

VIRGIN ISLANDS
IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2025

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VIRGIN ISLANDS
STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 2025 NO. 61
IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT ORDINANCE
(Revised Edition 2013)

Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

[Gazetted 27th June, 2025]

The Cabinet, in exercise of the power conferred by section 49 of the Immigration and Passport Act, Revised Edition 2013, makes these Regulations.

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Immigration and Passport (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 27th day of June, 2025.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (2), the fees prescribed in regulation 10(a) for the purposes of Schedule 3 Part I paragraphs 1, 1a, 2, 9, 10, 11 and 12 shall come into force on the 30th day of June, 2025 and the fees prescribed in regulation 10(b) for the purposes of Schedule 3 Part IV shall come into force on the 1st day of October, 2025.

Regulation 8A amended

2. The Immigration and Passport Regulations, 2014 (referred to in these Regulations as the “principal Regulations”) is amended in regulation 8A(1) by substituting “Form 4A” with “Form 3”.

Regulation 8B inserted

3. The principal Regulations is amended by inserting after regulation 8A the following Regulation:

“Point-based system for obtaining Residence and Belonger Status

8B. The Board shall, for every application for residence status or believer status apply the point-based system for obtaining Residence and Belonger Status set out in Form 3(a) in Schedule 1.”.

Regulation 10 amended

4. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 10

(a) in subregulation (1) by substituting “Form 5” with “Form 3”;

(b) by inserting after subregulation (3) the following subregulation:

“(4) In the case of a child who was previously endorsed on their parents’ certificate of residence and has attained the age of 18

years, the child shall be issued a card by the Chief Immigration Officer in Form 6(a) set out in Schedule 1 authorising the child to remain in the Territory for a period of one year.”.

Regulation 17 amended

5. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 17

(a) by substituting subregulation (1) with the following:

“(1) The Chief Immigration Officer may on the issue of any permit require a non-refundable sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to be deposited with him or her in respect of each such permit and the sum shall be deposited by the Chief Immigration Officer into the Consolidated Fund”; and

(b) by deleting subregulation (3).

Regulation 18 amended

6. The principal Regulations is amended by substituting regulation 18 with the following:

“18. The Chief Immigration Officer may, where the applicant is intended to be employed by the Government, permit the applicant for an entry permit to enter into a non-refundable signed bond in Form 10 in Schedule 1 in the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars in respect of each permit.”.

Regulation 26 amended

7. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 26 by inserting after subregulation (4) the following subregulations:

“(5) The fees payable for services rendered by the Department of Immigration other than fees prescribed in Part III of Schedule 3 are set out in Part IV of that Schedule.

(6) The fees set out in Part IV of Schedule 3 shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.”.

Regulation 27 amended

8. The principal Regulations is amended in regulation 27 by inserting after subregulation (2), the following subregulations:

“(3) The form of a 1-day landing permit is set out in Form 12(c) of Schedule 1.

(4) The form of a 30-day landing permit is set out in Form 12(d) of Schedule 1.”.

Schedule 1 amended

9. Schedule 1 of the principal Regulations is amended

(a) by substituting Form 3 with the following Form:

“VIRGIN ISLANDS

FORM 3

[Regulations 8A(1) & 10]

Immigration and Passport Act

APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF STATUS IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Board of Immigration

* Indicates required question

1. Email * _____

The completed application should be sent to Chief Immigration Officer Department of Immigration Government of the Virgin Islands Road Town, Tortola VG1110 British Virgin Islands.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED. IF A QUESTION DO NOT APPLY TO YOU, INSERT “NOT APPLICABLE” OR “N/A” WITHIN THE SPACE PROVIDED. NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Personal Details of Applicant

2. Surname (Last Name) * _____

3. First Name(s) * _____

4. Maiden Name _____

5. Nationality * _____

6. Gender *

- ☐ Male
☐ Female

7. Date of Birth * _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

8. Country of Birth * _____

9. Passport number * _____

10. Date of Issue * _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

11. Place of Issue * _____

12. Date of Expiry * _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

13. Do you have another passport? *
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
14. If yes, please list the Date of Issue, Place of Issue and Date of Expiry _____
15. Religion _____
16. Marital Status *
- ☐ Single
☐ Married
☐ Divorced
☐ Widowed
17. Spouse Surname (Last Name) _____
18. Spouse First Name(s) _____
19. Spouse Maiden Name (*if applicable*) _____
20. Spouse Date of Birth _____
(dd/mm/yyyy)
21. Date of Marriage _____
(dd/mm/yyyy)
22. Place of Marriage _____
23. Spouse Primary Phone _____
24. Spouse Email _____
25. Has your spouse been married or widowed previously? *
- Please provide details:
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
26. Is your spouse employed? *
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
27. Please provide details: Spouse Occupation & Spouse Employer * _____
28. Does your spouse reside in the Virgin Islands? *
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
29. If no, Where? * _____

