

IMMIGRATION FACT SHEET

FOR ALL NON-JAMAICAN STUDENTS

All non-Jamaican students admitted to the University of the West Indies (Mona Campus) are required to acquire an “Extension of Stay”. This “Extension of Stay” must be obtained prior to end date stamped in your travel document on your first arrival to the Island. Please note that the length of stay granted at the port of entry only qualifies you to be in the Island as a visitor and you are expected to obtain student status by acquiring the “Extension of Stay”.

Students travelling from outside CARICOM and who need visas to enter Jamaica must contact the nearest Jamaican Embassy, High Commission or Consulate. The entry visa issued by the mission is a prerequisite for entry and students will therefore still need to acquire an “Extension of Stay” when they arrive in Jamaica. The list of overseas missions can be found at <http://www.mfaft.gov.jm/>.

The International Students Office (ISO) through an arrangement with PICA will facilitate the processing of the “Extension of Stay” in-house at the ISO. The date for the collection of documents will be announced via e-mails, text messages, the distribution of fliers and the ISO website. Students will be provided with the requisite immigration forms and a list of documents needed for the processing of the visas by the ISO. The passports and supporting documents will be collected, processed and returned to you on a date(s) that will be announced via e-mails, text messages, the distribution of fliers and the ISO website. Please note that ISO staff will not be available to return passports on a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) or public holidays.

As of October 1, 2009 the Jamaican Governments Passport, Immigration and Citizenship Agency (PICA) implemented increased visa processing fees. All non-Jamaican students are therefore asked to note the fees below:

Extension of Stay (visitor, <u>student</u> , work permit/exemption, Marriage exemption and dependent)	JA\$10,000.00
Immigration administrative fee <u>for persons who have overstayed</u> and wish to regularize their stay in the island. (N.B. each case will be treated on its own merit)	JA\$50,000.00

To transfer a valid endorsement to a new passport will cost **JA\$5,000.00**.

All non-Commonwealth nationals as well as Nationals of Nigeria, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, British Virgin Islands and the Cayman Islands seeking extension of stay, (except visitor extension), are required to pay multiple entry visa fees as follows:

United States of America	JA\$2,000.00
Belgium	JA\$1,000.00
Holland	JA\$1,000.00
France	JA\$1,600.00
Mexico	JA\$1,500.00
Venezuela	JA\$1,200.00
Spain	JA\$800.00
Israel	JA\$600.00
Switzerland	JA\$600.00
Others	JA\$500.00

All non-Commonwealth nationals, 16 years and older, who will be residing in Jamaica in excess of 6 months are required to be registered at a cost of **JA\$2,000.00**.

For additional immigration related information you are invited to visit the PICA website at <http://www.pica.gov.jm/home.aspx> .

Disclaimer: Please note that the fees outlined in this document are fees being charged by the Government of Jamaica. The University of the West Indies cannot adjust (by way of a reduction or exemption) any applicable fees on behalf of students.