

REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Dublin March 23, 1937
Entered into force April 1, 1937
*Superseded by agreement of August 1, 1949*¹

Department of State files

The American Minister to the Minister of External Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DUBLIN
March 23, 1937

No. 22

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to your Note No. 2/419 of March 2, 1937, stating that your Government was prepared to enter into a reciprocal agreement for the reduction of visa fees as proposed in the Aide-Memoire left by me on January 26, 1937. I now submit the following terms desired for such an agreement, which terms are similar to those agreed to by the United States Government with His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, in the Commonwealth of Australia and in the Dominion of New Zealand and also with the Government of India:—

(1) The fee for an ordinary visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys within that period shall be \$2 or the approximate equivalent in local currency.

(2) The fee for a transit visa, valid for one year within the validity of the travel document and for any number of journeys in transit within that period shall be 20 cents or the approximate equivalent in local cur-

¹ TIAS 2050, *post*, p. 66.

rency. It is understood, however, that the existing practice of the United States Government of granting gratis transit certificates valid only for one entry, in lieu of transit visas, remains unaffected and that additional transit certificates may be granted to cover additional entries in transit.

(3) The provisions of this arrangement are not held to apply to visas granted by the Consular authorities of the United States to prospective immigrants to the United States.

(4) The benefits of this arrangement shall extend to citizens of the Philippine Islands.

(5) The arrangement shall come into force on April 1, 1937.

If the Government of the Irish Free State agrees to the foregoing desired provisions, I have the honor to propose that the present Note and your reply thereto in similar terms be regarded as placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

ALVIN MANSFIELD OWSLEY

His Excellency

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Government of the Irish Free State,
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The Minister of External Affairs to the American Minister

DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

IRISH FREE STATE

23 March, 1937

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to your Note No. 22 of March 23rd, 1937, informing me that the Government of the United States desire to enter into an agreement with the Government of Saorstát Éireann² for the reciprocal reduction of visa fees, in the following terms:—

[For terms of agreement, see numbered paragraphs of U.S. note, above.]

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Saorstát Éireann

² The Irish Free State.

agrees to the foregoing provisions, and will regard the present Note and your Note under reply as placing on record the understanding arrived at in this matter.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

ÉAMON DE VALÉRA
Minister for External Affairs

His Excellency

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