30. What is your current immigration status? *
- ☐ Work Permit Holder
☐ Exemption Holder
☐ Residing Dependent
☐ Residing by Self (unemployed or attending territory education)
☐ Other
31. Physical Address *
- P.O. Box, Primary Phone, Secondary Phone, District*
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
32. Occupation *
- _____
- _____
33. Are you employed? *
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
34. If yes, please provide the name of employer/business, physical address, P.O. Box, email and contact number. *
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
35. Were any of your parents or grandparents born in the Virgin Islands? *
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
36. If yes, please provide their name(s), date(s) of birth and relationship(s) to you. *
- _____
- _____
- _____

37. List all countries of which you are permanent resident/belongs or are entitled to reside in:*

38. From what date have you been legally and ordinarily resident in the Virgin Islands? *

Legal and ordinary residence means the place of abode of a person in a particular place or country which he or she has legally adopted voluntarily and for settled purposes as part of the regular order of his or her life for the time being, consecutively, whether of short or long duration.

39. Give details and dates of any employment or occupation and any full-time attendance at an educational establishment inside and outside of the territory. *

40. List all places you have lived for more than 6 months during the past 10 years, give dates and address. List in descending date and order (most recent first) dd|mm|yyyy, City, Country, From & To *

41. What is your current annual income? (salary + other income) *

42. What is the source of this income? *

- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Investments
- ☐ Family
- ☐ Other

43. List all real property owned by you. *

Please state the address, block, parcel, sole ownership, percent of ownership if jointly owned, purchase date.

Dependents

44. Do you have any children or other dependents currently residing in the Virgin Islands with you? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

45. If yes, provide - Name, Date of Birth, Nationality and Relationship *

46. Do you have any children or other dependents NOT currently residing in the Virgin * Islands with you?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

47. If yes, provide - Name, Date of Birth, Nationality and Relationship *

48. Have any of your dependents ever been convicted of criminal offence in any country? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

49. If yes, provide - Name, Date of Birth, Nationality and Relationship *

50. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

51. Have you ever owned shares, equity or rights in a non-public quoted company which went bankrupt or ceased trading without creditors being paid in full? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

52. Have you ever been a Director, Manager, or Officer of a company, partnership or entity which went bankrupt or ceased trading without creditors being paid in full? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

53. If yes to questions above, please provide details. *

54. Which banks are you affiliated with locally & overseas *
Please state name and address

55. Have you ever been actively involved in politics outside the Virgin Islands? *
- If yes, provide details

56. Provide the names of three Virgin Islanders who have agreed to provide a reference for you. *
- For each reference name, please provide their address

*NOTE: A COPY OF THE PASSPORT, BIOGRAPHICAL PAGE, SEAL OF CITIZENSHIP OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE AS PROOF THAT THE REFERENCE IS A VIRGIN ISLANDER MUST ACCOMPANY THE REFERENCE LETTER. YOU MUST SUBMIT ALL LETTERS WITH THIS APPLICATION FORM. **EMPLOYERS OR EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE PRESENTED AS REFERENCES.***

57. If granted the right to become a Belonger, I intend to contribute to my community by? *

Details Of Agent (if applicable)

58. Agency Name * _____

59. Agency PO Box _____

60. Contact Name _____
61. Telephone / Cell _____
62. Email Address * _____

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF APPLYING ON THE
GROUNDS OF DESCENT OF 4TH GENERATION
BELONGER STATUS

63. Do you have a great-grandparent who was born in the Virgin Islands *
If the answer is YES - you are eligible to make an application for the Right to be a Virgin Islands Belonger under this section of the Immigration Passport Act.

