

SCHENGEN VISA

Application Guide



WorldTrips

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 specific 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.



Remember to check for any additional requirements specific to the country you are visiting.

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	ETHIOPIA	NAURU
ALGERIA	FIJI	NEPAL
ANGOLA	GABON	NIGER
ARMENIA	GAMBIA	NIGERIA
AZERBAIJAN	GHANA	NORTH KOREA
BAHRAIN	GUINEA	OMAN
BANGLADESH	GUINEA-BISSAU	PAKISTAN
BELARUS	GUYANA	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
BELIZE	HAITI	PHILIPPINES
BENIN	INDIA	QATAR
BHUTAN	INDONESIA	RUSSIA
BOLIVIA	IRAN	RWANDA
BOTSWANA	IRAQ	SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
BURKINA FASO	JAMAICA	SAUDI ARABIA
BURMA/MYANMAR	JORDAN	SENEGAL
BURUNDI	KAZAKHSTAN	SIERRA LEONE
CAMBODIA	KENYA	SOMALIA
CAMEROON	KUWAIT	SOUTH AFRICA
CAPE VERDE	KYRGYZSTAN	SOUTH SUDAN
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	LAOS	SRI LANKA
CHAD	LEBANON	SUDAN
CHINA	LESOTHO	SURINAME
COMOROS	LIBERIA	SWAZILAND
CONGO	LIBYA	SYRIA
COTE D'IVOIRE	MADAGASCAR	TAJIKISTAN
CUBA	MALAWI	TANZANIA
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF	MALDIVES	THAILAND
CONGO DJIBOUTI	MALI	TOGO
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	MAURITANIA	TUNISIA
ECUADOR	MONGOLIA	TURKEY
EGYPT	MOROCCO	TURKMENISTAN
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	MOZAMBIQUE	UGANDA
ERITREA	NAMIBIA	UKRAINE
		UZBEKISTAN
		VIETNAM
		YEMEN
		ZAMBIA
		ZIMBABWE

NON-REQUIRED COUNTRIES

ALBANIA	MEXICO
ANDORRA	MICRONESIA
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	MOLDOVA
ARGENTINA	MONACO
AUSTRALIA	MONTENEGRO
BAHAMAS	NEW ZEALAND
BARBADOS	NICARAGUA
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	PALAU
BRAZIL	PANAMA
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	PARAGUAY
CANADA	PERU
CHILE	SAMOA
COLOMBIA	SAN MARINO
COSTA RICA	SEYCHELLES
DOMINICA	SERBIA
EL SALVADOR	SINGAPORE
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA	SOLOMON ISLANDS
GEORGIA	SOUTH KOREA
GRENADA	ST KITTS AND NEVIS
GUATEMALA	ST LUCIA
HOLY SEE (VATICAN CITY STATE)	ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
HONDURAS	TIMOR-LESTE
ISRAEL	TONGA
JAPAN	TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
KIRIBATI	TUVALU
MALAYSIA	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MARSHALL ISLANDS	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
MAURITIUS	URUGUAY
	VANUATU
	VENEZUELA