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# THE LEGAL CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES OF ENTRY, PERMANENCE, DEPARTURE AND REMOVAL OF FOREIGNERS AND ADAPT REAL OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR- LESTE.

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# ABASTRACT

**Introduction:** The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Article 13 (2) provides that "Everyone has the right to leave the country in which he is, including his own, and the right to return to his country", so that today all people are free to leave their country. Human movement is a current situation that all developed countries are developing. State of Timor-Leste is one of the Asian States that has the main focus on the economy, as well as attracting many people to emigrate to the country, especially in search and seeks an improvement of life through investment, and this contributes to the economic development of the country.

**Objectives:** to analyze the legal conditions and procedures of entry, departure, stay and removal of foreigners adapt read in Timor-Leste.

**Discussion:** In terms of international levels, in accordance with public international law, the State of Timor-Leste, through a bilateral or diplomatic relationship, establishes rules of control of citizens. In the future, Timor-Leste will establish the "Greenlets" policy for countries with a high possibility of terrorism, and is currently in agreement with the CPLP (Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries) from countries about mobility in these countries.

**Conclusion:** Most citizens are unaware of the issues of access andalusites to address the realities that are not in accordance with the above-mentioned legislation, identifying and trying to raise the questions about the efficiency and implementation of this Law in Timor-Leste in the future, that the key point is very fundamentals cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

**KEYWORDS:** Legal procedures for entry, residence, removal and stay of the day in Timor-Leste.

# **INTRODUCTION**

Nationality is the personal quality in which a politically ation, adoption, marriage and naturalization, which also organized society is. This situation makes this person exists in the country according to permit temporary stay become part of the people in the country, and as a conse- and longtime cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, quence enjoy the rights and subject himself to the duties 2023). arising from him. According to Pontes de Miranda, cited by Morales (2014), nationality is the Legal-Political Objective: To provide the legal conditions and procebond of public, internal law, which makes the person one dures for entry, exit, stay and removal of foreigners and of the elements of components of the personal dimension stateless persons in Timor-Leste. of the state. The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste assigns its citizens the right of nationality based on Arti- THEORITICAL ENQUDRATION cle 3 of the Constitution of the Republic as a basic right Acquisition of Nationality to define the identity of a citizen. However, under Article According to the Nationality Law No. 9/2002 of 5 No-3 (4) of this fundamental Law, the State of Timor-Leste, vember and the Decree-Law on the Regulation of the by the competence of the National Parliament, created Nationality Law No. 1/2004 of February, the nationality Law No. 9/2002, of November 5, on Nationality, which acquired is considered as a secondary criterion by which, presents the conditions of attribution acquisition and loss in addition to the original nationality, the citizen can acachievement of Timorese nationality. Similarly, governor quire the right of nationality by affiliation, adoption, or government created Decree-Law No. 1/2004 of Febru- marriage and naturalization. Moreover, it provides in ary, which defines the Regulation and Nationality Law, Article 9 (1). 9/2002 of 5 november, the acquisition of is very important cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, nationality on the grounds of affiliation is granted to mi-2023).

to its citizens: original nationality and acquired nationali- Timorese nationality when foreign children are fully ty. The original nationality may stem from consanguini- adopted by some Timorese citizens and, in fact, it is said ty, where the citizens of Timor-Leste are considered, by full adoption when the binding relationship with the those who have been born in national territory: a) Chil- natural family of proof with the registered official docudren of father or mother born in Timor-Leste; (b) chil- ments and validity is extinguished all in order by the dren of unknown parents, stateless or of unknown nation- State of Timor-Leste regulation in the implementation ality; c) Children of foreign father or mother who, being just clear cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). over seventeen years old, declare, by themselves, to want to be Timorese. Pursuant to Article 8(9/2002 of 5 No- In the acquisition by marriage, the foreigner married to a vember) it provides that, even if children of Timorese Timorese national, can acquire the nationality of the fathers or mothers are born in foreign territory. In the Husband or wife Timorese, provided that he/she requires meantime, the State also allows a wide possibility for it and, on the date of the application, presents some cucitizens to exercise their rights to be Timorese, through mulative conditions allowed, namely married, living in the modality of acquired nationality, provided that they national territory for at least 2 years and know how to reveal conditions and manifestations of will of individu- speak one of the official languages of Timor-Leste. The