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

64. Through whom do you have a Virgin Islands connection? *

- ☐ Maternal great-grandparent
☐ Fraternal great-grandparent

65. What is the name of your Virgin Islands connection? *

Surname (Last Name) | Given Names (First Name) | Middle Initial

66. Is your Virgin Islands connection still living? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

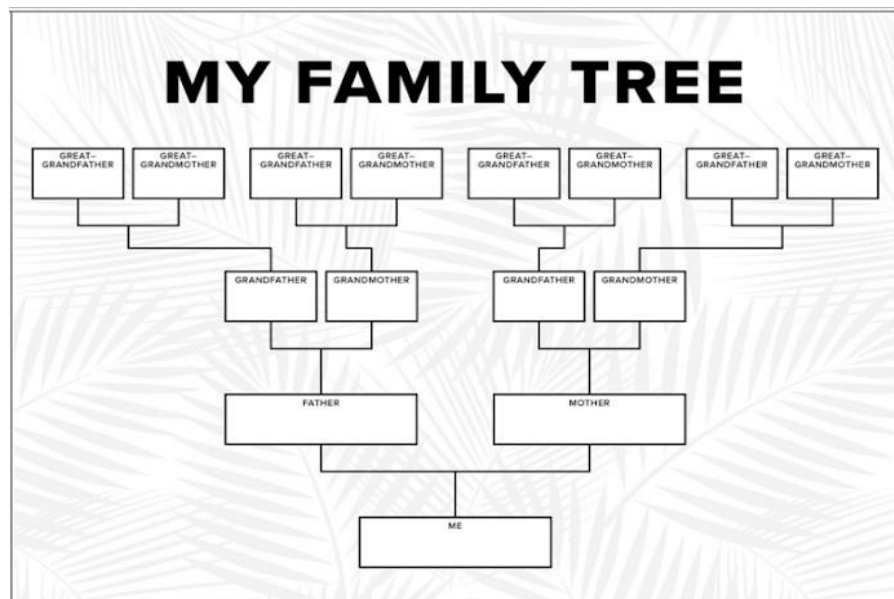
67. If yes, country of residence * _____

68. Do you have any relatives who have applied/ are also applying or who have been granted the right to be a Virgin Islands Belonger on the grounds of descent? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

69. If yes, provide the following details for each one of them. Use separate sheet of paper if necessary. *
Provide Surname (Last Name), Given Names (First & Middle), Date of Birth, Country of Birth and Gender.

Provide your family tree.



COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF APPLYING ON THE GROUNDS OF MARRIAGE

NOTE: IF YOUR SPOUSE IS DECEASED PROCEED TO SECTION (7)

70. Are you the lawful spouse of a Virgin Islander or Belonger?
☐ Yes
☐ No
71. Is your marriage stable and intact?
☐ Yes
☐ No
72. Have you been together as husband and wife in the Territory for at least 5 years?
☐ Yes
☐ No

73. If your answer is No to either of the above questions, please provide detailed explanation

74. Is your spouse a Virgin Islander by birth?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

75. If No, what date was your spouse granted Belonger status

(dd/mm/yyyy)

76. Does your spouse have an email address?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

77. If yes, what is your spouse's email address

(Section 7) COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF APPLYING ON THE GROUNDS OF BEING THE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A VIRGIN ISLANDER OR BELONGER

78. What is your spouse's full name?

Surname (Last Name) | First Name(s) | Maiden Name (if applicable)

79. Was your marriage still intact at the time of your spouse's death?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

80. Date of Marriage _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

81. Place of Marriage _____

82. Date of Death _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

83. Place of Death _____

(dd/mm/yyyy)

84. Reference to verify validity of marriage at time of death

85. Have you remarried since being widowed

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

86. If yes, provide date of most recent marriage *Attach a certified copy of this marriage certificate*

(dd/mm/yyyy)

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF APPLYING FOR
CONTINUATION - AFTER 18
YEARS OF AGE

87. From what date will you no longer be endorsed by your parent?

(dd/mm/yyyy)

88. List dates of enrollment in all schools attended in the last five (5) years preceding the date of this application.

From | To | Name School | Address of School

89. Were you enrolled in Full Time Education for all?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

Declaration

I, the above-mentioned person, am hereby applying for the right to Residence or Belonger Status by virtue of Sections 18 or 16 of the Immigration and Passport Act respectively and declares as follows:

- (a) that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and*
- (b) that I am aware that it is a criminal offence to make a statement or representation that is false in a material particular which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.*

90. Print Name and Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

(b) by inserting after Form 3 the following Form:

VIRGIN ISLANDS

FORM 3(a)

[Regulation 8B]

**Immigration and Passport Act
POINT-BASED SYSTEM FOR OBTAINING RESIDENCE AND
BELONGER STATUS**

The Point System detailed below:

- I. The assignment of points to each criterion are based on the importance and relevance to the Territory's immigration goals.
- II. Applicants must meet a minimum total point threshold to be eligible for Residence or Belonger Status.

