

NIGERIA IMMIGRATION SERVICE DISENGAGES ONLINE INTEGRATED SOLUTION AS VISA APPLICATION CENTRE IN THE UNITED STATES

Background

The Nigeria Immigration Service ("**NIS**") has issued a Public Notice (the "**Notice**") announcing the immediate disengagement of Online Integrated Solutions ("**OIS Services**"), the operator of Nigeria's Visa Application and Submission Centres in the United States of America ("**United States**"), from the collection and submission of Nigerian visa applications on behalf of the Nigerian Mission in the United States.

The Notice takes immediate effect and establishes an interim process for the submission of Nigerian visa applications pending the appointment of a new service provider.

Summary of the Notice

Pursuant to the Public Notice issued by the NIS:

- (a) OIS Services has been officially disengaged from providing visa application collection and submission services for Nigerian visa applicants in the United States with immediate effect.
- (b) Until further notice, all persons applying for Nigerian visas from the United States are required to submit their visa applications directly to any of the below Nigerian diplomatic missions:
 - The Embassy of Nigeria, Washington, D.C.;
 - The Consulate General of Nigeria, New York; or
 - The Consulate General of Nigeria, Atlanta.
- (c) The NIS has stated that the Embassy and Consulates have implemented adequate measures to ensure the seamless submission, processing and issuance of visas during this interim period.
- (d) Applicants are advised to monitor the official communication channels of the Nigeria Immigration Service and the Nigerian Mission in the United States for further updates regarding visa application procedures and any future appointment of a new visa application service provider.

Practical Implications

Following the immediate discontinuation of OIS Services, Nigerian visa applicants in the United States can no longer submit visa applications through the former Visa Application and Submission Centres operated by OIS Services. Accordingly, individuals and organisations planning travel to Nigeria should familiarise themselves with the revised submission process and make the necessary arrangements.

Furthermore, Applicants who have already applied through OIS services should wait for official guidance from the NIS before submitting another application.

Companies with expatriate employees, business visitors or consultants travelling from the United States to Nigeria should update their internal immigration procedures to ensure that visa applications are submitted directly to the appropriate Nigerian diplomatic mission. Applicants should also anticipate possible adjustments to processing timelines during the transition period and monitor official announcements for further guidance.

Conclusion

The disengagement of OIS Services represents an operational change in the administration of Nigerian visa applications in the United States rather than a change to Nigeria's substantive visa requirements. During this transition period, applicants should ensure that all visa applications are submitted directly through the Nigerian Embassy or the designated Consulates until the NIS announces a new application arrangement.



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