

**MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
(EMPLOYMENT DIVISION)**

COMMUNIQUE

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION-ONLINE ONLY

The public, in particular, employers, Ministries, Departments and organisations employing non-citizens on a Certificate of Exemption, are hereby informed that applications for renewal of Certificates of Exemption may now also be submitted through the National Electronic Licensing System (NELS).

2. Henceforth, applications for both new and renewal of Certificates of Exemption should be submitted on the NELS and manual applications will no longer be accepted by the Ministry.
3. Following approval of applications, Certificates of Exemption bearing QR code will be issued to applicants electronically.
4. Applicants are further informed that applications for Residence Permits should continue to be submitted in hard copies to the Passport and Immigration Office until further notice.

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