

INFORMATION ON VISAS

- 1) **an application form**
- 2) **full-face colour photo**, with dimensions of 3x3.5 cm
- 3) **valid travel document**; the travel document must be valid for at least three months longer than the expected validity of the visa requested and it must have been issued within previous 10 years. The document shall contain at least 2 blank pages.
- 4) **documents demonstrating the purpose and conditions of the planned stay** (a letter of invitation, a voucher in the case of an organised trip etc.)
- 5) **accommodation-related documents, e.g.:**
 - a voucher/reservation confirming hotel accommodation and services provided;
 - a personal letter of invitation confirming that the applicant will stay at the inviting person's place;
 - other documents.
- 6) **documents confirming sufficient means of subsistence, e.g.**
 - cash in a freely convertible currency;
 - travel cheques;
 - a bank account statement confirming that the applicant has had a regular income (salary, pension) in the previous 6-12 months;
 - other documents safeguarding funds in a convertible currency.

No general amount of funds to cover the costs of living is prescribed, but the funds must be sufficient for the length and purpose of stay and costs of living in the final country of destination or Schengen area countries. At a Slovak border crossing the foreign nationals may be asked to demonstrate that they have sufficient means to cover the costs of living for the length of stay specified in the visa in the amount of EUR 56 per person per day.

- 7) **documents enabling an assessment of the applicant's intention to leave the territory of the Member States** before the expiry of the visa applied for, e.g. means of transport – a return (not open) air/bus/train ticket. When travelling by a passenger motor vehicle, the applicant must submit a valid driving licence and roadworthiness certificate, motor third-party liability insurance certificate (so-called green card), and demonstrate possession of sufficient funds for fuel.
- 8) **travel medical insurance** – the insurance must cover all costs that may arise in connection with the repatriation of the applicant to their home country due to health problems, urgent medical treatment, emergency hospital treatment or death.

The travel insurance must be valid for all Schengen Member States and the entire length of the applicant's stay. A minimum insurance coverage of EUR 30,000 is required. Family members of EU or EEA nationals are exempt from the obligation of submitting travel health insurance. Such exemption does not apply to the family members of the Slovak citizens.

- 9) **other documents** – for the purposes of the visa application procedure, the embassy or consulate general may ask foreign nationals to submit other documents in order to verify the declared purpose of the visit and applicant's intention to return to their home country or the country of their residence.

Documents demonstrating the purpose of stay: documents demonstrating the purpose of stay **may** include also

Organised/individual travels, e.g.:

- voucher issued by a travel agency confirming the provided services;
- in case of a private visit (visiting your family, acquaintances), a personal letter of invitation is required, with an officially authenticated signature of the inviting person, or a letter of invitation authenticated by a competent alien police department. An invitation authenticated by the alien police department may be requested from visa applicants of any nationality.

Business trips, e.g.:

- invitation issued by a business partner or institution;
- invitation issued by a competent alien police department. An invitation authenticated by the alien police department may be requested from visa applicants of any nationality. The embassy or consulate general is free to decide what type of document they will require for the verification of the purpose of stay. For repeated business trips, foreign nationals are required to submit a cooperation agreement concluded with a Slovak company and other documents.

International conferences, seminars, symposia, cultural and sport events, e.g.:

- invitation by event organisers;
- official letter by a dispatching organisation applying for a visa for its employee;
- invitation verified by a competent alien police department.

Other purposes: other documents demonstrating the purpose of travel and stay in the Slovak Republic (e.g., medical treatment, study visits shorter than 90 days).

Visa application fees

VISA TYPE	FEE CHARGED
Uniform schengen visa application	60,- EUR
Uniform schengen visa application for children from the age of 6 to 12 years	35,- EUR
National (long-stay) visa granted in connection with the performance of Slovakia's commitments under international treaties or for the benefit of the Slovak Republic or along with a residence permit in the Slovak Republic	33,- EUR
National (long-stay) visa issued in connection with collection of granted residence permit in the Slovak Republic	9,50 EUR