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Visas and Immigration Stay Permits in the New Normal under Minister of Law and Human Rights No. 26 Year 2020

The Ministry of Law and Human Rights (Kemenkumham) has issued provisions regulating the procedures for foreign citizens (WNA) to enter Indonesian territory during the Covid-19 pandemic.

These provisions are contained in the Regulation of the Minister of Law and Human Rights (Permenkumham) No. 26 Year 2020 concerning Visas and Immigration Stay Permits in the New Normal. The regulation reinforces the replacement of Permenkumham No. 11 Year 2020 concerning the Temporary Prohibition of Foreigners from Entering the Territory of the Republic of Indonesia, which is in accordance with the development of national policies.

There are several points highlighted on Permenkumham 26 Year 2020; which are:

- Applications for a Visit Visa and Limited Stay Visa are submitted by the Guarantor to the Director General of Immigration for Visa Approval (Telex).
- Telex consists of Visit Visa Approval, also valid as Visit Stay Permit.
- The Limited Stay Visa Approval can be granted a Limited Stay Permit (ITAS) after reporting to the local Immigration Office and must have a guarantor.
- Submissions are made electronically by attaching a health certificate containing information free from Covid-19 in English from the authority and a statement letter stating that they are willing to enter quarantine and/or taking care at their own expense at a quarantine facility or health service facility determined by the government if the PCR examination is positive (+) Covid-19.
- For visiting Visa applicants, they must also attach proof of availability of funds at least US\$ 10,000.
- Foreigners holding Visa Approval and Visa holders that have expired and have not entered the territory of Indonesia must re-apply for Visa Approval.
- A Visit Stay Permit originates from a Visit Visa on Arrival Visa/VoA (including a single-visit visa) can be converted into a Limited Stay Permit (ITAS).
- Extensions are granted for a maximum of 30 days for multiple visit visas and the APEC Businessman Travel Card (KPP APEC).
- Limited Stay Permit that has been extended (ITAS with ITKT) can be converted into a Permanent Stay Permit (ITAP).
- Foreigners in Indonesia who hold a Stay Permit can be granted a new Stay Permit after obtaining Visa Approval, including for holders of a Limited Stay Permit (ITAS) or Permanent Stay Permit (ITAP) that cannot be extended.
- Foreigner who holds a Limited Stay Permit, Permanent Stay Permit, or Re-Entry Permit from ITAP, which expires and is currently outside the territory of Indonesia, his residence permit is declared expired and must apply for a Visa Approval to be able to enter Indonesian territory.

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