A. Residence Status Criteria:

- 1. **Length of Residency:** The number of years the applicant has been ordinarily resident in the Territory.
- 2. **Contribution to the Community:** Evidence of the applicant's contributions to the local community, such as involvement in charitable activities, volunteer work, or other forms of community engagement.
- 3. **Criminal Record:** A background check to determine if the applicant has a criminal record, with a focus on serious crimes.
- 4. **Financial Stability:** The financial stability and capacity of the applicant to support themselves and their dependents without relying on public assistance.

5. **Educational Qualifications:** The applicant's level of education and whether their qualifications are recognised in the Territory.
6. **Employment or Business Ownership:** Employment history or evidence of owning a business within the Territory.
7. **Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in the official language(s) of the Territory.
8. **Knowledge of Territory and Its History:** Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Territory's history, culture, and values.

B. Belonger Status Criteria:

1. **Length of Residency:** The number of years the applicant has been ordinarily resident in the Territory.
2. **Cultural Integration:** Evidence of the applicant's detailed understanding of the local culture and traditions.
3. **Financial Contribution:** Demonstrated financial investment in the Territory, such as property ownership, business ventures, or financial support for local initiatives.
4. **Contribution to the Community:** Evidence of the applicant's contributions to the local community and society.
5. **Criminal Record:** A background check to ensure the applicant does not have a history of serious criminal offenses.
6. **Language Proficiency:** Proficiency in the official language(s) of the Territory.
7. **Knowledge of Territory and Its History:** Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Territory's history, culture, and values.
8. **Personal Responsibility:** A commitment to uphold the Virgin Islands Constitution Order 2007 and the laws of the Territory and to be a responsible and loyal member of the community.

FACTOR 1	POINTS
<u>Consistent Occupation</u> a. Current Occupation b. Priority Occupation	Maximum 20 points Maximum 10 Maximum 10
<u>Explanation</u> 1. Applicants will receive points for their current occupation based on years of consistent employment. The points allocated to occupation are based on current demand for the occupation as established by the Quota-Setting Committee.	

2. The points allocated to each occupation under this Factor will be reviewed and adjusted periodically or as needed by the Board of Immigration in collaboration with the Quota-Setting Committee.
3. The priority occupations will be determined by the Quota-Setting Committee under the guidance and support of the Territories' Labour and Workforce Policies. This will be reviewed based on the criteria to be established by the Quota-Setting Committee. In the absence of established listing occupations will receive maximum points under Factor 1(a).
4. Where the applicant is unemployed at the time the application is being decided on, no points will be awarded under this category.

FACTOR 2	POINTS
<u>Education, Training and Experience</u> Points will be allocated based on the applicant's academic qualifications, technical qualifications or educational certificates, by any internationally or nationally recognised institution or official body related in the applicant's current field of expertise or trade.	Maximum 25 points
a. Years of Experience - Number of years of experience in the occupation (points based on one point for each year worked in the current occupation field, after a minimum threshold of two years with a maximum of 10 years).	Maximum 10
b. Education	Maximum 15

<i>Professional Occupations</i>	
I. Academic/Qualification a. Post Graduate Degree/Professional Qualification b. Bachelor's Degree c. Associate's Degree d. High School Diploma or Equivalent e. None of the above OR II. Skilled/Unskilled Occupations (<i>Technical/Vocational</i>) a. Post Graduate Degree b. Local Licence from the relevant Regulatory body c. Bachelor's Degree d. Vocational Certificate (greater than 1 year of study) e. Associate's Degree f. Vocational Certificate (less than 1 year of study) g. High School Diploma or equivalent h. None of the above	a. 15 Points b. 12 Points c. 8 Points d. 5 Points e. 0 Points a. 15 Points b. 15 Points c. 12 Points d. 10 Points e. 8 Points f. 7 Points g. 5 Points h. 0 Points
<u>Explanation</u>	
1. One point will be awarded for each full year worked in the occupation field, after a minimum of two years up to a maximum of ten years. 2. With respect to education, applicants will be awarded points under either I or II, not both. Further, the points will only be awarded for educational qualifications as they relate to the applicants' occupation or vocation.	

