

(Legal Notice No. 170)

**THE SOLOMON ISLANDS VISITORS
BUREAU ACT 1996
(No. 1 OF 1996)**

THE VISITORS BUREAU REGULATIONS 1999

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 18 of the Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau Act 1996, and in consultation with the Board, I, Edmund Andresen, Minister of Commerce, Industries, Employment and Tourism, do hereby make the following regulations:-

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Visitors Bureau Regulations 1999.
2. In these Regulations, the expression "licence" means a licence issued by the Board authorising a person to engage in any enterprise or tourist related service or facility.
3. (1) An application for the issue or renewal of a licence shall be made to the Board in Form 1 in the First Schedule.
(2) A fee of one hundred dollars shall be paid to the Board in respect of the application.
(3) If the application is refused the fee shall be refunded in full.
4. A licence shall be in Form 2 in the Second Schedule and, subject to section 10(1) of the Act, shall be valid for one year from the date it is issued or renewed.
5. A licence issued or renewed by the Board shall be subject to the following terms and conditions -
 - (a) the licensee shall keep and maintain his place of enterprise or service or facility in a good and internationally accepted hygienic condition;
 - (b) the licensee shall ensure acceptable standards of security, safety and privacy of the guests at his place of enterprise, service or facility;

- (c) the licensee shall within seven days, after the last day of each month, provide the Bureau with the following -
 - (i) a return, in Form 3 in the Third Schedule along with the authorised monthly bed levy in regard to his enterprise, service or facility, or other relevant monthly levy or fee;
 - (ii) information regarding any arrangement of staff training courses, whether locally or overseas;
- (d) the licensee shall provide current and correct information on his enterprise, service or facility at all times;
- (e) the licensee shall afford to the Bureau all support necessary to promote and market Solomon Islands as a desirable holiday destination;
- (f) the licensee shall inform the Bureau, or provide the Bureau with a copy, of any complaint made by any guest in regard to the conditions of services provided thereat;
- (g) the licensee shall comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Bureau, its servants or agents, in regard to the conditions of or services provided at his place of enterprise, service or facility;
- (h) the licensee shall not cause or permit to be caused in his place of enterprise, service or facility any act which is likely to disturb any guest;
- (i) the licensee shall pay to the Board the appropriate licence fee determined by the Board;
- (j) the licensee shall adopt a Malaria control and management plan;
- (k) the licensee shall carry out and provide to the Bureau an environmental impact analysis of his enterprise, service or facility;
- (l) the licensee shall carry out and provide to the Bureau a socio-cultural impact analysis of his enterprise, service or facility;

- (m) the licensee shall respect the customs and culture of the people of Solomon Islands at all times;
- (n) the licensee shall provide and display in conspicuous areas on his place of enterprise, service or facility all evacuation instructions and directions to be followed by his guests during cyclones, fire, earthquakes, tidal waves and other disasters; and
- (o) the licensee shall display a copy of the licence in a conspicuous area on his place of enterprise, service or facility.

6. The licence fees set out in the Fourth Schedule shall be payable to the Board in respect of the various matters therein contained.

7. The charges and levies set out in the Fifth Schedule shall be payable to the Board in respect of the various matters therein contained.

8. The Minister acting in his discretion may exempt any religious, charitable, benevolent or educational institution or organisation undertaking, operating, conducting or providing any enterprise, service or facility from the payment of any charges, levies or fees prescribed by these Regulations or may reduce, waive or refund in whole or in part any such charges, levies or fees which would otherwise be payable by any such institution or organisation. The Minister acting in his discretion may exempt in full or may reduce any charges, levies or fees payable by any organisation or individual.

9. Levies, charges and fees imposed by these Regulations may be recovered as a civil debt in a court and such proceedings may be commenced and prosecuted by an officer of the Bureau duly authorised in that behalf.

10. The licensee shall surrender the licence to the Board within seven days of the occurrence of any of the following -

- (a) where the licence is cancelled under section 10(1)(b) of the Act; or
- (b) where the licence is not renewed.

11. The Visitors Bureau Regulations 1999 published in the Supplement to the Gazette of Thursday 30th September 1999 as Legal Notice No. 148 is hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE**Form 1****Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau Act 1996****Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau****Application For Licence
(Sec. 9 and Reg. 3)**

1. Name of Applicant: _____
2. Nationality: _____
3. Marital Status: _____
4. Address in
Solomon Islands

Overseas

5. Particulars of Shareholders/Directors
(Name, Address & Nationality)

6. Particulars of Developer (Name, Address,
Nationality and past experience in the tourism,
travel and hospitality industry)

7. Particulars of proposed operator, if
different from Developer (Name, Address,
Nationality and past experience in the tourism,
travel and hospitality industry).

