

LAW OF GEORGIA ON ALIENS' TEMPORARY ENTRY INTO, STAY IN AND EXIT FROM GEORGIA

(As amended)

CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISION

Article 1

The Law on Aliens' Temporary Entry Into, Stay In and Exit From Georgia determines:

- (a) Temporary entry into and exit from Georgia of aliens (citizens of a foreign state or stateless persons permanently residing in a foreign state);
- (b) (Removed);
- (c) Legal relations connected to transit of aliens in the territory of Georgia;
- (d) Responsibility for violation of this law.

Article 2

Aliens' temporary entry into, stay in and exit from Georgia shall be regulated by the Constitution of Georgia, the present Law, the Law of Georgia on the Legal Status of Aliens and other normative acts of Georgia.

Chapter II. Aliens' Temporary Entry into and Exit from Georgia

Article 3

1. Aliens may enter into and exit from Georgia through open check-points at the border of Georgia with a valid passport or travel document allowing identification of the person, issued by the appropriate agency of the country of their permanent residence. Aliens entering in or exiting from Georgia shall have the entry, entry-exit, exit, or exit-entry visa of Georgia.
2. Categories of visas are as follows:
 - a) diplomatic,
 - b) official,
 - c) ordinary, and
 - d) tourist.
3. Categories (a), (b), and (c) includes entry, entry-exit, exit, exit-entry and transit visas. Category (d) includes entry-exit visas.
4. Types of visas are as follows: single, double and multiple visas.

Article 4

1. The visas specified herein shall be issued and prolonged by Georgian consular offices located abroad and consular offices located in Georgia, namely the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and its offices.
2. The order of issuance of visas shall be determined by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia.

Article 5

1. Visas shall be issued on the following grounds:
 - a) for a private visit – personal application by an alien and an invitation by a Georgian citizen or a person permanently residing in Georgia;
 - b) for a tourist trip – personal application by an alien or application by a travel agency;
 - c) for a business trip – an invitation by an artificial person registered in Georgia;
 - d) for an official visit – invitation by Georgian authorities or local self-government and government bodies;
 - e) in case of exit or exit-entry – personal application by an alien. An exit-entry visa shall be issued to aliens who temporarily leave Georgia within the term of validity of an entry or entry-exit visa. The term of validity of an exit-entry visa shall not be more than that of the primary visa;
 - f) other grounds, unless prohibited by Georgian laws.

Article 6

The personnel of missions of foreign countries, diplomatic, consular or other institutions of the same status, trade agency offices accredited in Georgia and international intergovernmental organizations and representative offices of the same status based in Georgia who received accreditation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia shall not need any visa for the period of accreditation. They shall enter Georgia and exit from Georgia using the accreditation card issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Article 7

(Removed)

Article 8.

Aliens may be denied entry into and exit from Georgia in the cases stipulated by the Law of Georgia on the Legal Status of Aliens.

**CHAPTER III - LEGAL RELATIONS ARISING FROM
THE STAY OF ALIENS IN GEORGIA**

Article 9

(Removed)

Article 10

The following shall be exempted from registration:

(Removed)

Article 11

(Removed)

Article 12

(Removed)

Article 13

(Removed)

Article 14

(Removed)

**CHAPTER IV - LEGAL RELATIONS ARISING FROM TRANSIT OF ALIENS THROUGH THE
TERRITORY OF GEORGIA**

Article 15

1. Aliens may travel through Georgia using a valid passport or travel document allowing identification of the person, issued by the appropriate agency of the country of their permanent residence, and a transit visa issued to them by a Georgian consular office abroad or consular services in Georgia, namely the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and its offices.
2. The period of transit through Georgia shall not exceed two hours.

Article 16

A transit visa shall be given with permission to stop in one or several places in the territory of Georgia, along the shortest travel route to a neighboring state.

Article 17

The following persons shall have the right to travel through the territory of Georgia without a transit visa:

- (a) Aircraft passengers if there is prior permission to cross the airspace;
- (b) Passengers during a flight on an international airline aircraft with a scheduled connection, if passengers possess a document certifying the right to enter the destination state, and an air ticket certifying the date of departure from the Georgian airport, where the connection takes place. In such cases the period of stay within the territory of Georgia shall not exceed 24 hours. In addition, passengers shall not leave a specially designated area in the airport;
- (c) Citizens of states that enter a special agreement with Georgia.

Article 18

Aliens may travel through the territory of Georgia, transporting an automobile, including by means of a freight transporting international automobiles but only on the roads open for international automobile transportation.

Article 19

1. If aliens traveling through Georgia have to stay in Georgia for over 72 hours due to an emergency stop, they shall prolong the terms of their transit visa or obtain any other visa that sanctions their stay in Georgia.
2. The emergency stop shall include the following:
 - (a) Natural calamity, which delays railway, automobile, ship and aircraft traffic;
 - (b) Necessary repairs of transport or traffic accident;
 - (c) Illness, when, according to a doctor's conclusion, further travel will cause deterioration in the person's health. In this case, the person's family members and accompanying persons may stay with him.
 - (d) When connection from one type of transport to another within the connection terminal is delayed;
 - (e) Other case where unimpeded movement from one place to another is impossible;
3. The term of validity of a transit visa shall be prolonged upon an alien's application for an extension. The application shall include a document issued by the Ministry of Interior or other authorities, which confirms the reason and duration of an alien's forced stay in Georgia.

CHAPTER V

**CHAPTER VI - RESPONSIBILITY OF ALIENS TEMPORARILY
STAYING IN GEORGIA**

Article 23

Aliens shall be held responsible for violating this law according to the Law of Georgia on the Legal Status of Aliens.

Article 24

Aliens may be expelled from Georgia in the cases stipulated by the Law of Georgia on the Legal Status of Aliens.

CHAPTER VII - FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 25

If an international agreement to which Georgia is a party establishes procedures different from those of this law, the procedures established by the international agreement shall apply.

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