

**TITLE 4: ECONOMIC RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 2: TOURISM**

**§ 2171. Definitions.**

For the purposes of this Article, and unless required by context, the following terms shall have the following definitions:

- (a) “Board” means the Marianas Visitors Authority Board.
- (b) “Certificate” or “Certification” means the document issued by MVA attesting that a tour guide or tour operator has successfully passed the required training as promulgated or approved by MVA and may apply for a business license as a tour guide or tour operator.
- (c) “Commonwealth” means the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- (d) “Department” means the Department of Finance.
- (e) “Business License” means a business license issued by the Division of Revenue and Taxation.
- (f) “Managing Director” means the chief executive officer of MVA.
- (g) “MVA” means the Marianas Visitors Authority.
- (h) “NMC” means the Northern Marianas College.
- (i) “Person” means an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, or a corporation or other business entity.
- (j) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Finance.
- (k) “Tour Guide” means any person who is employed or retained to guide or conduct tours for tourists, both foreign and domestic, for a fee, commission, or any other form of lawful remuneration.
- (l) “Tour Operator” shall mean a person who is regularly engaged in the business of extending to individuals or groups, such services pertaining to arrangements and bookings for transportation and/or accommodation, handling and/or conduct of inbound tours whether or not for a fee, commission, or any form of compensation.
- (m) “Tourist Land/Sea Transport Operator”—a person who is regularly engaged in providing, for a fee or lawful consideration, tourist transport services to scenic and historic landmarks and attractions of the Northern Mariana Islands as hereinafter defined, either on charter or regular run.

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