8. Project Name/Name of Premises

9. Location of Enterprise or Facility

10. Value of investment.

11. Brief description of enterprise or activities to be provided

12. Where services involve provision of accommodation or transport, state the number or rooms or seats.

13. Number of persons employed or intended to be employed

1 Local
2 Foreign

14. Briefly state your planned education and training programme.

Dated the of
year

Signature of Applicant

INSTRUCTIONS/INFORMATION

(a) This application must be lodged with the Visitors Bureau with the fee of \$100.00. If the application is refused the \$100.00 will be refunded.

(b) Attach to this application the following:-

(i) a copy of the financial feasibility study proposed for the project.

(ii) a marketing plan of the enterprise or tourist related service or facility.

(iii) an environmental impact analysis report of the enterprise or tourist related service or facility.

(iv) a socio-cultural impact analysis report of the enterprise or tourist related service or facility.

(v) a site plan of the project, together with preliminary floor plan and main elevation or artist impression of the proposed project.

(vi) other supporting documents and references.

SECOND SCHEDULE

From 2

Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau Act 1996**Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau**

No. of Year

Licence

(Sec. 9 and Reg. 4)

This licence is issued pursuant to section 9 of the Solomon
Islands Visitors Bureau Act to:

Mr/Mrs/Miss of
to provide the following enterprise or tourist related service or
facility.

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The issuance of this licence or its renewal is subject to the fol-
lowing terms and conditions:-

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- (c) the licensee shall within seven days, after the last day of each month, provide the Bureau with the following:-
 - (i) a return, in Form 3 in the Third Schedule along with the legally authorised monthly bed levy in regard to his enterprise, service or facility, or other relevant monthly levy or fee;

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- (f) the licensee shall inform the Bureau, or provide the Bureau with a copy of any complaint made by any guest in regard to the conditions of services thereat;
- (g) the licensee shall comply with all reasonable instructions given by the Bureau, its servants or agents, in regard to the conditions of or services provided at his place of enterprise, service or facility;
- (h) the licensee shall not cause or permit to be caused in his place of enterprise, service or facility any act which likely to disturb any guest;
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- (j) the licensee shall adopt a Malaria control and management plan;
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- (m) the licensee shall respect the customs and culture of the people of Solomon Islands at all times;

- (n) the licensee shall provide and display in conspicuous areas on his place of enterprise, service or facility all evacuation instructions and directions to be followed by his guests during cyclones, fire, earthquakes, tidal waves and other disasters; and
 - (o) the licensee shall display a copy of this licence in a conspicuous area on his place of enterprise, service or facility.
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This licence is valid until the of
year

Dated this day of
year

Chairman

General Manager

THIRD SCHEDULE.

Form 3

Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau Act 1996**Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau****Monthly Return Form
(Reg 5 (c) (i))**

Name of Licensee:

Licence Number:

Enterprise/Tourist Related Service or Facility in respect of which
Return is made:Total number of rooms available: Total number
of beds available:This Return is made for the month of:
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Guest Name	Number staying in rooms	Country of resi- dence	Date of arrival	Date of departure	Total No. of room nights (5-6)	Total No. of bed nights (6x2)	Room rates	Total (6x8)	10% levy
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH									

Room Occupancy rate = $\frac{\text{Total room nights}}{\text{No. of Rooms available} \times \text{days in month}} \times 100 =$

Bed Occupancy rate = $\frac{\text{Total bed nights} \times 100}{\text{No. of beds available} \times \text{days in month}} =$

FOURTH SCHEDULE

LICENCE FEES

(Reg. 6)

CATEGORY OF ENTERPRISES OR TOURIST RELATED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

LICENCE FEE

1.0 ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS

1.1	01 - 10 rooms	\$50.00
1.2	11 - 30 rooms	\$100.00
1.3	31 - 50 rooms	\$200.00
1.4	51 - 500 rooms	\$500.00

2.0 DIVE OPERATORS \$250.00

3.0 LIVE-A-BOARD (Dive Boats/ Luxury Cruising/Yachts Charter) \$250.00

4.0 GAME FISHING/SPORT FISHING \$250.00

5.0 TOUR OPERATORS

5.1	Inbound Tour Operators	\$150.00
5.2	Local Tour Operators	\$100.00
5.3	Tour Guides	\$50.00

6.0 TRANSPORTATION

6.1	International and Regional Airline	\$500.00
6.2	Domestic Airline	\$250.00
6.3	Outboard Motorised Canoes	\$50.00
6.4	Buses/Taxis	\$50.00
6.5	Schedule and Non Schedule Shipping Operators	\$50.00
6.6	Bicycles	\$50.00

