



TOURISM REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Hon. Ivan Del Prete
The Italian Consul
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TOURISM LICENCE FOR PRIVATE HOUSE/VILLA OWNERS

The Tourism Regulatory Authority is a parastatal under the Ministry of Tourism charged with the mandate to regulate tourism activities and services countrywide. This is done through issuing of licences and inspection of tourism facilities with a view to ensuring that they comply to the *Tourism Act 2011* and the *Tourism Regulatory Authority Regulations 2014*.

Section 98(1) (attached) of the Tourism Act No. 28 of 2011 and section 14(2) of the Tourism Regulatory Authority 2014 requires all regulated tourism businesses (hotels, restaurants, private houses/villas, tour operators, travel agents, tour/driver guides, curio vendors and beach operators, among others) to get tourism licences from this office. Anybody contravening this law is guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment for one and a half year or to a fine of sh 100,000, or to both (*section 112(2) of the Tourism Act 2011-attached*).

Villas are licensable under Class A(xx) of the Ninth Schedule of the Tourism Act 2011(*attached*). Each villa is required to pay shs 27,000 licence fee annually as per the Fourth Schedule of the Tourism Regulatory Authority Regulations 2014 (*attached*). Late payment of licences attract a penalty of 10% of the licence fee for every month delayed.

The laws regulating these operations are downloadable from www.tourismauthority.go.ke. We request your good office to inform all operators of private villas to get licences from our office at Malindi Complex 1st Floor.

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