FACTOR 3	POINTS
<u>Local Investments</u> In assessing an applicant's local investments under I and/or II below, points shall be awarded taking into account the amount of the applicant's monetary investment relative to their <u>actual means</u>. I. Investment in property in the Islands <i>and/or</i> II. Investment in a locally licensed company	Maximum 30 points a. 30K – 99k - 10 points b. 100k – 649k - 20 points c. 650k+ - 30 points
<u>Explanation</u> Total investment (numerator) relative to total income earned over the last five years immediately preceding the application (denominator). $\frac{\text{Total Investment}}{40\% \text{ of total income for last three years}} \times 30$ <u>Notes:</u> - Total investment requires a minimum threshold of US\$30,000. No points will be awarded for investments of less than this amount. But where the investment exceeds US\$30,000, points will be awarded for the full value. (<i>i.e. including the first US\$30,000</i>) - Maximum points will be awarded automatically where the total investment exceeds US\$650,000. - Income means either: 90% of total documented income for the last 12 months prior to making the application, multiplied by three; <i>or</i> 100% of total documented income for the last five years. - Income includes salary, commission, gratuities, investment income and any other form of demonstrated income to the extent that proof of such income can be shown. Only notarised evidence of	

income or government issued evidence of income will be accepted.

5. Where an investment is owned jointly between spouses, points will be awarded based on the full investment amount rather than on the percentage ownership of each spouse. The combined income of both spouses will also be used in the calculation.
6. Where an investment is owned by the applicant and another party who is not his spouse, points will be awarded for the percentage of the investment held in the applicant's name only.
7. Where the spouses apply individually for the grant of residence or belonger status and they receive points based on the full investment amount, rather than the percentage held in their name, and residence or belonger status is granted, each spouse will be required to maintain the full value of the investment.
8. Purchase agreements for property will **NOT** be accepted as evidence of actual investment and no points shall be awarded on the basis of a purchase agreement.
9. Total investment is defined as the summation of the following:
 - a. Purchase price of property **plus** stamp duty paid **less** total liabilities in residential property **OR** total payments (loan deposit plus interest payment plus principal payment plus stamp duty paid) on residential mortgage, whichever is higher.
 - b. Market value of investments (stocks, bonds, etc.) in a locally licensed and operated solvent company.
 - c. Investment in a privately owned locally licensed business which is solvent.
 - d. Personal funds (i.e. not borrowed funds or funds received by way of gift) injected by the applicant to make improvements on property which was transferred as a gift. For the avoidance of doubt, where there are no major improvements made to the property, no points will be allocated. Proof of source of funds must be provided.

FACTOR 4	POINTS
<u>Financial Stability</u>	Maximum 40 points
1. Evidence of cash and savings held locally. a. Applicant's total cash and deposits (up to a maximum threshold of US\$75,000) as a percentage of aggregate. b. Average minimum balance of \$5,000 over the last three (3) years. c. Applicants with dependents (spouse or children) the average minimum will be \$1,500 per dependent for the three-year period. Points will be allocated as follows: a. 75,000 or Greater b. 30,001 to 74,999 c. 15,001 to 30,000 d. 5,000 to 15,000	Maximum 10 a. 10 Points b. 8 Points c. 6 Points d. 3 Points
2. Evidence of salary and income. Points will be allocated based on the applicant's gross annual income from employment: a. 100,001 or Greater b. 50,001 to 100,000 c. 15,001 to 50,000 d. Under 15,000	Maximum 10 a. 10 Points b. 8 Points c. 6 Points d. 3 Points
3. Total overall debt. Points will be allocated based on the applicant's overall debt owed to any bank or financial credit facility: a. 0 to 350,000 b. 351,001 to 700,000 c. 700,001 to 1,000,000 d. Over 1,000,000	Maximum 10 a. 10 Points b. 8 Points c. 6 Points d. 3 Points
4. Debt service credit ratio. Points will be allocated based on the applicant's debt to credit ratio:	Maximum 10

