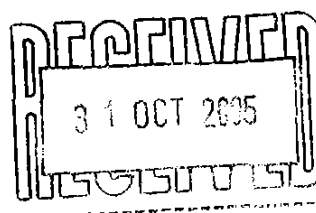




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Dear Mr Anderson

As you may be aware, PNG will shortly commence participation in the APEC Business Travel Card Scheme. This is an important initiative and one that places PNG on par with other leading economies in the Asia Pacific Region.

All applicants seeking to obtain an APEC Business Travel Card will need to obtain the endorsement of an approved business organisation. Approved business organisations are:

- PNG Business Council;
- PNG Chamber of Commerce;
- PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum;
- PNG Fisheries Authority; and
- PNG Forest Authority.

As an approved business organisation you will play an important role in the APEC Business Travel Card process. By having the support of your organisation we can be assured that an applicant is a bona fide business person.

By way of additional background I have attached a copy of the APEC Business Travel Card information sheet. If you would like additional information or wish to discuss this matter further I can be contacted on 323 1503.

Yours sincerely



Mataio Rabura
Director-General

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APEC Business Travel Card

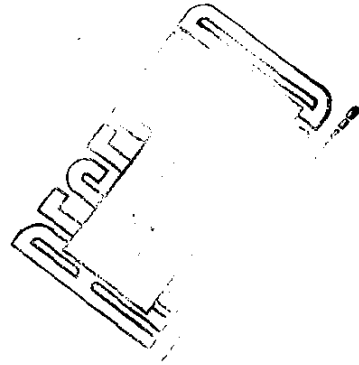
1. What is the APEC Business Travel Card?

The APEC Business Travel Card is an initiative of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum that aims to facilitate travel for genuine business people between APEC member economies. The card minimises the need to obtain separate business visas. In most countries, holders of the APEC Business Travel Card are also able to access streamlined entry arrangements.

2. Which APEC Member Economies accept the APEC Business Travel Card?

Participating APEC members are:

- Australia;
- Brunei Darussalam;
- Chile;
- China;
- Hong Kong;
- Indonesia;
- Japan;
- Korea;
- Malaysia;
- New Zealand;
- Peru;
- The Philippines;
- PNG;
- Singapore;
- Chinese Taipei; and
- Thailand.



Individuals wishing to travel to non-participating APEC Member Economies will need to arrange visas directly with those countries (e.g. USA).

3. Can I get an APEC Business Travel Card?

Applicants for an APEC Business Travel Card must be able to demonstrate they are a bona fide business person engaged in the trade of goods, the provision of services or the conduct of investment activities. Additionally, applicants must also have the endorsement of an approved business organisation. PNG government Ministers or senior officials actively engaged in APEC business are also eligible.

Applicants must also be the holder of a valid PNG Passport and be able to demonstrate that they are of good character.

4. What is an Approved Business Organisation?

The following business organisations are able to endorse applications for an APEC Business Travel Card:

- PNG Business Council;
- PNG Chamber of Commerce;
- PNG Chamber of Mines and Petroleum;
- PNG Fisheries Association; and
- PNG Forestry Association

Endorsements from other organisations will not be accepted.

5. How do I apply?

You must submit an application form together with all supporting documentation at the Immigration and Citizenship Division Office, Moale House, Waigani. The following supporting documentation must be submitted at the time of application:

- supporting letter from approved business organisation
- IPA Registration Documents (where applicable)
- Attach Passport
- Attach two passport sized photos

Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant.

6. How much is the application fee?

An initial application fee of K400 is payable. First time cards will be issued for a period of two years (or the life of the passport, whichever is the lesser).

A renewal fee of K300 is payable. Renewed cards will be issued for a period of three years (or the life of the passport, whichever is the lesser).

7. How long is the APEC Business Travel Card Valid for?

Initial cards are issued for a period of two years (or the life of the passport, whichever is the lesser) and renewed cards are issued for three years (or the life of the passport, whichever is the lesser).

8. Do I have to apply for a APEC Business Travel Card each time my passport expires?

Yes. APEC Business Travel Cards are not issued beyond the validity date of your existing passport. A renewal fee of K300 will apply.

9. Does this mean I can stay for as long as I like when I visit an APEC Member Economy?

No. While APEC Business Travel Cards can be issued for up to three years the period of each stay is generally limited to 60 days, after which time the APEC Business Travel Card Holder must depart. Failure to depart may result in the person be excluded from returning to that particular APEC member economy and/or cancellation of the card.

10. Does the APEC Business Travel Card provide me with Employment rights?

No. Employment within APEC Member Economies is prohibited. APEC Business Travel Card holders may only travel to APEC member economies for the purpose of conducting legitimate business.

11. Can the APEC Business Travel Card be cancelled?

Yes. The APEC Business Travel Card is effectively just like any other visa or entry permit and may be subject to cancellation in accordance with the relevant legislative provisions in participating APEC Member Economies.

12. What about my children or dependent spouse? Can they apply also?

No. An APEC Business Travel Card can only be issued to genuine business travellers. Dependent spouses and children will need to apply for a relevant visa directly with the relevant APEC Member Economy.

13. How Quickly will my Application be Considered?

Under the APEC Business Travel Card rules applications are generally considered and assessed within 14 days from the date of application. The exception to this rule is where a member economy seeks additional information, in which case, the application processing time can be extended by a further 21 days.

In PNG, all applications for an APEC Business Travel Card must also be approved by the APEC Business Travel Card Advisory Committee. The Committee will meet on an as needed basis.