

Short-Term (Schengen) visa based on an invitation

The supporting documents submitted with the Schengen visa application based on an invitation should include:

1. Completed application form

The application must be filled-in properly and signed by the applicant; in case the applicant is under 18 or a person lacking legal capacity, the application shall be signed by a parent or guardian who is required to attach a copy of the document identifying him/her as the applicant's legal guardian.

2. Valid travel document; the travel document shall, in general, meet the following criteria:

- its validity shall extend at least three months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States or, in the case of several visits, after the last intended date of departure from the territory of the Member States.
- it shall contain at least two blank pages;
- it shall have been issued within the previous 10 years.

3. Full-face colour photo, conform to [ICAO standards](#)

4. Proof of possession of adequate and valid travel medical insurance

- The insurance must cover any expenses, which may arise in connection with the repatriation for the medical reasons, urgent medical treatment, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay on the territory of the Member States. Applicants for a uniform visa for multiple entries must prove that they are in possession of the adequate and valid travel medical insurance covering the period of their first intended visit.
- The insurance shall be valid throughout the territory of the Member States and cover the entire period of the person's intended stay or transit. The minimum coverage shall be **EUR 30 000**.

5. Documents indicating the purpose of the journey

Please, note that the list below is indicative and non-exhaustive. If the European Union has concluded a visa facilitation agreement with the third country, the supporting documents demonstrating the purpose of the journey, submitted by certain categories of visa applicants, are indicated in the respective agreement.

One or several of the documents below may be submitted with the visa application:

- a personal letter of invitation with the officially verified signature of the inviting person;
- a letter of invitation authenticated by the competent department of Bureau of Border and Foreign Police Bureau of the Presidium of the Police Force;
- an invitation issued by the legal person (business company, institution, organization, association);
- a voucher issued by a travel agency confirming the provided services;

6. Documents in relation to accommodation, e.g.

- a voucher issued by the travel agency confirming the provided services;
- a confirmation of accommodation issued by the hotel or accommodation facility;
- an invitation confirming that the inviting party is providing the accommodation for the applicant;
- a confirmation of accommodation issued by the private person providing the accommodation in his/her own the apartment/house;
- other documents related to accommodation or the proof of sufficient means to cover the accommodation.

Please note that nationals of the third countries listed below shall submit a police-certified invitation to their application, regardless of the purpose of the journey: Bangladesh, Belarus, Iran, Morocco, Pakistan, Vietnam

Information on exemptions will be provided by the diplomatic missions.

7. Documents indicating that the applicant possesses sufficient means of subsistence

- a recent bank account statements showing movements over a certain period (at least the last three months);
- a document confirming the regular income (salary, pension) of the applicant (e.g. salary slips, certificate of employment, work contract);
- registered proof of sponsorship and private accommodation - a letter of invitation authenticated by the competent department of Bureau of Border and Foreign Police Bureau of the Presidium of the Police Force;
- traveller's cheques;
- other documents safeguarding funds in a convertible currency.

If the visa applicant is a citizen of a country with which the EU has concluded a visa facilitation agreement, the details of the documents on the purpose of travel presented by certain categories of visa applicants are stipulated in those agreements.

In accordance with the Implementing Decree No 499/2011 of the Slovak Ministry of the Interior on establishing the amount of financial resources required to cover the costs associated with a third-country national's stay in the Slovak Republic the required amount of the financial means is set at EUR 56 per person per day.

The amount of EUR 56 comprises of several elements. If the costs of a third-country national's stay in the Slovak Republic are partially covered, this circumstance will be considered during the border control.

The sum of EUR 56 per person per day may be replaced by a certified invitation as laid down in Section 19 of Act No 404/2011 on the Residence of Foreigners and Amendment and Supplementation to other Acts, or by a hosting agreement under Section 26b of the Act No 172/2005 on the organization of state aid for research and development, as amended.

8. 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.

- a return (not open) air/bus/train ticket;
- proof of financial means in the country of residence;
- proof of employment in the home country;
- proof of real estate property;
- proof of integration into the country of residence: family ties; professional status.

9. For underage applicants (minors)

- birth certificate of the minor applicant (for verification of the authorization of submission of the visa application on behalf of the applicant);
- consent of the parent or legal guardian to independent travelling of the child (if required by legislation of the country of residence or in accordance with the local conditions).

10. For applicants residing outside the country of his/her nationality

- a document confirming the legal residence on the territory of the country (e.g. residence permit, long-term visa) is submitted as a proof of territorial competence of the diplomatic mission to process the visa application.

11. Other documents

In individual cases the diplomatic mission may ask for submission of additional documents to verify the declared purpose of the visit and applicant's intention to return to their home country or the country of their residence.

Schengen visas of family members of citizens of EU/EEA and Swiss Confederation are granted under special and [simplified conditions](#).

In order to obtain the detailed and up-to-date information on conditions of submission of the application for a Schengen visa the competent diplomatic mission should be contacted. The general information above may not cover all visa requirements or exemptions applicable to the specific territory. The extend of supporting documents submitted with the visa application may vary, depending on the existing visa facilitation agreements, local conditions, and rules agreed on within the local Schengen cooperation of the Member States.