a. 0% to 10% b. 11% to 25% c. 26% to 40% d. Over 40%	a. 10 Points b. 8 Points c. 6 Points d. 3 Points
<u>Explanation</u> 1. An applicant must prove that he has sufficient resources through income and salary to support himself and any dependents accompanying him. In addition, his ability to provide sufficient funds for his and their healthcare, education, accommodation and maintenance is of paramount importance for prospective long-term residents. 2. Written evidence must be provided of his savings at local financial institutions for a period of three years preceding his application. 3. No credit will be given in respect of pension contributions. 4. Written evidence of all credit accounts (debts) held by an applicant with any bank or other financial credit facility must be submitted with the applicant's application. The written evidence regarding the applicant's debt savings may be included in the same document provided that both the savings and the credit facility are held at the same institution. In cases where an applicant's debts and savings are held at more than one or different institutions, written evidence of each debt and/or savings account must be submitted from the respective institutions. 5. Gross annual income from employment includes all employment related monetary income earned annually by the applicant and includes basic salary, bonus, commission, allowances etc. to the extent that documentary evidence is produced to show income.	
FACTOR 5	POINTS
<u>Community Minded/Integration into the Virgin Islands Community</u> Points will be awarded up to a maximum of forty (40) points for activities falling under the categories as follows:	Maximum 40 points

1. Two (2) points will be awarded for each year that the applicant has provided a minimum of 30 hours of service annually for up to eight years; a. Training and mentoring of persons deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands outside of normal work hours or related employer sponsored activities. b. Personal sponsorship towards a person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands' tertiary training, with a minimum of US\$4,500 per annum. c. Actively assist in the rehabilitation and mentoring of offenders. 2. A minimum of five (5) years active membership in a locally registered non-profit organisation. Organisation to submit letter-detailing specifics of membership (i.e. number of meetings attended, number of volunteered hours, leadership positions, etc.).	
<u>Explanation</u> 1. The extent to which the applicant has successfully settled and integrated into Virgin Islands society is assessed by reference to such qualities as adaptability, motivation, involvement in the community and initiative. 2. Applicants who demonstrate an active involvement in the training and mentoring of persons deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands and the rehabilitation and mentoring of offenders will be given higher points. 3. Letters confirming an applicant's participation or contribution in any of the activities referred to in this factor will only be accepted from the head of the organisation or an executive member of the Board,	

and the belonger beneficiary in cases of training or mentoring and must provide the required details of those activities and the amount of time the applicant was involved.

4. In the absence of such evidence, the applicant will need to attend a community service program listed in the Board's approved list of programs for a minimum of 60 hours annually for three (3) years or a total of 180 hours.
5. No points will be given for financial contributions made by a business for which the applicant is a co-owner or otherwise holds an economic interest unless the business operates as a sole trader.

FACTOR 6	POINTS
<u>History and Culture Test</u> An applicant's integration into the Virgin Islands society will be measured by reference to his knowledge of local history, tradition, customs and current events. One half-point (1/2) shall be awarded for each question answered correctly subject to: a. Completion of English as a second language course taken and passed at HLSCC as a prerequisite for the historical and cultural test for the applicable persons. b. Each section of the test being passed with a grade of 60% or higher.	Maximum 25 points
<u>Explanation</u> 1. An applicant will be required to attend a training course at the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College and sit a History and Culture Test. 2. Each section of the test must be passed with a grade of 60% or higher.	

3. The date of the course may be rescheduled by the applicant once only and the course must have been undertaken within thirty days from the original date unless there are exceptional circumstances (i.e. medical emergencies, travel restrictions, etc.). The applicant will also only be given one chance to re-sit the Test. 4. Cases where exceptional circumstances are being presented, the relevant proof is required (i.e. medical certificates, legal documentation, etc.). 5. Where an applicant fails to sit the Test within thirty days of the original date the application will proceed for determination and a score of zero points will be awarded under this Factor.
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FACTOR 7	POINTS
<u>Possessing Close Virgin Islands Connections</u> Applicant's relationship to a person who is deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands. a. An applicant who is the parent, son or daughter of a Person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent. b. An applicant who is the brother, sister or grandparent of a person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent.	Maximum 40 points a. 40 Points b. 20 Points
<u>Explanation</u> 1. An applicant is allocated the most points (40 points) if they are the parent, son or daughter of a person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent; 2. An applicant is allocated 20 points if: a. They are the brother, sister or grandparent of a	

person deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands by birth or descent; b. They are a national granted permission to reside in the Virgin Islands by the Governor in Executive Council (as it then was) or by the Chief Immigration Officer (as it now is); and c. They have applied for permanent residence.	
FACTOR 8	POINTS
<u>Demographic and Cultural Diversity</u> To maintain a demographic and cultural balance in our community, points will be awarded based on the applicant's country of origin. Countries with fewer residents represented (measured by work permits in effect) will receive more points than countries with higher degrees of representation. a. exceeding 10% b. 5-10% c. Not exceeding 5%	Maximum 10 points a. 0 Points b. 5 Points c. 10 Points
<u>Explanation</u> 1. In order to maintain a vibrant and diverse community it is desirable to ensure that the permanent population of the Islands is made up of a balance of nationalities. 2. The Quota-Setting Committee will also provide demographical direction that will be utilised in the review of the same.	