als or citizens, by the following factors considered: affili-

nor children, of a father or mother with acquired Timorese nationality, provided that the parents request it. Generally, the State has assigned two types of nationality As for acquisition by adoption, it is possible to acquire

tion is usually granted by the Ministry of Justice to the documents (Articles 27 and 28 of the 1954 Convention). considered from point (a) to point (f) of Article 12 (1) of as favourable as that agreed upon by nationals should be the Nationality Law. In addition, the State through the given to stateless persons in relation to religious freedom vant services, such as Max Stahl (international journalist) Nation and other regulation relected cited by (Corte Rewhere the State of Timor-Leste assigned him nationality al AG & Tilman CB, 2023). for his contribution to Timor-Leste's independence, in Therefore, stateless persons are persons who have no (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

# **Foreign Nationals and Stateless Persons**

legal and political bond that connects with an individual 3(2) of the CRDTL- for stateless persons found in Timor to a State. The meaning "individual" is considered as -Leste, their children are considered as original citizens, "citizen", originating and acquired. The original citizen- i.e. they are Timorese as long as they are born within the ship which is assigned by birth effect, and while the ac- national territory. By casting the CRDTL annotation, quired citizenship is obtained by the foreign person. Ac- citizenship is defined as the link that translates the becording to Article 3 of the Annotated Council of the longing of a citizen to a political community and which Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (CRDTL). The represents a simultanied of a status and the right to paroriginal Timorese citizenship is verified by a traditional ticipate in legal and political life, namely in the participacombination of the criteria of ius soli and ius sanguinis; tion of civil and political law in the sphere of fundamenthe first says it is related to the very origin of the birth tal rights. Citizens do not deviate from their basic rights. (birth on Timorese soil) of the individual himself, that is, So, they are the main top of that right exists and are purthe naturalness of a citizen, according to the Law cited poses to which the right through the State ends up reby (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

According to Migration and Asylum Act No 11/2017 of by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). 24 May, stateless persons who are not nationals of the State are stateless, i.e. those who do not represent their However, the right to citizenship sheds light on political identity as a nationality. In view of this, as defined in the and civil distinctions about access to fundamental rights International Convention, the term "stateless" will desig- by nationals, foreigners and stateless persons. According nate any person who is not considered by any State, ac- to the circulations within the national territory and state, cording to its legalization, as its national (United Nations nationals have the right not to be expelled or expatriates General Assembly – UNGA 1954). Accordingly, the spe- from the national territory, in accordance with (Article cial situation of the status of the stateless ness of the spe- 35 (4) of the CRDTL) and are reserved for the originatcial law, in particular administrative assistance (Article ing citizens the right to leave the national territory freely

acquisition of the nationality of Timorese by naturaliza- 25 of the 1954 Convention) and the identity and travel foreigner who requires it by the cumulative conditions Moreover, the documents stipulate that treatment at least National Parliament may grant Timorese nationality to (Article 4 of the 1954 Convention) and public education foreign citizens by naturalization due to high and rele- (Article 22 of the 1954 Convention) role aplication in

the country's long-standing resistance struggle cited by legal ties to their State because they do not present their nationality, in accordance with the legal regimes of each State. However, they still enjoy the law of international protection and the internal law of each country, in the Basically, the doctrine conceptualizes citizenship as a case of Timor-Leste, provided for in article 3(b), Article sponding, according to their requirements, and by will of good implementation is very important for nation cited

and tois very return, (n°. (2) of Article 44 of the tary control through the area of the territory with control preme Court of Justice (Article 127 (1) of the CRDTL), area between foreign territory and the posts of documen-(Article 54 (4) of the CRDTL). In sum, in part II of the of the Migration and Asylum Act, it stresses that the en-Annotated Contition of the Democratic Republic of Ti- try and exit from the national territory is carried out excises that are exclusive to nationals and there are those delivery is good action cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilthat are classified by expressions such as "the citizen", man CB, 2023). "citizens" and "all citizens". However, there are still some restrictions, before foreign citizens, in particular It allows all citizens to have the right to cross the border political and civil rights, as in the reserve of original citi- of Timor-Leste, provided that, by submitting identity zens and including the participation of being elected and documents issued by the State authorities of the RDTL or voting, Article 75 CRDTL, it was clear the nature of ap- provided that they prove to be a national, or being a forplication in field study and field jobs need in Timor-Leste eigner, they present documents that meet the requirecited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

