors arriving in Namibia via Walvis Bay and Lüderitz Harbours, specifically for cruise liner passengers. A day visit fee of N\$300.00 will now apply to all passengers disembarking at these ports, enhancing the tourism experience while supporting local infrastructure.

Reciprocal Visa Fees for Holiday Visas, Short-Term Employment Permits, and Visa on Arrival

In a bid to streamline and harmonize the country's immigration policies, Cabinet has approved the reciprocity of holiday visas, short-term employment permits, and visa-on-arrival fees. The new structure will see:

- **NS1,200.00** for African Union (AU) countries
- **NS1,600.00** for non-African Union countries

This fee applies to holiday visas, short-term employment permits, and visa-on-arrival requests for adult travellers. Additionally, a fee will apply to minor children between the ages of 6 and 11.

- **NS600.00** for minors from African Union countries
- **NS800.00** for minors from non-African Union countries

Exemption for Children Under 6 Years

In a further commitment to supporting families and ensuring ease of travel, Cabinet has approved a fee exemption for all minor children under the age of 6 years. These children will not be charged any fees for holiday visas or visa-on-arrival requests, reflecting Namibia's dedication to promoting family-friendly travel experiences.

Group Bulk Payments for Online E-Visa Transactions

To simplify the process, the Ministry has introduced group bulk payments for online e-visa transactions, enabling service providers to pay up to N\$97,000. These reforms are expected to boost tourism, enhance diplomatic ties, and facilitate smoother travel to and from Namibia, benefiting both visitors and the Namibian economy.

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