FACTOR 9	POINTS
<u>Age Distribution</u> Age diversity and balance in the local community is also relevant with respect to national productivity. Points will be awarded as follows: a. 18 – 24 b. 25 – 35	Maximum 10 points a. 4 Points b. 10 Points

c. 36 – 45 d. 46 – 60 e. 61 and above	c. 8 Points d. 6 Points e. 0 Points						
<u>Explanation</u> - It is important to maintain age distribution in the labour market in a way that contributes positively to the long-term sustainability of labour supply to the Islands. - Points are allocated based on the number of working years an applicant has remaining before retirement. This in turn affects factors such as productivity, pension planning and state health care usage.							
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2. Points will be deducted if the applicant is certified by a Health Officer to be suffering from a communicable disease that makes his continued residence in the Islands dangerous to the community or is mentally disordered or defective in accordance with the Mental Health Act, No. 11 of 2014.
3. Points will be deducted if the applicant has committed a statutory offence for which an administrative fine has been levied. The act of not adhering to the Laws of the Territory is reflective of the applicant's character and the deduction of points must be reasonable and proportionate in the circumstances.
4. Points will be deducted for any sums owed to the Government of the Virgin Islands or any statutory body for more than 90 days. The number of points deducted will increase on a sliding scale based on the number of days the sum is past due up to a maximum of 240 days.
5. Points will be deducted for an applicant (student or recent graduate) who presents an unclean academic and behavioural record by the Ministry of Education, Youth Affairs and Sports or a private academic institution, where applicable.
6. The Board shall provide a full explanation in writing justifying any deduction made and show that the number of points deducted was reasonable in the circumstances.

DEDUCTIBLE COMPONENTS	POINTS
Other mitigating factors	Maximum points unlimited
<u>Explanation</u> 1. This includes situations where it has been proven that the applicant has mistreated fellow workers in the workplace, persons deemed to belong to the Virgin Islands or non-belongers. Such deductions must be supported by written evidence or other factual evidence of such mistreatment.	

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SCORE TABULATIONS	POINTS
Maximum Possible Points	240 Points
Minimum points to be achieved by an applicant in order to receive a grant of Residence Status.	150 Points
Minimum points to be achieved by an applicant in order to receive a grant of Belonger Status.	180 Points
Points attained by the Applicant.	

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- (c) by deleting Forms 4A and 5;
- (d) by inserting after Form 6, the following Form:

“VIRGIN ISLANDS
FORM 6(a) [Regulation 10(4)]
IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT ACT
INTERIM STATUS CARD

INTERIM STATUS CARD
relating to child who has attained the age of 18 years

This Card is issued to
of in accordance with section
18(4)(b) of the Immigration and Passport Act.

For and on behalf of the Cabinet
.....
Chief Immigration Officer

.....
Date

(e) by replacing Form 10 with the following:

“VIRGIN ISLANDS
FORM 10 [Regulation 18]
IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT ACT
IMMIGRATION BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT WE

of and of are held and
firmly bound unto His Majesty the King in the non-refundable sum
of good and, lawful money of the Virgin
Islands to be paid to the Accountant General for the time being on
behalf of His Majesty the King, for which payment to be well and
truly made we bind ourselves and each of us our heirs executors
and administrators and every of them jointly and severally firmly
by these presents.

Sealed with our seals and dated the day of in the
year of Our Lord Two Thousand and .

WHEREAS various persons named in the Schedule hereto, to be employed during the period of by have arrived in this Territory and entry permit has been applied for in respect of such persons under the provisions of the Immigration and Passport Act and the Immigration Regulations.

Signed, Sealed and delivered
By the within named
(L.S.) and

(L.S.) in the presence of
(L.S.) in the presence of
(L.S.) in the presence of
(L.S.)

