

**CEUREG forum XIX
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VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

1. WHO NEEDS CROATIAN VISA?

All participants are required to check the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia <http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/> to check if they require a visa for Croatia.

2. EXEMPTIONS:

A. DIPLOMATIC, SERVICE AND SPECIAL PASSPORTS

Holders of valid *diplomatic and service passports* of the following states do not require a visa for Croatia: Armenia, Bolivia, China, Columbia, Cuba, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Moldova, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, South Africa, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Vietnam.

Holders of valid *diplomatic, service and special passports* of the following countries do not require a visa for Croatia: Egypt, Morocco, Turkey.

Holders of valid *diplomatic passports* of the following countries do not require a visa for Croatia: Algeria, Jordan.

B. SCHENGEN, BULGARIAN, CYPRIOT, AND ROMANIA VISAS AND RESIDENCE PERMITS

All participants who are holders of valid Schengen documents (uniform visa C for two (2) or multiple (MULTI) entries, residence permit), as well as national visas and residence permits of Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Romania do not require an additional (Croatian) visa for Croatia.

Participants who are holders of the following documents do not require a visa for Croatia:

- **uniform visa (C) for two (2) or multiple (MULT) entries**, valid for all Schengen Area Member States;
- **visa with limited territorial validity (LTV visa), for two or multiple entries, issued to the holder of a travel document that is not recognized by one or more, but not all of the Schengen Area Member States, and which is valid for the territory of the Member States recognizing the travel document;**
- **long-stay visa (D) for stays exceeding three months**, issued by one of the Schengen Area Member State;
- **residence permit** issued by one of the Schengen Area Member State;
- **national visas for two or multiple entries and residence permits of Bulgaria, Cyprus and Romania** listed in Annex I, Annex III and Annex IV of the Decision No 565/2014/EU.

The Decision No 565/2014/EU is available at: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32014D0565&from=EN>.

The period of validity of the above mentioned Schengen, Bulgarian, Cypriot, and Romanian documents must cover the duration of stay and still be valid at the moment of leaving Croatia.

Please note that holders of a C 01 Schengen (or Bulgarian, Cypriot, and Romanian) visa will not be able to enter Croatia with it.

All participants are required to check if they need a visa for Croatia. If you do not hold one of the above mentioned documents, you have to apply for a Croatian visa!

3. WHERE TO APPLY FOR CROATIAN VISA?

Regarding visa procedure process, as a general rule, aliens who require a visa have to appear in person at least once at the nearest Croatian Embassy in his/her area of residence earliest three months before the planned visit.

The list of Croatian Embassies and Consulates are available on the website of the Ministry: <http://www.mvep.hr/en/diplomatic-directory/diplomatic-missions-and-consular-offices-of-croatia/>

If there is no Croatian Embassy/Consular Office of the Republic of Croatia please contact the nearest Croatian diplomatic mission regarding the possibility of submitting your visa application via Honorary Consul of the Republic of Croatia or by post/e-mail.

However, bear in mind that should you arrange with our diplomatic mission to submit your documents by post/e-mail, you would need to appear in person at one of our Embassies as well as bring original documents.

Also, aliens who require a visa for Croatia can fill out the visa application form on-line at crovisa.mvep.hr (available in English, Russian, Ukrainian, Albanian, and Turkish language). Printed and filled out application form along with other required documents should be submitted to the competent Croatian Embassy/Consulate or visa centre or through an accredited tourist agency.

Visa applications can also be submitted at **VFS Visa Application Centres** in *Algeria, Belarus, Egypt, Philippines, Georgia, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Qatar, Kuwait, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa, Oman, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, and Vietnam*. Additional information for each country is available in the drop down menu - Visa requirements overview (<http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/>).

4. WHAT NEEDS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR CROATIAN VISA?

The following documents need to be enclosed (presented) with the application:

1. **filled-in and signed visa application form:** <http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/forms/visa-application/> or **online visa application form:** <https://crovisa.mvep.hr/>
2. **a valid travel document:** the period of validity of the travel document should exceed that of the visa's by three (3) months, it must include at least two empty pages and must be issued in the preceding 10 years;
3. a colour **photograph** (35 x 45 mm);
4. **Invitation Letter from the organizer in Croatia;**
5. **means of transport** (*reservation of the return flight ticket*);
6. proof of paid visa **fee**;
7. valid travel health **insurance** (*has to be valid for the Republic of Croatia for the whole duration of your stay, and the lowest sum insured must be equivalent to 30,000 EUR*).

Holders of diplomatic passports are not obligated to enclose proof of travel health insurance.

Please make all preparations on time in order to leave enough time to the competent authorities of the Republic of Croatia to process your visa applications in accordance with the Croatian and the EU legislation!

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the Croatian visa regime and visa application procedure is available online at www.mvep.hr, in the section "Visas".

The list of Croatian Embassies and Consulates is available at: <http://www.mvep.hr/en/diplomatic-directory/diplomatic-missions-and-consular-offices-of-croatia/>

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