# ment of Persons

movement of persons, goods and capital, border posts are thorisation within border areas, issued under the agreeheld high to control their entry and have a broad task of ment between RDTL and the Indonesian Republic on preventing the entry of illegal products, trafic act, crimi- boarding pass authorisation at land border crossing nal goods, weapons, counter-trafficking, human traffick- points. In addition to the documents submitted, for entry ing, drug trafficking, etc. And, more recently, to control into the national territory, foreigners must be holders of a viraldiseases such as the corona virus (Covid-19). By the valid visa, suitable for the purpose according to their legal procedure of free movement of people in Timor- travel, except; 1) those who are entitled with a valid resi-Leste, this is a sensitive issue to the country since it can dence permit or identity card granted to diplomatic peraffect the national security of the country. The State, sonnel, 2) those who are entitled with special state autherefore having been created Migration and Asylum thorization, 3) those who provide work for the Unated Law, 11/2017 of 24 May, which adopts the regulation Nations or for any of its agencies accredited in national UNTAET 2000/9 on the border regime to strengthen the territory and 4) those exempted from the visa requirecontrol system on the subject of the movement of citizens ment by a bilateral or multilateral agreement, such as in in the national territory. The Law considers the interna- Indonesia by Government Resolution are exempted from tional zone as a means where the State can do documen- the tourist visa (Government Resolution No. 25/2019 of

CRDTL), the right and duty to integrate the armed forces, between the points embarkation-disembarkation and the (Article 146 (1) of the CRDTL), the right to join the Su- place where the checkpoints of ports and airports and the the right to protection of the State abroad (Article 22 of tary control of persons at the borders, (Article 1 of the the CRDTL) and the right to private ownership of land, Migration and Asylum Act 2017). Pursuant to Article 10 mor-Leste, there is a judgment of the Court of Appeal clusively by the border posts empowered for purpose and that advocates the application of fundamental law exer- during the hours of their operation, of the border service

ments of Law 11/2017. For entry and exit from national territory, all are subject to presentation of travel documents and documents replacing them, thus, according to Legal conditions and procedures for the free move- Article 12 (1) of the Migration and Asylum Act, for entry and exit from national territory, nationals and foreigners In view of the implications of the global world on the are holders of travel documents recognised as travel aureal situation base on the regulation need and adapted for the Migration and Asylum Law). Foreigners are admitted situation have cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, in a national territory, with or without visa requirement 2023).

# **Departure and Entry of National citizens**

citizens enshrined in Article 44 of the Constitution of the cial authority to enter the national territory (article 4(23) Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, being a right of of the Migration and Asylum Act), from Timor-Leste movement, namely the right to leave abroad and to return exists to inplementation clear in the procedures and adto the country for necessary reasons. Any person who, ministration systems in home country cited by (Corte upon presentation of identity documents issued by the Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). authorities of the RDTL, proves to be national, and has According to Article 20 of the Migration and Asylum the right to leave all persons on whom no order or re- Act, exceptional cases of entry authorization become; striction issued under the law (Article 11 of the Migra- situations that have relevance to the national interest or tion and Asylum Act) is entitled to entry into national which, for urgent humanitarian reasons, imply an entry to territory. As for the exit, it is necessary to present the foreigners who do not meet the legal requirements for passport, because it is considered as the only documents their entry into the territory with a maximum validity of authorized and allowed to identify a citizen when enter- residence permits for 30 days with a minimum of equaing a country, as defined in Article 1 of Decree Law land successive periods, regardless of the right of asy-2/2002, 20 September of the Legal Regime of passports, lum. The Migration and Asylum Law also regulates the which says; the passport is "an individual or family travel entry and exit of minors, so that the country refuses entry document, which allows its holders to enter and leave the to minors and foreign citizens accompanying them, when national territory, as well as the territory of other States these persons do not prove, by documents with full evithat recognise it for that purpose". A visa is required dential force, the status of legal representative and when when entering a foreign country, except those having a their legal representative is not admitted to national terribilateral agreement with the State of the RDTL, such as tory. In the event that the foreign minor is not admitted to Indonesia and England. And being exempted from visas national territory, the entry of the foreigner citizen acupon returning to your country.