SCHEDULE

Name in Full of Immigration	Nationality of Immigration	Permanent Address of Abode of Immigrant
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Signatures of Parties to Bond.”;

(f) by deleting Form 11

(g) by inserting after Form 12(b) the following Forms 12(c) and 12(d):

“VIRGIN ISLANDS

FORM 12(c)

[Regulation 27(3)]

IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT ACT

A 1-DAY LANDING PERMIT

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION
ENTERED
VIRGIN ISLANDS


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LANDED FOR 1 DAY
EMPLOYMENT PROHIBITED

VIRGIN ISLANDS
FORM 12(d)
[Regulation 27(4)]
IMMIGRATION AND PASSPORT ACT
A 30-DAY LANDING PERMIT



Schedule 3 amended

10. The principal Regulations is amended in Schedule 3 of

(a) in Part I

(i) by inserting before paragraph 1 the following paragraph:

“1. On the processing of Application for Residence
and Belonger Status
\$250”;

(ii) by renumbering paragraph 1 as “1A” and substituting the fee
“\$500” with “\$2,500”;

(iii) by renumbering paragraph 1A as “1B”;

(iv) in paragraph 2 (On the grant of a Certificate of Residence) by
substituting the fee “\$300” with “\$1,500”;

(v) by inserting after paragraph 8 the following paragraphs:

“10. Replacement of a Card or Certificate \$50

11. Review of Residence\$150

12. Regularisation of minors for residence\$150

13. Special consideration Fees \$10,000-20,000”;

(b) in Part III, by substituting the paragraph with the following:

“For the services rendered by the Department of Immigration under
regulation 26(3) between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. or at
any time on Sundays or public holidays for any carrier or vessel or
aircraft.

\$20 per hour or part thereof for each immigration officer. (vessel or
aircraft carrying below 15 pax)

\$50 per hour per officer (ferry, vessel or aircraft carrying 16 or above pax)”;

(c) by inserting after Part III the following Part:

“PART IV

[Regulation 26(5)]

**OTHER FEES PAYABLE RENDERED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION**

NO.	SERVICES	FEES
1.	For the services rendered by the Department of Immigration under regulations 26(3) between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m. or at any time on Sundays or public holidays for any carrier or vessel	\$20 per hour or part thereof for each immigration officer
2.	For the issue of an Extension to a Landing permit	\$50 – First Extension \$100 – Subsequent Extensions \$25 – All Extensions - Child or Spouse of a BVI Islander/ Belonger
3.	Issuance of an Entry Permit Form & Stamp	\$50
4.	Issuance of an extension to an Entry Permit	\$50
5.	For the issue of a duplicate Entry Permit Form	\$50
6.	Application for Business Visitor Permit (<i>Work Permit Exempt by Labour Code (Work Permit Exemption) Order, 2017 & 2024</i>)	\$100
7.	Application Fee for all requests to Reside	\$100
8.	Extension to approval of request to Reside	\$50
9.	Conditional Permit Application Fee	\$100
10.	Request for entry without a Valid Entry Permit (Extenuating Circumstances)	\$50

11.	Request for extension letter for Previously Endorsed Child (Section 18(4) of the IPA)	\$250
12.	Application Fee for appeal to the Immigration Appeals Board	\$850
13.	Immigration Services – Late/Early Clearances (Regulation 26(3))	\$20 per hour per officer (vessel or aircraft carrying below 15 pax) \$50 per hour per officer (ferry, vessel or aircraft carrying 16 or above pax)
14.	Immigration Services – Special & Remote Clearance <i>*VIP/Jet Facility to purchase equipment.</i> <i>*Members of the HoA, Spouses of members, visiting government officials utilize the facility without cost.</i>	\$500 – Zone 1 (up to 10 pax) (Tortola, Virgin Gorda - Valley) \$800 – Zone 2 (up to 10 pax) (JVD, Peter Island, Norman Island, Cooper Island) \$2,000 – Zone 3 (up to 10 pax) (Virgin Gorda – North Sound, Saba Rock, Mosquito Island, Necker Island) \$1,000 – Zone 4 (up to 10 pax) (Anegada) \$100 – Each additional traveller up to 25 pax \$50 – Each additional traveller up to 149 pax \$15 per pax – *VIP/Jet facility at Terrance B. Lettsome International Airport

15.	Request for documents, reprint of document, or copies	\$10 per document
16.	Work Permit card	\$75
17.	Application for reissue of Work Permit card	\$75
18.	Non-refundable bond (repatriation fee)	\$250 – non-belonger entity \$250 – locally owned entity

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Made by the Cabinet this 27th day of June, 2025.

(Sgd.) Sandra Ward
Cabinet Secretary.