

Applications submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will be processed within seven (7) days provided that all necessary information is submitted.

- (b) Whether the remigrant has previously/never enjoyed tax exemptions.
 - (c) The model, year and the engine capacity of the vehicle for which exemptions are being sought.¹
 - (d) That the re-migrant will reside in Guyana for not less than three (3) years, failing which all exemptions granted become immediately payable.
 - (e) A list of items for which exemptions are sought must be attached to the affidavit.
5. Two passport size photographs.
 6. Registration and Insurance of vehicle to confirm that vehicle is owned by the applicant at least six months at the time of the application for re-migrant status.
 7. In the case of pensioners, a bus pass or a letter from the Social Security Agency in the country from which they are migrating.
 8. In the case of a person with disability, a document indicating their condition from the relevant agency in the country from which they are migrating.

5. What are the exemptions given?

Exemption from duty and Value Added Tax (VA T) are given on the following:

- (a) A reasonable quantity of personal effects.
- (b) A reasonable quantity of household effects including domestic and electrical appliances
- (c) A limited amount of tools of trade
- (d) Motor Vehicles, Motor cycles and leisure boats that are owned by the remigrant at least six months before the application for remigrant status. Documentary evidence must be provided.

Please note that each remigrant is entitled to exemptions on one (1) vehicle, one (1) boat and one (1) motor cycle.

In the case of a motor vehicle, the remigrant must pay the excise tax at the rate of 5% or 10% of the CIF value depending on the cubic capacity (cc) of the vehicle and as stipulated in Table A-2 of Section 15 of the Excise Tax Act 2005 - Less than 1500cc to 1800cc – 5%, 1801cc to 2000cc – 10%, 2001cc – 3000cc – 10%, above 3000 cc – 10%.

In the case of firearms and TV/Satellite Dishes, approval must first be obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Frequency Management Unit respectively.

6. How long does it take to process an application for re-migrant status?

¹ The acceptable tint level on motor vehicles is 65% light penetration.

GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
POLICY GUIDELINES ON REMIGRANT SCHEME

The Remigrant Scheme of the Government of Guyana is administered by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conjunction with the Guyana Revenue Authority. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for determining and granting remigration status while the Guyana Revenue Authority administers the tax exemptions.

1. Who is eligible under the re-migrant scheme?

- (a) A Guyanese who is eighteen (18) years and above, who has been residing legally overseas for a minimum of five (5) consecutive years and is now returning to Guyana.
- (b) A Guyanese Student/Graduate who has attended/is attending a training institution and residing overseas for a minimum of four years and is now returning to Guyana.

2. Where should applications for remigration status be made?

Applications must be submitted in person to the Remigration Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Protocol and Consular Department, New Garden Street, Georgetown, telephone number 592-225-4305.

3. When should applications be submitted?

Applications must be submitted within the first three (3) months of resettlement in order to establish re-migrant status.

4. What are the documents that must accompany the application?

- 1. Current Passport which must be at least five years old. If the passport is less than five (5) years old, then previous passport must be submitted.
- 2. In the case of students as mentioned at 1 (b) evidence from the University, College or Educational Institution confirming the duration of the course of study or time spent at the institution.
- 3. Documentary evidence of how the potential re-migrant intends to earn a livelihood in Guyana to re-establish permanent stay.
- 4. A Statutory Declaration, which must be prepared by a Justice of Peace or Commissioner of Oaths to Affidavits in Guyana and which must include the following:
 - (a) That the items for which exemptions are sought are for personal and domestic use and not for sale or exchange.

Do you own immovable property overseas? Yes () No () if yes, what do you plan to do with it?.....

Name and address of closest relative in Guyana.....

Have you or any member of your family enjoyed duty free concession before? Yes () No (), If yes, who and when?.....

If not married is a claim being submitted by your common-law spouse?.....

How would you obtain your livelihood now that you are in Guyana?

Declaration

I hereby declare that all particulars given above are true and correct.

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Signature

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Date

**REMIGRATION OFFICE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
"RAMPHAL HOUSE"
CHARLOTTE AND NEW GARDEN STREETS**

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

APPLICATION FOR REMIGRANT STATUS

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(Family Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)

Date of Birth..... Gender: Male..... Female.....

Place and Country of Birth.....

Nationality.....

Are you a permanent resident of the country from which you are remigrating?
Yes..... No.....if yes, which country.....

What was your date of permanent residence?.....

Are you a returning to resettle? Yes () No ().

Marital Status: - Single () Married () Widow () Widower ()
Separated () Common-Law () Divorced ()

What is the name of your spouse and place and date of birth?.....
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How many children do you have?.....

What is your permanent address in Guyana?.....
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Telephone Nos:.....

Address where you resided whilst overseas.....
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List of any special skill or specialization.....
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Did you work while overseas?.....

Description of your work, name and address of employer if applicable.....
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