

Kenya Online Visa Application Procedure - Everything you Need to Know

Kenya's Department of Immigration has introduced electronic visa (eVisa) applications for visitors to Kenya.

From July 1, 2015 to September 1, 2015, the electronic visas will be issued concurrently with the manual application system at the port of entry.

After September 1, 2015 only electronic visas will be issued.

Things you will need to apply for the Kenyan eVisa

1. A Digital Passport Photo of 500px x 500px max.
2. Know the type of Visa you need.
3. Scanned copy or photo of the biodata page on your passport (the page with your photo, name and biographical data).
4. A credit card for online payment (Visa or MasterCard Credit or Debit card).
5. Additional Documents e.g. Invitation letter, Hotel Booking or travel Itinerary.

Types of Visas for Visiting Kenya

The type of visa you must have is defined by the Kenyan and Visa Regulations, and relates to the purpose of your travel.

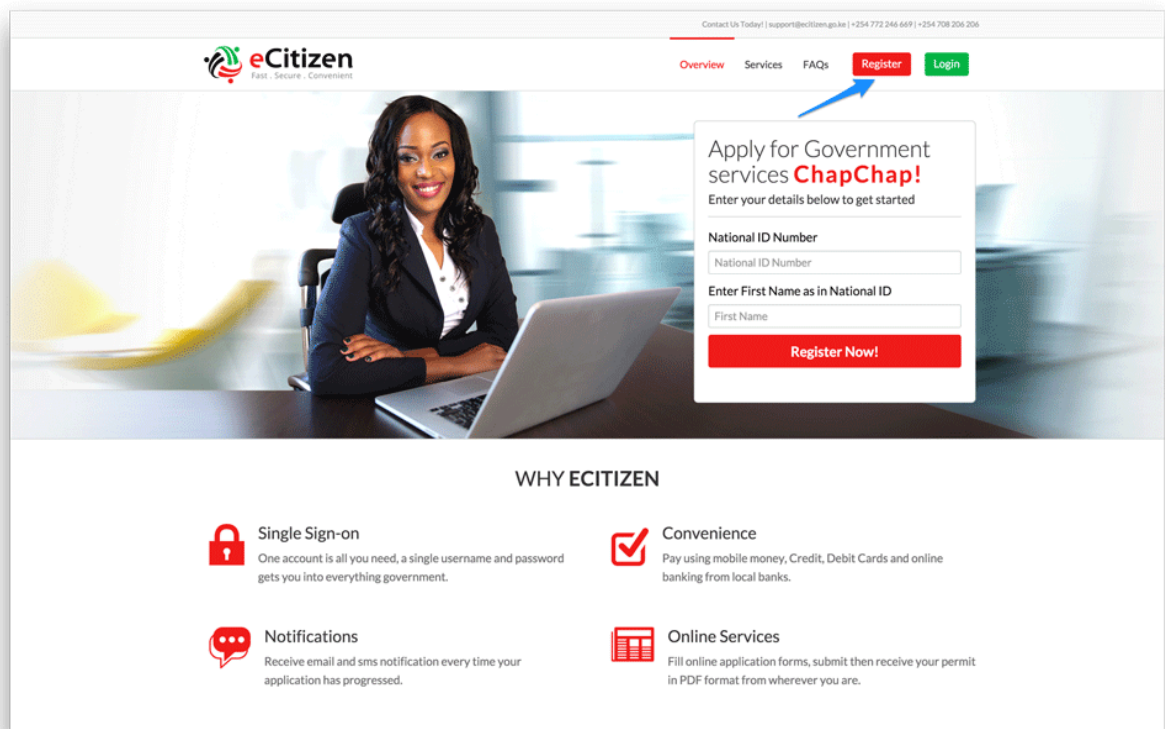
1. **Single Journey Visa:** Issued for Single or Multiple entries to persons whose nationalities require visas to enter Kenya. Used for both business and tourism.
2. **Transit Visa:** Issued for periods not exceeding three days to persons whose nationalities require visas to enter Kenya and who intend to transit through Kenya to a different destination.
3. **Diplomatic Visa:** Issued for Single or Multiple entries to holders of Diplomatic passports who are on official duty. Coming Soon
4. **Courtesy / Official Visa:** Issued to persons holding Official or Service passports on Official duty and to Ordinary passport holders who are not entitled to a Diplomatic visa; but where it is considered by the Director to be desirable on the grounds of international courtesy. Coming Soon
5. **East Africa Tourist Visa:** This is a joint tourist visa that entitles holders to travel to and within the Republic of Kenya, Republic of Rwanda and Republic of Uganda for the purpose of tourism. Validity of East Africa Tourist Visa: 90 (Ninety days) Multiple Entry. Coming Soon

