



## Golborne Road Advisory

### **Information for GRA clients and the general public on the Mandatory e-Registration of Foreigners in Nigeria as mandated by the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS).**

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The Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) recently issued guidelines for the registration of foreigners, in order to update the Registry of Immigrants in the country as mandated by the Immigration Regulation Number 22 of 2017.

The process involves the submission of relevant immigration documents and collection of biometric data. An acknowledgement slip will be issued thereafter, as evidence of e-Registration. The process is free.

#### **1. Who does this apply to?**

Any non-Nigerian, who intends to stay in Nigeria for a period exceeding 90 days. This includes holders of Tourist, Business, and Temporary Work Permit Visas.

Exempted from this registration are dependents under the age of 18 years, persons with diplomatic immunity, and other non-Nigerian visitors staying for a period not exceeding 90 days.

#### **2. How long is the window?**

Persons to which this requirement applies, must visit [the closest NIS office](#) to them before 31 December 2019.

#### **3. What are the penalties for failure to comply?**

Failure to comply with the Migrant Registration is contrary to Section 57 (5) of the Immigration Act 2015 and punishable under the same section.

To read the NIS guidelines, please follow [this link](#).

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