

## REDUCTION OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

*Exchange of notes at Paris April 19 and May 8 and 13, 1929*

*Entered into force June 1, 1929*

*Supplemented by agreement of June 3 and 18, 1932<sup>1</sup>*

*Replaced January 15, 1938, by agreement of January 12 and 14, 1938<sup>2</sup>*

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 8047

APRIL 19, 1929

### EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to Your Excellency in the following terms the tentative agreement reached as a result of informal discussions between the competent bureau of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and this Embassy for a reciprocal reduction of the tariff for passport visas charged by the Governments of France and the United States:

A Passport visas issued to American citizens by French consuls will be valid for two years, unless the passport is valid for a lesser period, in which case the visa will be valid only during the period of validity of the passport. The visa will give the right to enter France as often as the holder may wish during its validity. The fee will be ten francs gold or fifty paper francs or two dollars.

B The fee for a non-immigrant passport visa valid for any number of entries into the United States by a bearer of a French passport during a period of twelve months from the date of issue of the visa shall be two dollars United States currency; provided the passport remains valid during that period and that the non-immigrant status of the bearer of the passport is maintained. The passport visa applied for will be granted and the length of sojourn determined in accordance with existing regulations.

A second visa, subject to the same conditions, and provided the passport remains valid, will be issued gratis if applied for by the date of expiration of

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<sup>1</sup> *Post*, p. 990.

<sup>2</sup> EAS 125, *post*, p. 1026.

the original visa or within one year thereafter, provided that the validity of such visa shall not exceed one year nor extend beyond two years from the date on which the original visa was issued.

C The above agreement shall become effective May 1, 1929.

My Government has authorized me to accept on its behalf the provisions of the above agreement and to signify that it will take the steps necessary to give effect to the agreement as of May 1, 1929, upon being advised that Your Excellency's Government is disposed to give like effect to the understanding as of the date mentioned.

I avail myself of this occasion of renewing to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

NORMAN ARMOUR

His Excellency  
Monsieur ARISTIDE BRIAND,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,*  
*Paris.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Chargé d'Affaires*

[TRANSLATION]

PARIS, May 8, 1929

DEAR SIR:

In reply to your letter of April 19 last, I have the honor to inform you that the French Government agrees with the American Government on the following procedure for issuing passport visas:

Passport visas issued to American citizens by French consuls shall be valid for two years unless the validity of the passport is of shorter duration, in which case the visa shall be valid only for the period of validity of the passport. The visa shall entitle the bearer to enter France as frequently as he desires during its period of validity. The fee collected shall be of 10 gold francs or 50 French francs, or two (2) dollars.

The fee collected for issuing a passport visa to a non-immigrant shall be two (2) United States dollars. The visa shall be good for an unlimited number of entries into the United States by the bearer of a French passport during a twelve-month period beginning on the date of issuance of the visa, provided the passport is valid during the same period and the bearer remains in the non-immigrant category. Approval of the visa application and determination of the length of stay will be made in accordance with the regulations in force.

A second visa, subject to the same conditions—provided the passport remains valid—shall be issued without charge if the request is made prior

to the date of expiration of the first visa or during the one-year period following its expiration, provided, however, that the period of validity of such a visa does not exceed one year and does not extend beyond two years beginning on the date of issuance of the first visa.

I propose that this new procedure be put into effect beginning on June 1 next. As soon as you inform me of your approval of this proposal I shall issue instructions accordingly.

By the Minister of Foreign Affairs  
and by authorization  
**BERTHELOT**  
*Ambassador of France*  
*Secretary General*

Mr. NORMAN ARMOUR,  
*Chargé d'Affaires of the United States of America,*  
*Paris.*

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*The American Chargé d'Affaires to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

No. 8083

PARIS, May 13, 1929

**EXCELLENCY :**

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's courteous note of May 8, 1929, and to state that my Government accepts the proposal for a reciprocal reduction of visa fees as set forth in the note under reference and my note of April 19, the agreement to come into effect June 1, 1929.

The conclusion of the agreement is at once being notified to my Government in order that appropriate instructions may be issued to the end that French citizens desiring to visit the United States as non-immigrants may, commencing June first, enjoy the facilities envisaged in the accord.

I avail myself of this occasion of renewing to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

NORMAN ARMOUR

His Excellency  
Monsieur ARISTIDE BRIAND,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,*  
*Paris.*