



VISITOR'S GUIDE

'HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE'

Introduction

The National Assembly is the House of the People. Members of the public are welcome to visit the National Assembly and to observe its sittings. The National Assembly also hosts, upon special request, guided tours for different groups.

What do I expect from a guided tour?

- Warm reception by an officer of the Secretariat of the National Assembly.
- A guided tour of the Chamber and its Galleries, and the facilities provided in the building.

Focus of a guided tour

- Brief background on the National Assembly
- The role of Parliament
- How the National Assembly functions
- Observe a sitting of the National Assembly

Do note that guided tours should be booked at least three weeks in advance.

Also note that special programmes are set up for specific groups. Visitors are encouraged to ask questions about the National Assembly.

When do tours take place?

Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)
09:00 – 12:00
13:00- 15:00

Procedures to undertake guided tours:

- Bring your letter of confirmation for a visit
- Adhere to prescribed visiting times
- Bring an updated list of visitors on the day of the visit

All cancellation or postponement of visits must be communicated to the Clerk to the National Assembly in advance.

What do I do if I wish to visit the National Assembly?

To visit the National Assembly, one has to make a written request to the following:

The Clerk National Assembly
 Ile du Port
 Victoria
 Mahe

Email: visits@nationalassembly.sc
Tel: 285600
Fax: 285699

What if I wish to observe a sitting only?

No prior booking is required for such visits. Assembly sittings are normally on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and visitors can observe sittings from the Public Gallery.

All visitors will be required to fulfil the 'Conditions of Entry to the National Assembly' before permission is granted to enter the Precincts. Visitors are also expected to abide by the 'Code of Conduct for Visitors' whilst in the Precincts.

Kindly note that all visitors are required to use Gate No. 2. All vehicles should be parked in the parking area to the left of the building.

Conditions of Entry to the National Assembly of Seychelles

It is a condition of entry to the National Assembly and the Chamber Galleries that;

- You consent to personal security screening;
- You surrender or cloak all items (no bags or other items are allowed in the National Assembly by visitors);
- You are able to be cleared by the screening process for entry in the National Assembly

Code of Conduct in the National Assembly of Seychelles

Below is the code of conduct when visiting the National Assembly of Seychelles. This code applies to all visitors in its entirety.

For all visits:

- Visitors must stand when the Speaker enters a room.
- At minimum, visitors should wear smart casual dress and footwear.
- Remember that this is a working Parliamentary Building, therefore visitors should:
 - Walk the halls in a quiet and orderly manner.
 - Refrain from making vulgar, loud and unnecessary noises.
- Obey all instructions from Parliamentary Officials especially with regards to restricted sections of the building.
- Do not smoke in the building.
- Do not eat or drink, except in formally allocated areas.
- In the event you are issued with a visitors pass, do return it to the Security Personnel.
- Collect any items retained by Security as you exit the precinct of the National Assembly.

In addition to the above, whilst in the Public Gallery:

- Enter, walk around, sit in and leave the Public Gallery quietly.
- Please note that the following are forbidden in the Gallery
 - Applause, shouting out or disrupting proceedings.
 - The display of any banners or slogans.
 - Use of cameras or recording equipment.
- Visitors should not leave or enter the Gallery when a vote is in progress.
- Visitors are not allowed to lean over railings or place any articles on them.
- When the House adjourns, visitors should remain **standing** until the Speaker has left the Chamber.