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Notification on Revised Immigration Rules and Regulations 2023

The Ministry of Home Affairs is pleased to notify that the Revised Immigration Rules and Regulations 2023 (IRRs 2023) will come into effect from 11 November 2023, corresponding to 28th Day of the 09th Month of the Water Female Rabbit Year of the Bhutanese Calendar.

The revision was initiated with the objective to align with the vision of Developed Bhutan by 2034. The revision is expected to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of immigration system, facilitate service delivery while upholding the integrity of immigration policies and security of the nation.

Some of the key changes of the IRRs 2023 are as follows:

- 1) Relaxation of the 6 months exit requirement for foreign workers following 3 years of work in the Kingdom
- 2) Rationalization and leaning of processes and document requirements to avail immigration services
- 3) Increased fines to encourage compliance. The fines are calculated on the basis of the minimum wage rate of the National Work Force
- 4) Revised fees for non-tourist visa, work permit and other immigration permits

The Department of Immigration (DoI) will be available to conduct information session should any agency require further clarification on the IRRs 2023. Please get in touch with DoI at 02-333522 or srabgay@moha.gov.bt to schedule the information session if required. The IRRs 2023 of the Kingdom of Bhutan is available at www.doi.gov.bt

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