7.0	TRAVEL AGENTS	\$250.00
8.0	CATERING SERVICES	
8.1	Food Bar/Snack Bar	\$50.00
8.2	Restaurants	\$100.00
8.3	Restaurant with liquor licence	\$200.00
9.0	ATTRACTION	
9.1	Museum	\$50.00
9.2	Art Gallery	\$50.00
9.3	Heritage Trails	\$50.00
9.4	Scenic Attractions	\$50.00
9.5	Man-made Attractions	\$50.00
10.0	SHOPPING	
10.1	Duty Free Shopping	\$500.00
10.2	Gift Shops	\$200.00
10.3	Curio Stalls	\$50.00
11.0	ENTERTAINMENT/CULTURAL GROUPS	\$50.00
12.0	CASINO/NIGHT CLUBS/CLUBS	
12.1	Casinos	\$500.00
12.2	Night Clubs/Discoteques	\$200.00
12.3	Private Clubs	\$100.00

FIFTH SCHEDULE LEVIES

Categories of establishments engaged in the provision of facilities for tourists or deriving profit from the tourism industry	Enterprises or facilities	Basis of assessment	Unit levy for calendar year or otherwise
1	2	3	4
Business Establishments specified below in List A	Providing accommodation and other services to tourists	Percentage to total room charges	10%
Live-A-Board (Refer List A)		Flat rate	\$250 per calendar year
Game fishing/Sport fishing (Refer List B)		Flat rate	\$250 per calendar year
Travel Agents (Refer List C)	Organising or providing travel arrangements to tourists or both	Flat rate	\$500 per calendar year
Tour operators receiving requests from tourists or on their behalf for purposes mentioned in column 2 before arrival of tourists in Solomon Islands. (Refer List D)	Organising tours or providing tours or both	Flat rate	\$1000 per calendar year
Dive operators who receive requests from tourists or on their behalf for purposes mentioned in column 2 before arrival of tourists in Solomon Islands. (Refer List E)	Organising diving tours or providing diving tours or both	Flat rate	\$2000 per calendar year
Catering services (Refer List F)	Organising and providing food and beverage services to tourists or both	Flat rate	\$1000 per calendar year
Transportation (Refer to List G)	Providing transport to tourists	Flat rate	\$500 per calendar year
Tour guiding (Refer to List H)		Flat rate	\$500 per calendar year
Entertainment/cultural groups (Refer to List I)		Flat rate	\$500 per calendar year
Casinos/night clubs (Refer to List J)		Flat rate	\$1000 per calendar year
Attraction (Refer List K)		Flat rate	\$100 per calendar year
Shopping (Refer List L)		Flat rate	\$500 per calendar year

(A) ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS**HONIARA**

- (1) Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel
 - (2) King Solomon Hotel
 - (3) Iron Bottom Sound Hotel
 - (4) Airport Motel
 - (5) Quality Motel
 - (6) Guadalcanal Beach Resort
 - (7) Tropicana Beach Motel
 - (8) Travellers Motel
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- (9) Solomon City Motel
 - (10) Island Lodge
 - (11) Talise Lodge
 - (12) Pakoe Lodge
 - (13) Lelei Resort
 - (14) Motel Tropics
 - (15) Kukum Transit
 - (16) Binaboli Rest House
 - (17) United Church Rest House
 - (18) SSEC Rest House
 - (19) Tandai Motel
 - (20) West Kola Accommodations
 - (21) Super Accommodation
 - (22) Lengakiki Apartments
 - (23) Sunset Motel
 - (24) Chester Rest House
 - (25) Fountain Family Inn
 - (26) BG Motel
 - (27) Testimony Motel
 - (28) Bilikiki Cruise Live-A-Board
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- (29) Spirit of Solomon Live-A-Board
 - (30) Blue Lagoon Live-A-Board
 - (31) Lolo Rest House
 - (32) Waikaru Rest House

