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Notice To All Holders of An Indefinite Work Permit Exemption

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Accordingly, all persons who currently hold an Indefinite Work Permit Exemption are required to visit the Ministry and submit their existing exemption card for review, and **commence the renewal process no later than 31 March 2027.** All affected persons are encouraged to begin this process *as soon as possible*.

The Ministry also wishes to remind the public that **a Work Permit Exemption is not the same as immigration status.** In light of the policy change discontinuing Indefinite Work Permit Exemptions, **persons are strongly encouraged to take the necessary steps to regularise their immigration status and should not rely solely on their Work Permit Exemption as a basis for residing in the Virgin Islands.** Individuals are therefore also encouraged to *apply for Residence Status or Belonger Status*, as applicable, at the earliest opportunity.

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For further information or assistance, persons are encouraged to visit the Ministry of Financial Services, Economic Development and Digital Transformation at **2nd Floor Romasco** Place or contact us at **1(284) 468-2112.**

The Ministry appreciates the cooperation of all affected persons and encourages everyone to take the necessary steps before the stipulated deadline.

Persons can access Exemption Form here: https://gov.vg/sites/default/files/2026-11/work_permit_exemption_form_updated_18_june_2025%29.pdf

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Additional Documents or Media

- work_permit_exemption_form_updated_18_june_2025).pdf
- FAQ1 - Indefinite Work Permit Exemption
- FAQ2 - Indefinite Work Permit Exemption
- FAQ3 - Indefinite Work Permit Exemption