



APPLICATION FOR NON-COMMERCIAL USE OF BEACHES

NOTE TO APPLICANTS

Non-Commercial use is defined as use of the beach that does not involve the sale of goods and/or services. Non-Commercial use is typically granted for up to two (2) days at a time. Persons using the beach for non-commercial purposes must apply to the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change (the Ministry) for permission if one or more of the following criteria are met:

- ✓ Use by an organization or large group
- ✓ Use of loud speakers (*any device that amplifies music or other sound*)
- ✓ Use of a barbeque grill, fire pit, bonfire or open flame
- ✓ Overnight use by groups

Organizers/hosts of an event at a beach, including public events and fundraising events, that would involve the sale of goods and/or services should submit an application for Short-term Commercial Use of Beaches.

A successful application will result in the Ministry issuing of a Conditional Letter of Approval. The applicant must then acquire and submit to the Ministry all other permissions, permits or licences that may be required (such as a Noise Certificate), before final approval by issuance of a Beach Use Permit. The Ministry will facilitate applicants in other required permissions as far as possible. Applicants granted permission must operate within the approved time(s).

Completing the Application

This application form is available as a fillable PDF which is the preferred method for completion. This application may also be completed by hand in blue or black ink, ensuring that handwriting is legible. All information requested must be provided for the application to be considered complete. The application form should be accompanied by valid photo identification.

Submitting the Application

This application may be submitted to the Ministry electronically via email at menrcc@gov.vg or in hard copy at the Ministry's office. Applicants with questions may contact the Ministry at 1-284-468-2147.

Consideration of the Application

Applications will be evaluated by the Ministry using standard criteria to assess public safety, environmental impact and social impact. All required information must be provided before applications are considered. Applicants will be advised of incomplete applications and of cases where additional information is needed beyond that required on the standard application form based on the nature of the application. Applicants can expect a confirmation of receipt of their application. Applications are typically processed within five (5) to ten (10) business days of receipt.