WESTERN PROVINCE

(1)	Gizo Hotel	Gizo
(2)	Paradise Lodge	Gizo
(3)	Koburutavia Lodge	Gizo
(4)	Naqua Rest House	Gizo
(5)	Phoebies Rest House	Gizo
(6)	Trescol Rest House	Gizo
(7)	Rekona Lodge	Gizo
(8)	Agnes Lodge	Munda
(9)	Zipolo Habu Resort	Vona Vona Lagoon Munda
(10)	Maqarea Resort	Munda
(11)	Somba Rest House	Munda
(12)	Noro Lodge	Noro
(13)	Uepi Island Resort	Uepi Island
(14)	Matikuri Lodge	Matikuri Island, Marovo Lagoon
(15)	Vanuarapita Lodge	Mbichi Island, Marovo Lagoon
(16)	Horena Lodge	Marovo Lagoon
(17)	Seghe Rest House	Marovo Lagoon
(18)	Lagoon Lodge	Marovo Lagoon
(19)	Kajoro Lodge	Vangunu
(20)	Tachoava Lodge	Vonu Island
(21)	Ropiko Lodge	Ngatokae Island, Marovo
(22)	Mavo Rest House	Ramata Island, New Georgia
(23)	Faisi Island Rest House	Shortlands
(24)	R. Adrian Lodge	Mono Island
(25)	Serere Lodge	Ngatokae, Marovo
(26)	Letina Lodge	Mbiche, Ngatokae
(27)	Solomon Aggressor	Gizo
(28)	Saeraghi Village Stay	Gizo 1
(29)	Vori Vori Village Stay	Gizo 2
(30)	Vori Vori Village Stay	Gizo 3
(31)	Nusa Roviana Village Stay	Roviana Island, Munda
(32)	Gepae Village Stay	Vangunu Island, Marovo Lagoon
(33)	Karaka Village Stay	North Vella Lavella
(34)	Falami Village Stay	Treasury Islands,

MALAITA PROVINCE

(1)	Auki Lodge	Auki
(2)	Auki Dragon Motel	Auki
(3)	Dave's Transit	Auki
(4)	Auki Travellers Motel	Auki
(5)	Malu'u Lodge	North Malaita
(6)	Gounabusu Village Stay	Sinaraggu
(7)	Abukwau Village Stay	Auki 1
(8)	Maoro Village Stay	Auki 2
(9)	Faarau Village Stay	Auki 3
(10)	Kilusakwalo Village Stay	Auki 4

RENNELL/BELLONA PROVINCE

(1)	Tahamatangi Rest House	Lake Tenggano
(2)	Moreno Rest House	Tinngoa, West Rennel
(3)	Kiakoe Lodge	Lake Tenggano
(4)	Suan Rest House	Bellona
(5)	Aotaha Cave's Lodge	Bellona

MAKIRA/ULAWA PROVINCE

(1)	Joridon Lodge	Kira Kira
(2)	Provincial Rest House	Kira Kira
(3)	Star Beach Lodge	Namuga, East Makira
(4)	O'Bed Family Rest House	Gupuna, Santa Ana

CENTRAL PROVINCE

(1)	Maravagi Resort	Sandfly
(2)	Vanita Rest House	Tulagi
(3)	Provincial Rest House	Tulagi
(4)	Lengalau Nature Site Lodge	Savo Island

ISABEL PROVINCE

(1)	Mothers Union Rest House	Jejevo, Buala
(2)	Diocese of Isabel	Buala
(3)	Horara Village Stay	Bugotu District
(4)	Nareabu Village Stay	Maringe District

TEMOTU PROVINCE

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| (1) | Luelta Rest House | Lata |
| (2) | Provincial Rest House | Lata |
| (3) | Fresh Point Rest House | Lata |
| (4) | Ngarando Resort | Reef Islands |

CHOISEUL PROVINCE

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| (1) | Provincial Rest House | Taro Island |
| (2) | Kagau Island Resort | Kagau Island |

GUADALCANAL PROVINCE

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| (1) | Tambea Holiday Beach Resort | West Guadalcanal |
| (2) | Tavanipupu Island Resort | Marau Sound, East
Guadalcanal |
| (3) | Vulelua Island Resort | North East
Guadalcanal |
| (4) | Gower Rest House | Marau, East
Guadalcanal |
| (5) | Tanavasa Village Stay | West Honiara |
| (6) | Duidui Village Stay | Aruligo, West
Honiara |
| (7) | Katihano Village Stay | Tina River,
Southeast Honiara |
| (8) | Perakauru Village Stay | Simeruka Island,
Marau Sound |

(B) GAME/SPORT FISHING

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|-----|------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | Zipolo Habu Resort | Western Province |
| (2) | Yacht Club | Honiara |
| (3) | Tambea Beach Resort | Guadalcanal
Province |
| (4) | Paradise Boat Charters | Honiara |