Costs of Kenyan Visas

Visa Type	Cost
Single entry visa (Business or Tourism)	\$51
Transit visa	\$21
East Africa Tourist Visa Coming Soon	\$101
Courtesy Visa Coming Soon	N/A

How to apply for an Kenyan eVisa online

1. Visit <https://www.ecitizen.go.ke/> and click on the **Register**.



2. Register as a **Visitor**.

The screenshot shows the eCitizen registration page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the eCitizen logo (Fast, Secure, Convenient) and links for Overview, Services, FAQs, Register, and Login. The main heading is "Register with eCitizen". Below this, there are four registration options:

- CITIZENS:** This account is for Kenyan citizens only. You will need your National ID number and your first name to register. Includes a "Create an Account" button.
- BUSINESS:** This account is for businesses registered in Kenya. You will need your business registration number. Includes a "Coming Soon!" button.
- FOREIGN RESIDENTS:** This account is for foreigners residing in Kenya. You will need your foreigner certificate and your first name to register. Includes a "Create an Account" button.
- VISITORS:** Nationals who require VISA to enter Kenya can now apply for their eVisa via www.ecitizen.go.ke. Click here to learn more about Kenyan VISA. Includes a "Create an Account" button.

The "VISITORS" section is highlighted with a red border. At the bottom of the page, there is a footer with "2014 © Republic of Kenya - eCitizen portal. ALL Rights Reserved" and "Overview Services Fqs".

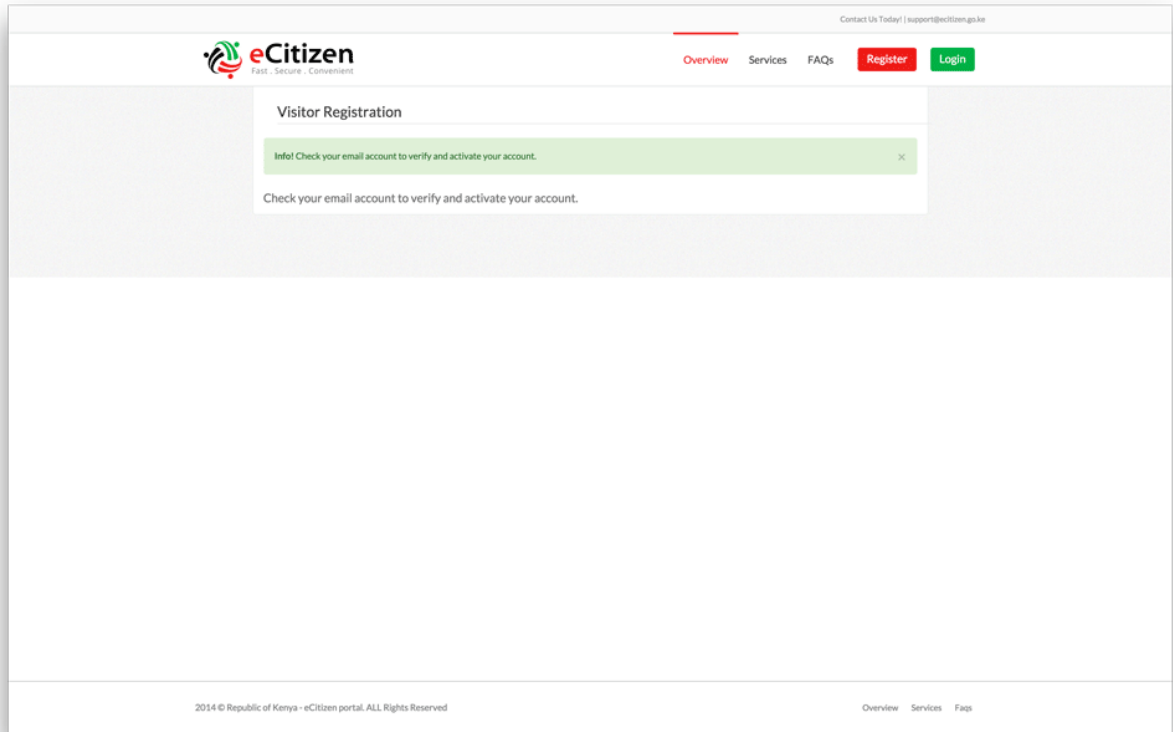
3. Fill out your registration information and click on **Continue**.

