

**Notice to Public**  
**PRISTINE PARADISE ENVIRONMENTAL FEE**

The Ministry of Finance wishes to announce to the public that in accordance RPPL NO. 10-02 and with House Bill No. 10-22-1, HD1, SD2, PD1 that was signed into law on March 29, 2017, such law changes the name of the Environmental Impact Fee (“EIF”) to the Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee (PPEF) and postpones the collection.

The Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee will be implemented and begin when the rules and regulations are promulgated through its inclusion in the price of the airline ticket, or another mechanism which would be promulgated by the Ministry of Finance.

In light of this recent change, the Ministry of Finance would like to notify the public to include the airlines, travel agencies, organizations and all international visitors that the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (BCBP) will continue to collect and charge the same amount of fees upon departure in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30) USD for every non-Palauan passport holders and twenty (\$20) for the departure tax for every non-Palauan passport holder. Palauan citizens and their spouses shall continue to pay 50% of the Departure Tax.

The exemptions under the current law will also continue as follows.

Environmental Protection Fee (Green Fee).

(a) Every non-Palauan passport holder except for those persons traveling on a passport issued by the Republic of Palau, diplomats, transiting passengers, and masters, pilots, and other crew members of any vessel operating lawfully as a common carrier.

Departure Tax §2704. The following categories of people shall be exempt from the Departure Tax.

- a) Children under age 3
- b) Palauan students traveling to school
- c) Medical referral patients and persons accompanying them
- d) Masters, pilots and other crew members of any vessel or aircraft operating lawfully as a common carrier
- e) Persons who are in transit aboard aircraft stopping in Palau and who leave within twenty – four (24) hours shall not be subject to the Departure Tax.

Respectfully,



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