**CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION & QUARANTINE[BIO SECURITY] REQUIREMENTS FOR DELEGATES INFORMATION PACKAGE**

**Immigration & Visa Requirements**

To ensure a smooth and efficient visa application process, we’ve compiled key information and resources for you. Follow these tips to make your visit as seamless as possible.

 *(a) Visa Types:*

1. Diplomatic Visas: For government officials and diplomats

2. Official Visas: For members of official government delegations

3. Business Visas: For business-related activities

4. Tourist Visas: For those accompanying the delegations for non-official purposes

*(b) List of Countries whose passport holders are entitled to the grant of visa on arrival (VOA) to TONGA:*

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| **NAME OF COUNTRIES (VOA FOR 31 DAYS)** | **NAME OF COUNTRIES (VOA FOR 90 DAYS)****SCHENGEN MEMBER COUNTRIES** |
| 1. Australia
2. Austria
3. Bahamas
4. Barbados
5. Belgium
6. Brazil
7. Brunei Darussalam
8. Bulgaria
9. Canada
10. Cook Islands
11. Cyprus
12. Czech Republic
13. Denmark
14. Dominica
15. Estonia
16. Federated States of Micronesia
17. Fiji
18. Finland
19. France
20. Germany
21. Greece
22. Hong Kong
23. Hungary
24. Ireland
25. Israel
26. Italy
27. Japan
28. Kiribati
29. South Korea
30. Latvia
31. Lithuania
32. Luxembourg
33. Macau
34. Malaysia
35. Malta
36. Marshall Islands
37. Monaco
38. Nauru
39. Netherlands
40. New Caledonia
41. New Zealand
42. Niue
43. Norway
44. Palau
45. Papua New Guinea
46. People’s Republic of China
47. Poland
48. Portugal
49. Romania
50. Russian Federation
51. Samoa
52. Seychelles
53. Singapore
54. Slovakia
55. Slovenia
56. Solomon Islands
57. Spain
58. St Kitts & Nevis
59. St Lucia
60. St Vincent & The Grenadines
61. Sweden
62. Switzerland
63. Tahiti
64. Tokelau
65. Turkey
66. Tuvalu
67. Ukraine
68. United Kingdom-Great Britain & Northern Ireland
69. United States of America
70. Vanuatu
71. Wallis & Futuna
 | 1. Austria
2. Belgium
3. Bulgaria
4. Croatia
5. Cyprus
6. Czech Republic
7. Denmark
8. Estonia
9. Finland
10. France
11. Germany
12. Greece
13. Hungary
14. Iceland
15. Italy
16. Latvia
17. Liechtenstein
18. Lithuania
19. Luxembourg
20. Malta
21. Netherlands
22. Norway
23. Poland
24. Portugal
25. Romania
26. Slovakia
27. Slovenia
28. Spain
29. Sweden
30. Switzerland
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*(c) Contact Information:*

Email:

* General immigration enquiries - tongapermit@gmail.com
* Visa enquiry contact point for PIFLM53 - ptaulangovaka@yahoo.com – Mrs. Peti Taulangovaka

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**Customs Requirements**

To ensure facilitated processing of passport control and baggage clearances, marked express processing channels will be established for PIFLM53 meeting delegates.

*(a) Passenger Declaration Forms (Arrival and Departure)*

Electronic passenger arrival declaration forms will be made available to meeting delegates immediately following the completion of PIFLM53 registration formalities. Delegates are encouraged to complete these passenger arrival declaration forms (following instructions that will be provided together with the forms) prior to their arrival into Tonga for PIFLM53 to enable expedited processing upon your arrival.

Passenger departure cards will also be provided in advance of departure times for advanced completion by delegates.

*(b) Border currency reporting*

Visitors who arrive into Tonga carrying more than TOP$10,000 or foreign currency equivalent to or more than TOP$10,000 will be required to declare the currency in the passenger arrival declaration form and complete a border currency report(BCR) form. An electronic version of this BCR form will also be made available to meeting delegates together with passenger arrival declaration forms. This is to enable the completion of forms in advance of your arrival into Tonga.

(c) PIFLM53 delegates and personal security arrangements

Delegates who wish to make enquiries in relation to this issue may do so by contacting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Tonga. [insert contact email for MOFA or Police major events email?]

**Quarantine Requirements**

To ensure the protection Tonga’s plant and animal resources, including the environment, from the introduction and spread of exotic pests/diseases delegates are kindly reminded of the following biosecurity related rules.

1. *Import Requirements:*

Visitors who intend to bring any food, plant materials or animal products into Tonga must declare these on their passenger arrival cards [refer to the Customs passenger arrival declaration form].

To assist with import clearances, visitors who intend to bring with them plant-based materials (as gifts or otherwise), are encouraged to ensure that such gifts are accompanied by export permits or phytosanitary certificates for the goods from the relevant national authority of the country where the plants, plant products, or regulated articles were grown or processed.

1. *Export Requirements:*

Special arrangements will be made by the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga for the issuance of export permits/phytosanitary certificates to PIFLM53 meeting delegates for any gifts (e.g. handicrafts and other plant or animal-based products) they intend to depart with from Tonga following PIFLM53.

1. *Quarantine/Biosecurity Contact Information:*
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