# Entry, Permanence and Exit of Foreigners in the Ter- (3,4,5) and 6 of the Migration and Asylum Act. ritory

Timor-Leste, due to globalization, and under the Migration and Asylum Act enacted in 2017, opened a wide opportunity for foreigners to move around its territory and have access to the activities allowed by entry and stay. However, foreigners who are in the national territory of Timor-Leste enjoy the same rights, freedoms and guarantees as nationals and are subject to the same duties

18 September), is the important point of implementation enshrined in the constitution of the RDTL (Article 3 of during their entire stay, except for exceptional and duly reasoned conditions, being obliged to show a valid travel document that must be displayed by the country of the Freedom of movement contains a fundamental right of foreigner, whenever it is requested by any police or judi-

> companying him at that time shall be refused in accordance with the requirements laid down in Article 19

> According to Article 55 of the Migration and Asylum Act, there is a temporary residence permit and permanent residence permit. The State issues a temporary residence permit to foreigners residing in a national territory, in which the foreigner may reside in a national territory for a period of two years, an authorization that is renewable for equal periods issued for: (i) the exercise of profes

Act.

eign citizen married to a national for more than 5 years, Visa; Work visa, Business visa classes I and II; Tempood of residence, have not been convicted of criminal of- cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). fenses in penalty or sentences that cumulatively exceed 1 year of effective imprisonment or who have maintained **METHODOLOGICAL** over the period of residence in national territory the ap- This investigation is a search of bibliographic references. purpose of obtaining permanent residence declared in the knowledge of science and argumentative both legal and application that is not contaditorio with the documents literary. submitted or with the statements provided, during their stay in Timor-Leste, have made a positive contribution to **DISCUSSION** the country's economy or social well-being. The State Generally, the removal of foreign citizens is a measure to facilitates an admission of Safe Conduct issued by the prevent illegal entry and illegal residence, including the public service which is intended to permit the departure risks to the national security of the state. The New Miof a national territory and is valid for a single trip before gration and Asylum Act, No. 11/2017, 24 May of its Article 12(3) (b) which concerns foreigners who show Chapter VII, provides in Article 73 that the removal from the difficulty or impossibility of leaving the national terri- national territory may only apply to non-national citizens tory because they do not have a travel document and do who remain illegally in the territory of Timor-Leste; actnot have travel documents that are the subject of a meas- ing against national security, public order or public ure removal. This is issued when there is a guarantee that health, and that their presence or activity (profitable or the authority of the country to which the foreigner wishes unprofitable) threatens the dignity of the RDTL and the to travel to him/her will be admitted.

sional activity, (ii) the foreign citizen married for more policy relations having strengthened its bilateral and multhan two years and less than five years with a national tilateral relationship with other countries in various seccitizen, (iii) the effect of family reunification,(iv) vic- tors, the country issues a **Courtesy Visa** by the Ministry tims of trafficking in persons or those victims of net- of Foreign Affairs to foreigners entering for service or works to assist the immigration of persons and (v) for official characteristic and the visa referred to is valid for exceptional reasons with requirements that count in para-1 year, allowing a period of stay of up to 30 days graphs. Article 60 and 2 of the Migration and Asylum (Article 33 of the Migration and Asylum Act). In addition to this type of visa the State also considers other types of visas such as; transit visa, which is very rare to As for the permanent authorization, that is, submitted by happen because it does not have much possibility of an application contained in Article 65 of the Migration transit, but is regulated with a maximum duration of 72 and Asylum Act, to foreigners who have been legal resi- hours to foreign er who intends to enter a national territodents in national territory for at least 10 consecutive ry traveling to another country (Article 34 of the Migrayears, minor children or dependent on a national, a for- tion and Asylum Act), Tourism Visa; Airport Stop over that is, holder of a temporary residence permit for at rary Stay Visa and Residence Visa in the country that least 6 years. It also applies to those who during the peri- one point fundamental in administration systems and role

propriate means of accommodation and subsistence, the Throughout the research and documentary analysis of

public health their citizens, that any unviability under applicable law is known, that they commit acts of serious Timor-Leste in daily life, being a country with foreign crime for certain reasons or intend to commit such acts. Based on the previous reasons for removal, the law al- The Migration service thus provides the opportunity to lows measures. In the administrative removal is due to a deci- and migration activities. Having the general responsibilsion of the administrative act, that is the decision of ad- ity provided for in the Migration and Asylum Law, to ministrative expulsion, and since the judicial removal control the movements of people during arrivals and detions cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

