



EMBASSY OF JAMAICA

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TRAVELLING TO JAMAICA WITH A CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Foreign nationals wishing to travel to Jamaica but who have a criminal record, must request permission to enter Jamaica. The following documents must be transmitted via e-mail to the Embassy at firstsec@jamaicaembassy.org:

1. **Formal, signed letter from applicant requesting permission to travel to Jamaica and indicating intended purpose of travel, length of stay and place of stay in Jamaica**
2. **Scanned copy of bio-data page of valid passport**
3. **Official Court Document detailing the criminal offence/s and the sentence/s received**
 - If the offence/s is/are of a sexual nature, document indicating whether the applicant is or has ever been on the sex offenders' registry and notice of termination where applicable should also be transmitted
4. **If currently on probation/parole, official letter from probation/parole officer granting release to travel**

The Embassy will transmit the documents on the applicant's behalf via e-mail to the relevant authorities in Jamaica for review. Once a decision is taken, the Embassy will be advised and will inform the applicant accordingly.

The processing time is between ten (10) and fifteen (15) business days and **there is no guarantee that permission will be granted to enter Jamaica**. Please ensure all required documents are transmitted to avoid delays in the processing of your application.

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Please note that approval is granted only for the indicated period of travel and must be sought prior to future occasions of intended travel to Jamaica.