

IMMIGRATION REGULATORY UPDATE

Nigeria Immigration Service Transitions to Fully Digital CERPAC Process from August 1

On 16 July 2025, the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) announced the launch of a new digital platform for processing the Combined Expatriate Residence Permit and Aliens Card (CERPAC).

With effect from 1 August 2025, all CERPAC applications shall be submitted exclusively through the newly introduced online platform, the use of physical CERPAC forms will be discontinued after 31 July 2025.

All Applicants who have already made payments but are yet to submit their CERPAC forms are advised to do so on or before the deadline to avoid invalidation of their application and forfeiture of associated payments. The NIS has also urged companies and individuals who bear immigration responsibility for expatriates to complete all pending submissions within the stipulated timeframe to avoid unnecessary disruptions. Any CERPAC form submitted after 31 July deadline will be rendered invalid.

It is also important to note that the NIS has temporarily removed the Subject To Regularisation (STR) visa categories—R2A and R3A—from the portal. As a result, submissions under these categories cannot currently be made until the digital CERPAC platform becomes fully operational.

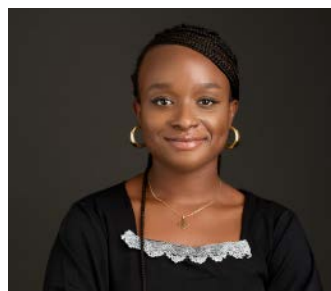
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