

NT Airports Visitor Management system (VMS)

On 21st November 2011 a legislative amendment to the Aviation Transport Security Regulations (2005) came into place regarding the issue of Visitor Identification Cards (VICs) at Australian Security Controlled Airports.

NEW RULES

The change in Regulations meant that NT Airports and approved Airport Agents were the only issuing bodies authorised to issue VICs at Darwin or Alice Springs Airport. New restrictions were put in place regarding the length of time a person can hold a VIC for a specific airport- these restrictions mean that an individual is only permitted to hold a VIC for a maximum of 28 days in any 365 day period at any one airport. If the applicant has applied for an ASIC then this 28 day restriction can be waived until their ASIC is approved. The changes also meant that the issuing body is required to obtain further information from an applicant before a VIC can be issued- including their residential address and specific operational requirement to hold VIC. VIC applicants must also show sufficient ID before a VIC can be issued.

NT AIRPORTS VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In order to comply with the new regulations NT Airports engaged a software company to build a specific software system that would allow us to produce VICs and maintain a fully compliant register.

Recently we released the final version of the system into production and it is now operating smoothly. We have a number of agents who

utilise the system and issue VICs on behalf of Darwin or Alice Springs Airport and we would like to thank them for their patience over the last 6 months as we migrated to the new system.



VIC FACTS

- A VIC is issued to an individual who does not hold an ASIC but has an operational requirement to enter a secure area of the airport
- VIC holders must be escorted by a valid ASIC holder in order to obtain a VIC and at all times whilst in a secure area of the airport
- It is the responsibility of both the VIC holder and the ASIC escort to ensure the VIC is returned to its place of issue following expiry or if the holder no longer has an operational requirement to access the secure areas of the airport
- If a VIC is lost or stolen the loss or theft must be reported immediately to the issuing airport.