



Dear Aruba Partners,

Instituto Alarma y Seguridad Aruba (IASA) and the Aruba Tourism Authority (A.T.A.) are proud to introduce a new service to Aruba's visitors. Effective December 2nd, an online version of Aruba's Embarkation and Disembarkation card (ED-card) will be available. Gamma IT solutions has been commissioned to develop this convenient service, which compliments the current program's required ED-card.

Currently, the ED-card is handed out to visitors onboard their flight. With the introduction of this new online version, visitors can now go to [www.edcardaruba.aw](http://www.edcardaruba.aw) as soon as they book their trip and fill out the ED-card as a convenient alternative.

Objective: The objective for both IASA and A.T.A. is to facilitate more ease of travel when visiting Aruba. Thus, the purpose of the online ED-card is first and foremost to offer Aruba's visitors the opportunity to easily complete the ED-card online before embarking on their journey to Aruba. Additionally, the digitalization of the ED-card will facilitate the entry process by expediting the airport flow.

Below, please find a list of FAQs to help better inform visitors of the new online-ED card process.

## **FAQ sheet for Aruba's new Online Embarkation and Disembarkation Card**

Visitors to Aruba travel under the Admission, Deportation and Expulsion Ordinance ("Landsverordening Toelating, Uitzetting en Verwijdering Aruba"), and have the option of filling out an Embarkation and Disembarkation card (ED-card) during their flight to Aruba or online as of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

### **What is the online ED-card?**

ED-card stands for "Embarkation and Disembarkation-card," and serves as a request for admittance to Aruba as a visiting tourist. The online ED program offers an easy option to complete the registration/application process prior to planned travel to Aruba. The completion of the ED card is required for entry, whether completed in advance online or filled in while travelling to Aruba (the card is provided on all flights to Aruba).

### **How far ahead of time can I fill out the ED-card?**

As soon as your flight is booked, you can proceed to [www.edcardaruba.aw](http://www.edcardaruba.aw) to fill out your card. This can be done up until 48 hours prior of your departure to Aruba. You must include a valid email address, as your confirmation will be sent via email.

Once you submit the card, your profile is stored and saved, and will be readily available when you travel back to Aruba. It is important to note that you still have to submit a new card each time you travel back to Aruba.

### **Can I still apply online after 48 hours?**

No. You will not be able to do so and will have to fill in the ED-card that is handed out to you on board your carrier.

### **Who is required to have an ED-card?**

All visitors to Aruba are required to have a valid ED card. The purpose of the online option of the ED card is to provide greater ease of travel, allowing visitors the option of obtaining the required ED card before travel to Aruba.

**Who is considered a tourist?**

A tourist is any person not staying more than 30 consecutive days in Aruba for relaxation, sport, health reasons, family matters, study, religious purposes or business visits, and who, during his/her stay does not perform work against pay/reward for a local resident or legal entity established in Aruba. The total number of days a person can stay in Aruba as a tourist cannot exceed 180 days per calendar year. For more information on how to apply for an extension, please contact DIMAS ([www.dimasaruba.com](http://www.dimasaruba.com)).

**What are the benefits of the online ED program?**

The benefits of using this online service are:

- Easy online application process
- Quick processing time (usually within 48 hours)
- Current processing status can be viewed at any time
- Shorter waiting time upon arrival in Aruba

**What are the steps of the online ED program?**

The steps are simple and are comprised of:

- Completing and submitting the online application
- Check your online application status
- Print your online application (if desired)
- Receive confirmation of your application

**Does the online ED program guarantee my automatic admission to Aruba?**

No. The final authorization for admission remains with the immigration officer who has the authority to grant or refuse admission. Admission can be refused if, for example, not all admission requirements are fulfilled or if the tourist has been previously denied entry. Please contact DIMAS for more information regarding admission requirements to Aruba.

**How long is my online ED application valid?**

The online ED application is valid only for the specific travel referenced in the pertinent application. For subsequent travels to Aruba you must re-apply (online) through the following steps:

1. Review your online application
2. Update your online application to reflect your upcoming travel information
3. Check your online application status
4. Keep an eye out for your confirmation (approval) notification via your email address

**What information can I update?**

You can update all application data fields.