The screenshot shows the "Visitor Registration" form on the eCitizen portal. The form includes the following fields:

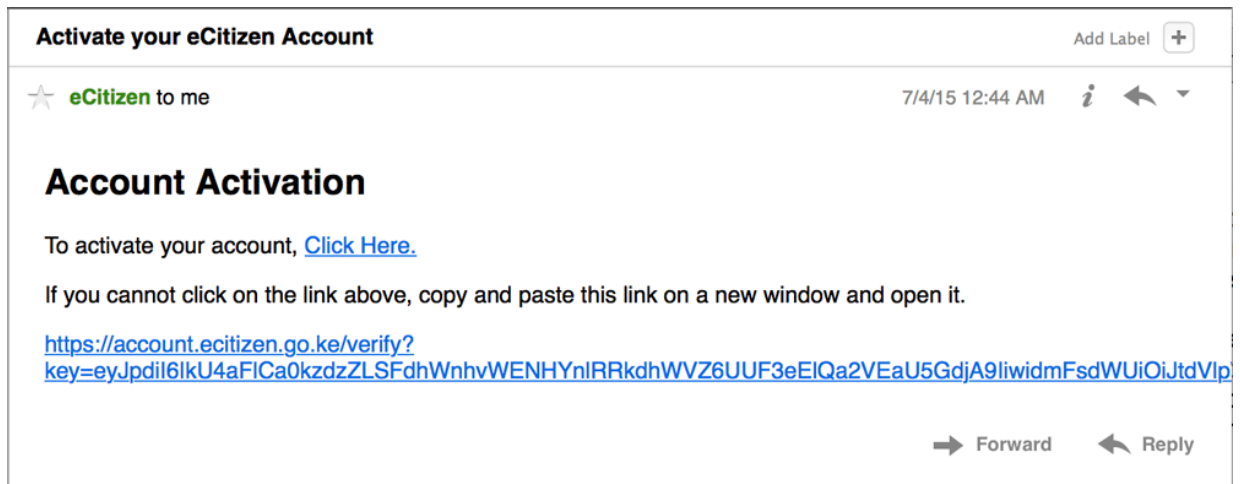
- Email:** e.g. johnkij@gmail.com
- Confirm Email:**
- Password:**
- Confirm Password:**
- First Name:**
- Surname:**
- Gender:** Male
- Nationality:** Afghanistan
- I agree to the terms and conditions
- Continue** button

The form is set against a light gray background with the eCitizen logo and navigation links at the top.

