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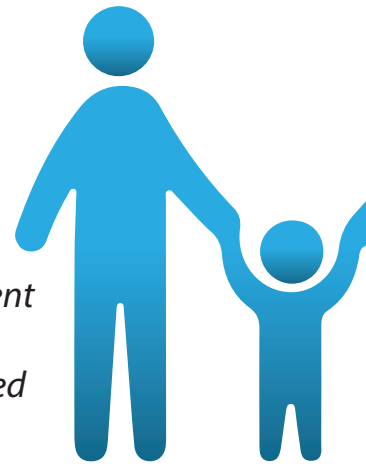
Environmental & TOURISM Levy

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1. Why ARE THE FUNDS BEING COLLECTED?

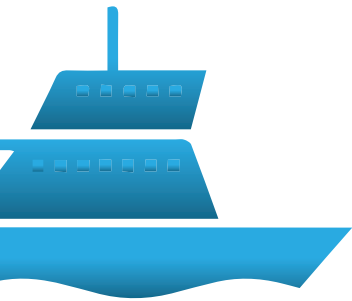
The funds collected will be used to protect the environment of the British Virgin Islands. It will be applied towards:

1. *Activities related to the BVI's environmental protection and improvement*
2. *Minimising the impact of climate change*
3. *The maintenance/development of tourist sites and other tourism related activities.*



2. How will THE FUNDS BE COLLECTED?

The funds will be collected upon arrival at all ports of entry. The Immigration Officer will stamp the visitor's Entry Departure (ED) Card. The ED Card will be presented to the Customs Officer who will collect the monies.



3. CAN PAYMENTS BE MADE USING CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS?

Yes, cash and all major credit and debit cards will be accepted by the Customs Officer.



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4. Who ARE EXEMPTED?

The Environmental Protection and Tourism Improvement Fund Act 2017, makes provision for the following persons to be exempted:

1. *Residents and Belongers;*
2. *Non-residents two years or under;*
3. *Officers of the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court;*
4. *Guest of the Government;*
5. *Official representatives of the Government of any country/territory;*
6. *Persons accorded diplomatic privileges in accordance with the Diplomatic Privileges Ordinance;*
7. *Persons exempted by the Minister by Order published in the Gazette.*



Other exemptions include persons in transit who on arrival do not leave the airport or dock; and crew of vessels.

5. Will BELONGERS RESIDING OUTSIDE OF THE TERRITORY BE REQUIRED TO pay?

No, Belongers residing outside of the Territory are not required to pay the fee but must provide the Immigration Officer with their Belongers card or BVI passport as proof of their status.

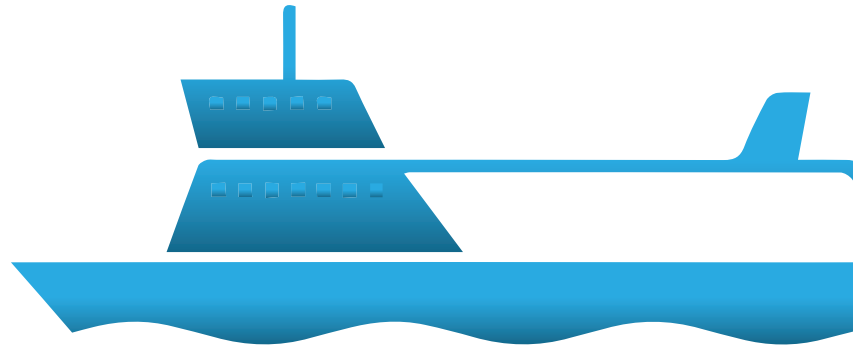
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6. ARE CRUISE PASSENGERS EXPECTED TO PAY?

All cruise passengers arriving in the Virgin Islands on a scheduled cruise liner from a foreign port and leaving within 24 hours after arrival on the same vessel are exempted from paying this tax.



7. DO I HAVE TO PURCHASE A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AND TOURISM LEVY TICKET IF I LEAVE THE TERRITORY DURING MY VISIT?

Visitors arriving in the British Virgin Islands on a second or subsequent occasion in the course of the same visit are not required to pay. Visitors are required to present their tickets which show the duration of their stay.

