SCHENGEN VISA Application Guide



Schengen visas are provided to foreigners for access to the Schengen Area of Europe. The Schengen Area includes 26 countries that have agreed to allow their citizens to travel freely across internal country borders. Follow these guidelines to get started with the application process.

SCHEDULE APPOINTMENT

It usually takes **at least 15 days** for your visa application to be processed for issue. Schedule your consultation appointment accordingly with your departure.



READ INSTRUCTIONS AND FILL OUT APPLICATION

Check each Schengen country's specifc requirements to understand which documents are necessary for the type of visa you need. Fill the application completely once you know what is required of you.

ATTACH RECENT PHOTO AND MANDATORY DOCS

Attach a **recent photo** of yourself following visa guidelines in regards to picture background, format, etc.
Additional documents may vary by country.



SUBMIT AND ATTEND INTERVIEW

In the interview you will be asked about your intentions for traveling, your whereabouts, and other trip information. It's important to answer each question confidently and correctly.

VISA COST

There will be a **non-refundable fee** when you apply for a visa that ranges in cost depending on the Schengen country your applying for.



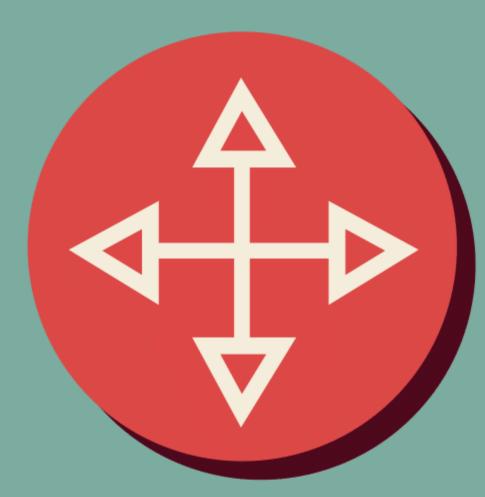
Types of Schengen

Visas

The embassy or consulate of your Schengen destination country issues the appropriate visa depending on the nature of your travel. Schengen Visa Info notes that "there are different restrictions that apply to the particular visa in accordance to the nature of traveling and other relevant circumstances." Specific visas that fall under the above visa categories include tourist visas, business visas, student visas, working visas, and transit visas.

UNIFORM SCHENGEN VISAS

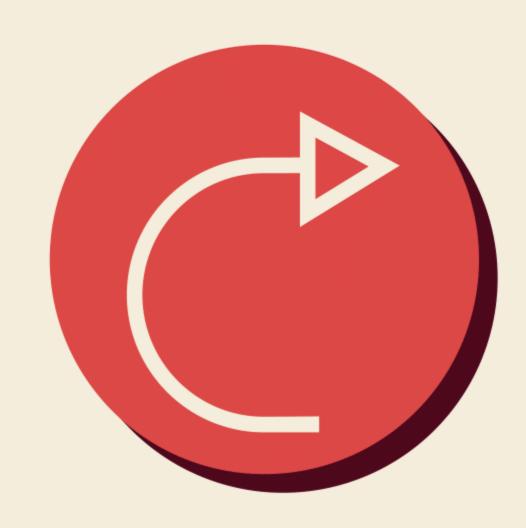
Uniform Visas enable you to travel and reside in the Schengen Area for up to 90 days each six month period, which starts from your date of entry. USV's apply to three different categories:



- Category "A" (Airport Transit Visa) Necessary visa for individuals traveling from one non-Schengen country to another through a Schengen country airport
- Category "B" (Transit Visa) Allows individuals to travel through multiple Schengen countries to a non-Schengen country by car, coach, or plane, as long as travel lasts no more than 5 days
- Category "C" (Short-term Visa) Can be provided for single entry, double entry, or multiple entry, depending on the purpose of your travel

LIMITED TERRITORIAL VALIDITY VISA

Limited Territorial Validity Visas permit you to travel only within the Schengen country that has issued your visa or in the countries you specify when applying for the visa. The visa will not be valid in any other Schengen Area countries.



• This type of visa is generally only issued for international obligations or for humanitarian reasons. It is considered an exception to a Uniform Visa.

NATIONAL VISA

National Visas ("D" category visas) are granted to individuals who are studying, working, or residing permanently in a Schengen Area country.