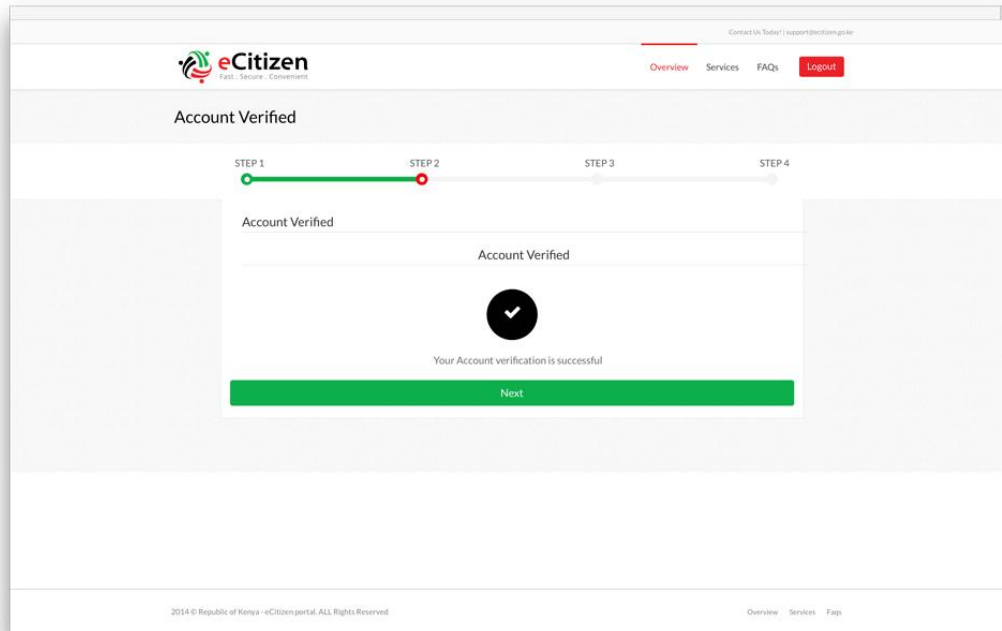
4. You will see a new page confirming your visitor registration with a notice to check your email and click on the verification email to activate your account.



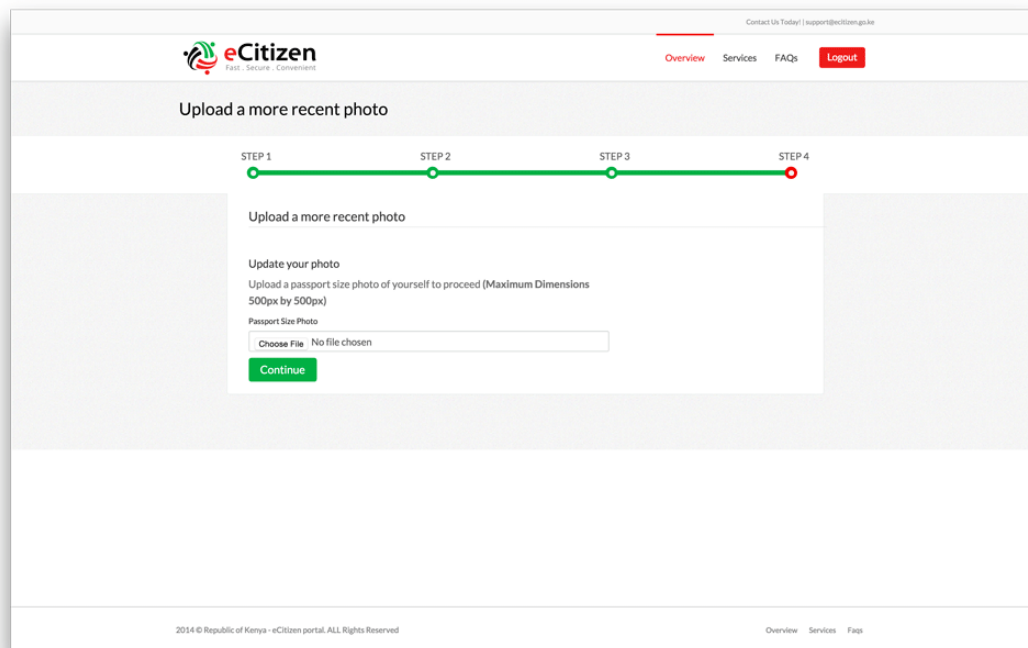
5. The activation email will look like this. Click on the **verification link**.



