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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AND CARICOM AFFAIRS CLARIFIES BERMUDA'S ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO NATIONALS

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The Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs wishes to provide important clarifications regarding recent reports on Bermuda's updated entry requirements for Trinidad and Tobago nationals, specifically an article published by CNC3 News titled, "*Bermuda Revokes Visa-Free Access for T&T Nationals*."

While the article ***suggests*** that Bermuda now requires Trinidad and Tobago passport holders to possess a valid Canadian, UK, or US visa for entry, the headline could potentially be misleading given the practicalities of travel between our two nations. In an effort to correct this ***Immediately,*** it should be noted that ***BERMUDA DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY NATIONAL OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TO POSSESS A VISA TO ENTER BERMUDA*** **as that country remains a Trinidad and Tobago VISA Free destination.** This was confirmed in discussions between the Hon. Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs and the Hon. E. David Burt, JP, MP, Premier of Bermuda on 19th July 2025.

Further, it is crucial for the public to note that this narrative arose, solely based upon the fact, that **there are no direct flights from Trinidad and Tobago to Bermuda**. All travellers from Trinidad and Tobago to Bermuda are required to transit through a third country, most commonly the United States of America, Canada, or the United Kingdom.

The USA and Canada have had long-standing visa requirements for Trinidad and Tobago nationals. The United Kingdom recently imposed a visa requirement for Trinidad and Tobago nationals, which came into effect on 12th March, 2025. Given that travel to Bermuda necessitates transit through one of these countries, and with the recent imposition of a visa requirement by the United Kingdom, it logically follows that Bermuda adjust its entry requirements, in an effort to comprehensively share information related to its entry, to align with the transit policies of these key gateways. **Therefore, the new requirement by Bermuda, reflects a practical adjustment considering these established and evolving international transit regulations.**

To this end, the Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs utilised official diplomatic channels and caused for a conversation to occur between himself and Premier the Honourable Edward David Burt on this issue, who reassured the Minister of the position as articulated in Paragraph One (1) above. Additionally, Trinidad and Tobago will be forwarding a missive on this matter within the coming days to Bermuda, to allow for a formal response to be further positively espoused on this issue. Trinidad and Tobago's ties and Diplomatic relations remain extremely high and positive between the two nations.

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The Ministry continues to engage with international partners to ensure that the interests of Trinidad and Tobago nationals are appropriately represented in global travel policies. Most recently, the Honourable Minister of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs, along with the Minister of Legal Affairs and Minister of Justice met with senior Officials of the UK Home Office to discuss *inter alia* a framework which could potentially lead to an adjustment of the Visa requirement for Trinidad and Tobago nationals travelling to the UK.

In the interim, we advise all citizens planning international travel to consult the official entry requirements of both their destination and any transit countries well in advance of their journey.

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