These visas are valid for those residing in a specific country for a specified period of time (with plans to return home once the visa expires), but you may also acquire a multi-entry visa to travel to other countries in the Schengen Area. To qualify for a multi-entry visa, you must meet one of the following requirements:

 Be an international student enrolled in a program that grants Schengen visas.



- Be a professional traveling to a Schengen country with the purpose of sharing your expertise.
- Be traveling in the Schengen Area and experience an emergency, such as a medical condition, that prevents departure at the end of your National Visa.
- Be teaching at a higher education institution or research center in a Schengen country.

Documentation General Requirements

When applying for a Schengen visa, it is best to apply at the embassy of the country in which you will be spending the majority of your time.

At your appointment, you must have the following documents:

VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENT

You'll need to have a valid travel document like a passport. Make sure your documentation is not expired.





COMPLETED APPLICATION AND RECENT PHOTO

Once you've complete the visa application, make sure you've included all the information needed specific to the country you are visiting.

PROOF OF ACCOMODATION

You'll need proof that you will have a place to stay during the entirety of your trip.





PROOF OF SUBSISTENCE

Financial proof that you will be able to support yourself throughout your trip is required in order to receive a Shengen Visa.

ITINERARY AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

You will need to provide specific dates regarding entry and exit of the Schengen area as well as proof of a travel insurance policy in order to acquire a visa.



Third Country Nationals

Required to Possess Visa

Many people, depending on where they're from, may be required to possess a visa in order to enter the Schengen zone. Check to see if your country is required to have a Schengen Visa.

REQUIRED COUNTRIES

AFGHANISTAN ALGERIA ANGOLA ARMENIA **AZERBAIJAN** BAHRAIN BANGLADESH BELARUS BELIZE BENIN BHUTAN BOLIVIA BOTSWANA BURKINA FASO

BURMA/MYANMAR BURUNDI CAMBODIA CAMEROON CAPE VERDE

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC LAOS

CHAD CHINA COMOROS CONGO COTE D'IVOIRE

CUBA

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

CONGO DJIBOUTI DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

ECUADOR EGYPT

EQUATORIAL GUINEA

ERITREA

ETHIOPIA GABON

GAMBIA

GAMBIA

GHANA

GHANA

GUINEA

GUINEA-BISSAU

GUYANA

HAITI

INDIA

INDONESIA

IRAN

IRAQ

JAMAICA

JORDAN

SAUTI

SOUTI

SOUTI

SRILA

LEBANON LESOTHO LIBERIA LIBYA MADAGASCAR TUNISIA MALAWI TURKEY

MALI MAURITANIA MONGOLIA

MOROCCO MOZAMBIQUE NAMIBIA

NAURU NEPAL NIGER NIGERIA

NORTH KOREA

OMAN PAKISTAN

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PAPUA NEW PHILIPPINES QATAR RWANDA

SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

SAUDI ARABIA SENEGAL RAN
IRAQ
JAMAICA
SOUTH AFRICA
JORDAN
SOUTH SUDAN
SRI LANKA
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SUDINAME SIERRA LEONE JORDAN SOUTH SUDA KAZAKHSTAN SRI LANKA KENYA SUDAN KUWAIT SURINAME KYRGYZSTAN SWAZILAND SVRIA SYRIA TAJIKISTAN TANZANIA THAILAND TOGO

TURKMENISTAN **UGANDA** UKRAINE UZBEKISTAN VIETNAM YEMEN ZAMBIA ZIMBABWE

NON-REQUIRED COUNTRIES

ALBANIA

ANDORRA

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA ARGENTINA

AUSTRALIA BAHAMAS BARBADOS

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA BRAZIL

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

CANADA CHILE COLOMBIA COSTA RICA DOMINICA EL SALVADOR

FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

GEORGIA GRENADA **GUATEMALA**

HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)

HONDURAS ISRAEL JAPAN KIRIBATI MALAYSIA

MARSHALL ISLANDS

MAURITIUS

MEXICO MICRONESIA MOLDOVA MONACO MONTENEGRO NEW ZEALAND NICARAGUA PALAU PANAMA PARAGUAY PERU SAMOA SAN MARINO SEYCHELLES SERBIA SINGAPORE

SOLOMON ISLANDS SOUTH KOREA ST KITTS AND NEVIS

ST LUCIA

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES TIMOR-LESTE

TONGA

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO TUVALU

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

URUGUAY VANUATU VENEZUELA