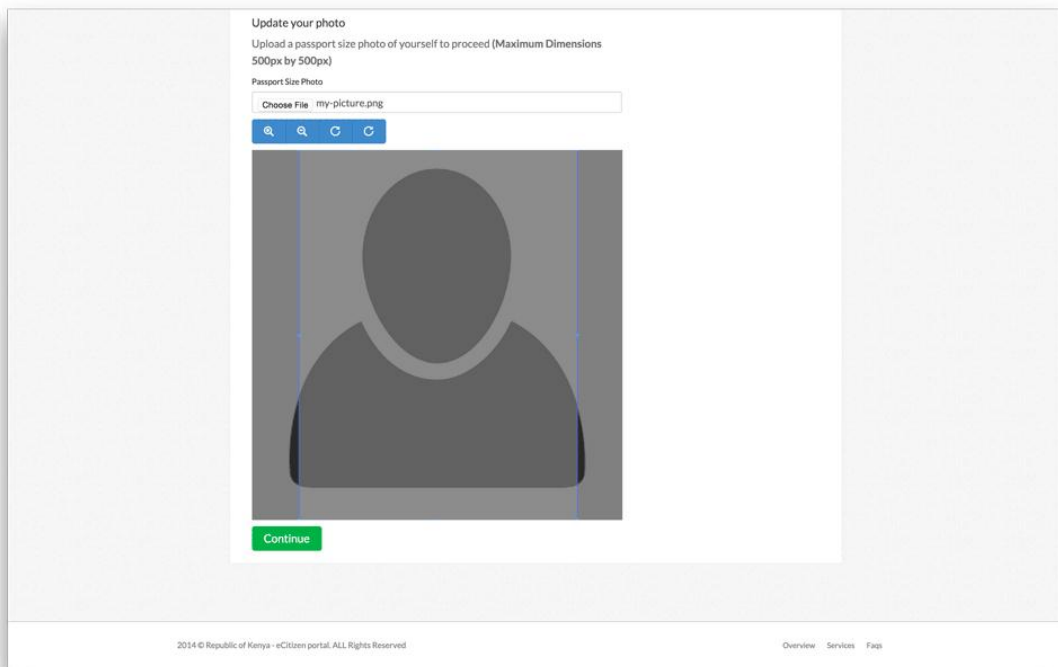
- Once you click on the verification link, you will see a page on the eCitizen website saying your account has been verified. Click on **Next**.



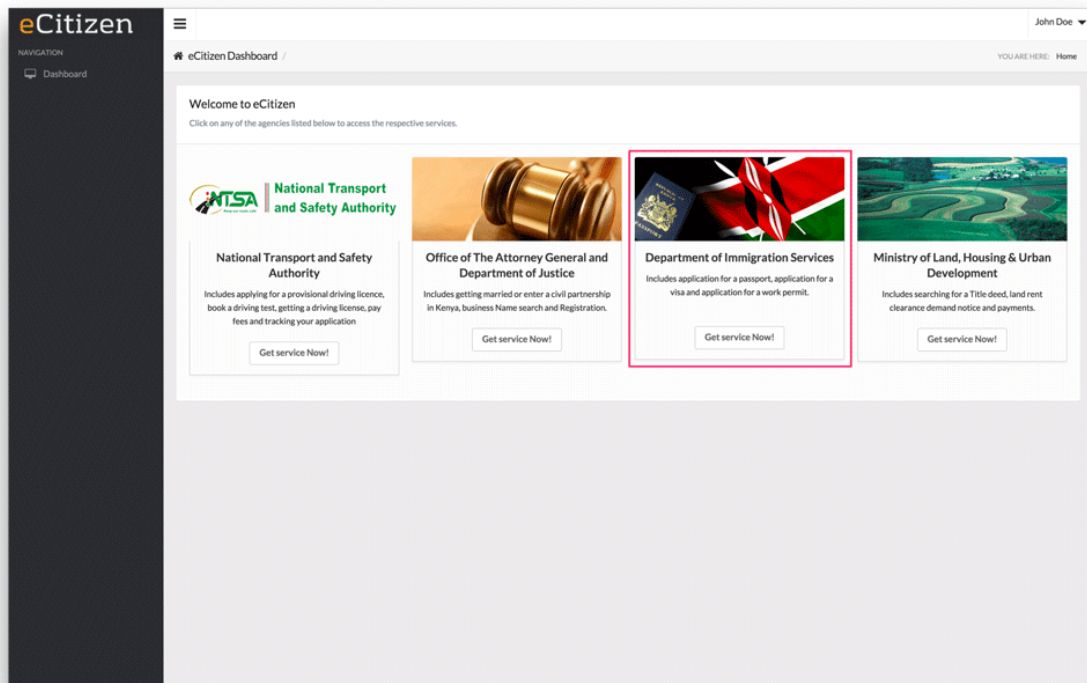
- You will be asked to upload your photo. Click on **Choose file**, locate your photo and then click on **Continue**.



