

IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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MANDATE

- The Immigration department is mandated by the Constitution and the Immigration Act 2011 to :
 - Process and Issue passports
 - Process and Issue work permits
 - Process Citizenship
 - Process and Issue Visas
 - Process and Issue Permanent Residence
 - Border Management and Control
 - Provide Consular Services

BORDER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL IN JKIA

- **Background Information:**

The management and control of passengers in JKIA has evolved over time from use of manual systems where officers used their experience in profiling to use of the PISCES system.

PISCES is an acronym meaning **Personal, Identification, Secure, Comparison, Evaluation System** and is a system that meets ICAO standards in terms of biometrics capture, passenger database and watch listing.

PISCES SYSTEM

PISCES has been advantageous in many aspects as follows:

- Detection of Inadmissible persons and Prohibited Immigrants
- Identification of persons in the Watchlist for various offenses
- Proper verification of travel documents
- Preservation of data for posterity

Inadmissible Persons

The Kenya Immigration and Citizens Act 2011 defines an inadmissible person as a person who is not a Kenyan citizen and does not meet the minimum requirements of entry into the country.

Please note that all Prohibited Immigrants are Inadmissible persons.

Reasons for not allowing entry include:

1. If declared a Prohibited Immigrant by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Immigration
2. Lack of sufficient reason for entry
3. Lack of funds to sustain oneself in the country
4. Persons involved in criminal activities such as trafficking
5. Improperly documented persons – passports, tickets, visas

Deportees

- This are persons against whom a deportation order has been signed by the Cabinet Secretary in charge of Immigration to be removed from the country

Return, Deportation and Repatriation

- A return is effected when inadmissible persons report themselves to an Immigration Officer and are refused entry for various reasons.
- A deportation is effected when the cabinet secretary signs an order to deport and remove any foreigner from the country
- A repatriation is effected by way of a court order to remove foreigners who have been convicted or acquitted for various offenses

Challenges when handling Inadmissible Persons

- Language barrier
- Lack of coordination between Immigration and Airlines in effecting efficient removal
- Satisfying eating habits for the diverse cultures represented in the held PIs
- Lack of secure handling of persons to and from JKIA

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- Interference from Airlines through manipulation of onward tickets on held PIs
- Lack of effective deportation due to financial constraints
- Misrepresentation of Security agencies in JKIA as Immigration
- Inadequate Holding facility in the current Arrival terminal

Way Forward

- Need for stakeholders mandate training
- Intensive training on various languages for Immigration Officers
- Upgrade of security arm within Immigration
- Capacity facilitation – vehicles, radios, handcuffs



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