cy, i.e. of ordination, the State imposes fines for the 14/2019, of July 10, concerning the Organic of the Interitransport of foreigners prohibited from entering the na- or Ministry, defines that the Migration Service, abbrevitional territory (Article 142 Migration and Asylum Act), ated SM, is a security service that is rightly subordinated in which its application covers legal persons or other en- to the Minister of the Interior, who, in the case of internal tities, in the regulation of the exercise of unauthorized security policy and under the Migration and Asylum professional activities (Article 143 of the Migration and Law, has as fundamental objectives to control the move-Asylum Act), the use of illegal labour, the non-renewal ment of people at borders and the permanence and activiof the residence permit and the lack of registration of ac- ties of foreigners in national territory. The Migration Sercommodation and, among others, provided for in Law No vice is also designated as a criminal police body for the 11/2017 on Migration and Asylum. Thus, infringements purposes of the Criminal Law and acts in the criminal of recidivism which entail a consequence of a fine in- and criminal procedural law and in migration matters that creased to double in implementation apply.

The Ministry of the Interior and the competent identity facilitate access for the services provided by the State, for the preparation and practical implementation of mi- according to Ministerial Decree 47/GAB/SES/2010, the gration issues in the Democratic Republic of Timor- migration service has allocated the creation of a territori-Leste. Under the preamble to Decree-Law No. 14/2019 al delegation, in particular the responsibility for exlusive of 10 July, which establishes the organic of the Ministry control at border posts, in particular the autonomous reof the Interior, the government defines in its program gion of Oecusse (Sakato and Bobometo) including the quite clearly, the concrete public policy measures that others cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). will be implemented in the area of Internal Security, so that the general population, investors and all those who According to Article 42 of the Migration and Asylum visit Timor-Leste feel safe and confident that their rights Act, for the application for a Courtesy Visa, Temporary and their legitimate interests have adequate protection. Stay Visas, Work Visas, Business Visas, Airport Stopo-As well as point j, n°. Article 3 (1) of that decree pro- ver Visas and Residence Fixation Visas, are the compevides for the assignment of the Interior Ministry in its tences of the diplomatic or consular missions of the competence to control the movement of persons at bor- RDTL abroad. In addition to diplomatic access, applicaders, the entry, residence and residence, the removal and tions can be submitted right to the Migration Service, removal of foreigners from the national territory.

administrative system and judicial removal develop the organization oriented to professional services occurs by the decision of the court is legal and take ac- partures from the country, including the monitoring of the presence of foreigners in national territory (paragraph 2 and 3 of the preamble to the Decree-Law, no. 30/2009, Furthermore, as for expulsion on grounds of public poli- 18 November). Similarly, Article 14 of Decree-Law No. result in acts of criminal consequence (Article 1 and 3 of the Organic Law of the Migration Service). In order to

> except for the courtesy visa. As for the granting of visas, on the basis of Article 44 of the Migration and Asylum

Government that oversees foreign affairs to grant the Vi- time stay cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023). sa courtesy According to current law No. 11/2017, migration and asylum, work visas must be submitted diplomatically in foreign countries before the foreigner enters the national territory, but unfortunately this means is not feasible in the face of the conditions of embassies not being sufficient to deal with the Visas. Neverthemore, on the basis of the same order, it requires that after the authorisation of the visa application are issued at the agreed border post. This affects that, the interested have to enter twice to obtain the work visa and it follows that the migration service of Ministry Interior has limited competence, that is, only deals with the issues of revovation of Work Visas, for people working in Timor-Leste cited by (Corte Real AG & Tilman CB, 2023).

# **CONCLUSION**

It is considered that the care and procedures of public services are considered as a problem faced by foreigners in the requirement to obtain work visas and requires that the foreigner, is in a situation too demanding and bureaucratic before the application for a work visa. Therefore, a systematic review of the processes to organise the concentration of visa issuing services should be set up in order to avoid the existence of cases of administrative infringements, as well as corruption and falsification of documents. It is noteworthy that the competent authorities for issuing visas must ensure application of Law No. 11/2017, of 24 May, Law, Migration and Asylum that is in force, the employees of the competent authorities must have predomain of the respective Migration and Asylum Law, because they are the ones who deal with this situation every day. On the other hand, Timor-Leste is in a way where its economy still depends on other countries, as well as economic development in the investment sector. Therefore, the country must always be open to other countries to enter, investment and work with the

Act, it is appropriate to end up with the member of the Timorese people, to joint resource invesment the long-

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