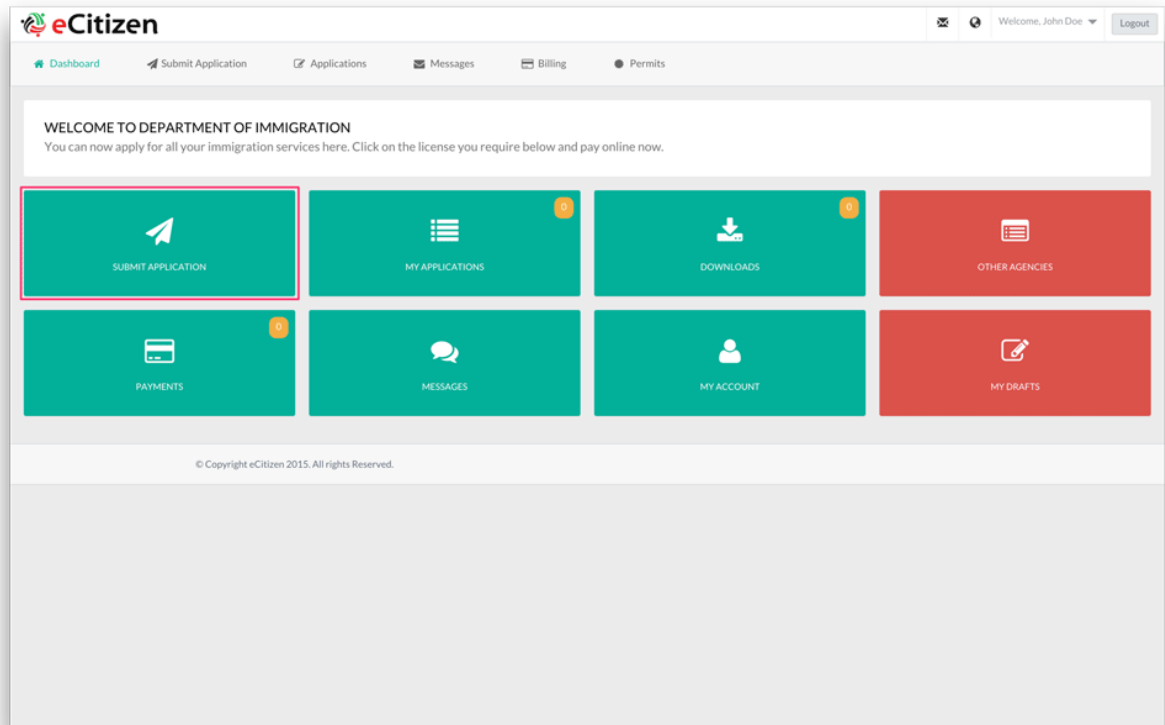
8. Drag the photo resizing handles to select the parts of the image you want to use. Make sure your full head and a portion below your shoulders is selected. Then click on **Continue**.



