

MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND ECONOMY BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

PRESS RELEASE

IMPLEMENTATION OF EXIT AND ENTRY CHARGES ORDER, 2020

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- 1. By command of His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu`izzaddin Waddaulah ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Haji Omar `Ali Saifuddien Sa`adul Khairi Waddien, Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam, the Ministry of Finance and Economy hereby announces that His Majesty has consented to the implementation of the Exit and Entry Charges Order, 2020 which will be enforced on **1**st **August 2020**.
- 2. This Order gives the Controller of Customs and Excise, Royal Customs and Excise Department the power to charge any person who intends to leave or enter Brunei Darussalam through the land control posts (checkpoints).
- 3. The main objective for the implementation of these charges, named 'Caj Perkhidmatan' (CaP) is to standardize the imposition of payments or charges that are imposed to the public upon either leaving or entering Brunei Darussalam via air and sea. With the enforcement of this Order, toll charges at Rasau Bridge in the Belait District will be eliminated on the date mentioned earlier.



- 4. This charge will be imposed to all citizens including Brunei Darussalam citizens who intend to leave or enter Brunei Darussalam through the land control posts (checkpoints) either via vehicle or as a pedestrian with a charge rate of BND3.00 per person for each one-way trip. For example, a return trip to Miri, Sarawak will cost BND6.00 per person.
- 5. The charge will not be applicable to persons or class of persons as below:
 - 5.1 Occupants of the following vehicles:
 - A vehicle which belongs to the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam or a government of another country when it is being used for official purpose;
 - A vehicle which belongs to the military forces of Brunei Darussalam;
 - A vehicle when it is being used for firefighting, ambulance or police purposes; and
 - A vehicle when it is being used for the purpose of a funeral.
 - 5.2 Public Officer of the Government of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam in the execution of their official duties;
 - 5.3 A child of the age of 2 years or below;
 - 5.4 Consular officers and consular employees as defined in Article 1 in the First Schedule to the Consular Relations Act (Chapter 118) and members of their families; and



- 5.5 A diplomatic agent as defined in the Schedule to the Diplomatic Privileges (Vienna Convention) Act (Chapter 117).
- 6. In this regard, members of the public who intend to leave or enter Brunei Darussalam via the land control posts (checkpoints) may register and submit their application to the Royal Customs and Excise Department via the Exit and Entry System (EES) that can be accessed through https://login.bdnsw.gov.bn/ees
- 7. Steps for application are similar to Vehicle Entry-Exit System (VES) that has been implemented before by Royal Customs and Excise Department. However, additional information such as driver's and passengers' details along with payment can be made through the online system.
- 8. The Ministry of Finance and Economy would like to advise the public who intend to travel via the land control posts (checkpoints) to register, apply and pay through the online system prior to travelling. Travelling documents must be valid at least three (3) months before the travel date as required by the Department of Immigration and National Registration, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 9. In this regard, a roadshow to disseminate the information about the 'Caj Perkhidmatan' (CaP) will be made to *Penghulu-Penghulu Mukim* and Head of Villages in all districts starting today, Thursday, 9th July 2020. Given the current situation of COVID-19 outbreak, and as advised by the Ministry of Health, the entry to the venue halls will require attendees to firstly scan the QR Code via the BruHealth System. The *Penghulu-Penghulu Mukim* and Head of Villages are advised to update their information in BruHealth application before attending the roadshow. Royal Customs and Excise Department through District Office, Ministry of Home Affairs will issue invitation letters to *Penghulu-Penghulu Mukim* and Head of Villages for this purpose.



- 10. The following are the dates and venue for the roadshows:
 - 10.1 For the Belait District, the roadshow was held on Thursday, 9th July 2020 (today) at the Kuala Belait Conference Hall;
 - 10.2 For the Temburong District, the roadshow will be held on Saturday, 11th July 2020 at the Community Hall, Temburong District Office;
 - 10.3 For the Tutong District, the roadshow will be held on Monday, 13th July 2020 at the Main Hall, Tutong Community Complex; and
 - 10.4 For the Brunei and Muara District, roadshows will be held for three (3) days on Tuesday, 14th July 2020; Thursday, 16th July 2020; and Saturday, 18th July 2020 at the Theatre Hall, Ministry of Finance and Economy.
 - 10.5 All of the mentioned roadshows will commence from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. We seek the cooperation from the *Penghulu-Penghulu Mukim* and Head of Villages to attend the roadshows on the specified date and time in the invitation letters issued by the Royal Customs and Excise Department through the District Office, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 11. Please take note, the prohibition for the citizens and residents of Brunei Darussalam to leave the country is still maintained as advised by the Ministry of Health. However, for the public who intend to leave and enter this country and has obtained clearance from the Prime Minister's Office, the charge of BND3.00 per person for each one-way trip will be imposed starting 1st August 2020 with the exceptions to the categories of persons as stated above.



12. For further enquiries, the public may contact Royal Customs and Excise Department, Ministry of Finance and Economy at 2382361 or 8323741 during office hours or e-mail to info@customs.gov.bn.

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