



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” visa. This “Extension of Stay” is considered your student visa and must be obtained by the end date stamped in your travel document on your first arrival to the Island. Please note that the date on the stamp that is placed in your passport 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 visa issued by the mission acts as a landing permit 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 Admissions and International Office (AIO) through an arrangement with PICA will facilitate the processing of the “Extension of Stay” visa in-house at the AIO. 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 AIO. 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 our website: <https://www.mona.uwi.edu/iso/>. Please note that AIO 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 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

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

All non-Commonwealth nationals as well as 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> .

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