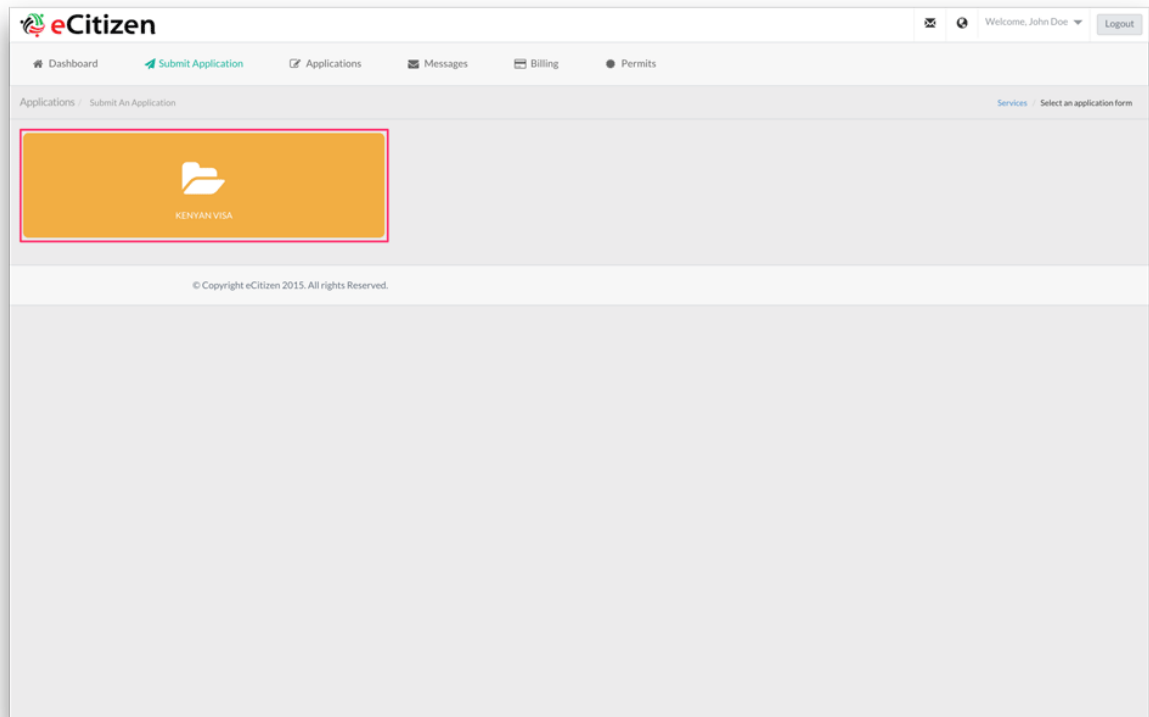
9. Click **Get Service Now** under Department of Immigration Services.



10. Click on **Submit Application**.



11. Select **Kenyan Visa**.



12. Choose the appropriate visa by clicking on the blue title. For tourists click on **1. Apply for a Single Entry Visa**.

The screenshot displays the eCitizen web interface. At the top left is the eCitizen logo. The top right shows a user profile for 'John Doe' with a 'Logout' button. A navigation bar contains links for 'Dashboard', 'Submit Application', 'Applications', 'Messages', 'Billing', and 'Permits'. Below this, the breadcrumb 'Applications / Submit An Application' is visible, along with a 'Services / Select an application form' link. The main content area features two visa application cards. The first card, titled '1. Apply for a Single Entry Visa', is highlighted with a red border. It includes a document icon, a description: 'A Single Entry visa is issued for single entry to persons whose nationalities require visa to enter Kenya either for business, tourism or medical reasons.', and a 'Learn More' button. The second card, titled '2. Apply for a Transit Visa', also includes a document icon, a description: 'A Transit Visa is issued to persons connecting through Kenya to other destinations for a period not exceeding 72 hours.', and a 'Learn More' button. To the right of these cards is a 'CATEGORIES' section with two expandable items: 'KENYAN VISA' and 'Passport and Temporary Permits'. At the bottom of the page, a copyright notice reads '© Copyright eCitizen 2015. All rights Reserved.'

13. Review the information on Types of Visa and then click on **Apply Now**.

The screenshot shows the eCitizen website interface for the Department of Immigration Services. The page title is 'Types Of Visa And Fees'. The main heading is 'Types of Visa'. Below the heading, there is a list of five visa types with their respective descriptions and fees. A table at the bottom summarizes the visa types and their fees. An 'Apply Now' button is highlighted in orange at the bottom of the page.

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14. Complete the application accurately, process payment, and you should receive a confirmation in your email once the Visa has been approved. You can then login to [eCitizen website](#) to print out your Visa to present at the port of entry.

Things to note when applying for a Kenyan eVisa

1. Visa processing fee is non-refundable.
2. Incomplete applications will be rejected and reapplication means you will have to pay the processing fee again.
3. The possession of an eVisa is not the final Authority to enter The Republic of Kenya.
4. Engaging in any form of business or employment without a requisite permit or pass is an offense.
5. A visa is required prior to entry into The Republic of Kenya.
6. The eVisa printout must be presented at the port of entry.
7. It should take at least 2 working days to get your eVisa but could take up to 7 days. Therefore visitors are advised to apply 15 days before intended dates of travel.
8. Each adult visitor to the Republic of Kenya is required to submit eVisa applications in their personal eCitizen account. Parents can apply for their children in the parents account