(C) TRAVEL AGENTS

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|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| (1) | Guadalcanal Travel Service | Honiara |
| (2) | Travel Industries Services | Honiara |
| (3) | Solomon Airlines | Honiara |
| (4) | Air Niugini | Honiara |
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(D) INBOUND TOUR OPERATORS

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|-----|----------------------------|---------|
| (1) | Solomon Sights & Sounds | Honiara |
| (2) | Guadalcanal Travel Service | Honiara |
| (3) | Destination Solomon | Honiara |
| (4) | Go West Tours | Munda |

(E) DIVE OPERATORS**Honiara**

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|-----|------------------------|---------|
| (1) | Dive Solomons | Honiara |
| (2) | Lets Go Diving | Honiara |
| (3) | Solomon Sports Diving | Honiara |
| (4) | Bilikiki Cruises | Honiara |
| (5) | Spirit of the Solomons | Honiara |

Other Provinces

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|-----|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) | Solomon Sea Divers | Western Province |
| (2) | Adventure Sports - Gizo | Western Province |
| (3) | Uepi Island Resort | Western Province |
| (4) | Solomon Aggressor | Western Province |
| (5) | Dive Solomon - Gizo | Western Province |
| (6) | Pigeon Island Resort | Temotu Province |
| (7) | Tambea Dive | Guadalcanal Province |

(F) RESTAURANTS**Honiara**

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| (1) | Sea King Restaurant |
| (2) | Hong Kong Palace |
| (3) | South Sea Restaurant |
| (4) | Supreme Restaurant |
| (5) | Tomoko Restaurant |
| (6) | Capitana Restaurant (Solomon Kitano Mendana Hotel) |
| (7) | Leaf Hut Restaurant (King Solomon Hotel) |
| (8) | Le Boucanier Restaurant (Honiara Hotel) |
| (9) | Casablanca Restaurant |
| (10) | Yacht Club Restaurant |
| (11) | Garden Sea Food |

Other Provinces

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| (12) | Trescol Island Restaurant | Gizo |
| (13) | Louisa Palace Restaurant | Auki |
| (14) | Gizo Hotel Restaurant | Gizo |
| (15) | Agnes Lodge Restaurant | Munda |

G) TRANSPORTATION**Hire Car**

- (1) Economy Car Rental
- (2) Avis Hire Car
- (3) Kosal Corporation Ltd. Hire Car
- (4) Harvest Pacific Taxi Service
- (5) Thrifty Car Rental
- (6) Phoenix Car Rental

Taxi Service

- (7) Sombagi Taxi
- (8) Bounty Taxi Service
- (9) Vineyard Taxi
- (10) HS Taxi Service
- (11) Global Taxi Service
- (12) Zondia Taxi Service

Airlines

- (13) Solomon Airlines
- (14) Western Pacific Airlink
- (15) Heli Solomons
- (16) Air New Guinea
- (17) Air Pacific

Marine Transport

- (18) Bilikiki Cruises
- (19) Ocean Navigation
- (20) Malaita Shipping
- (21) Wings Shipping
- (22) Spirit of the Solomons

(H) TOUR GUIDING

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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Barava Tours - Gizo | Western Province |
| (2) Jacko's Tours | Honiara |
| (3) Komarindi Trek Tours | Guadalcanal Province |
| (4) Tour Happy Isles | Honiara |

(I) ENTERTAINMENT AND CULTURAL GROUPS

- (1) Narasirato Panpipers
- (2) Nantekmum
- (3) Mapungamanu

- (4) Matapuro
- (5) Solopati

(J) CASINOS/NIGHT CLUBS/CLUBS

Casinos

- (1) Supreme Club
- (2) Honiara Casino
- (3) Solomon Casino

Public Nights Clubs

- (4) The Warehouse
- (5) Club Paradise
- (6) Herons Club

Private Night Clubs

- (7) Yacht Club
- (8) Timbalis
- (9) Guadalcanal
- (10) Police Club
- (11) Moore Club

(K) ATTRACTIONS

- (12) Tenaru Waterfalls
- (13) Vilu War Museum
- (14) Botanical Garden

(L) SHOPPING

Duty Free Shops

- (1) King Solomon Duty Free

Gift Shops

- (2) DJ Graphics
- (3) King Solomon Handicrafts.

Dated at Honiara this thirty-first day of August 1999.

Edmund Andresen
Minister of Commerce, Industries, Employment
& Tourism