

Which supporting documents are required for third-country nationals ?

This documentation, depending on the type of visa requested or which Malta's diplomatic mission deems it can issue, must necessarily state:

- the purpose of the visit
- means of transport and for the return journey
- means of subsistence (support) during the journey and stay
- accommodation arrangements

These supporting documents shall cover as follows:

- supporting documents regarding the **purpose of the visit** shall mean, for example:
 - *a letter of invitation*
 - *a summons*
 - *a certificate of enrolment*
 - *an organised trip*
- supporting documents regarding **means of transport and return** shall mean, for example:
 - *a valid return ticket or*
 - *a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey*
- supporting documents regarding **means of subsistence**

The following may be accepted as proof of means of subsistence:

- *cash in convertible currency*
- *traveller's cheques*
- *cheque books for a foreign currency account*
- *credit cards*
- *or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.*

The level of means of subsistence shall be proportionate to the length and purpose of the stay, and to the amount of € 48 per day.

- supporting documents regarding **accommodation**

The following documents *inter alia* may be accepted as proof of accommodation:

- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment*
- *documents proving the existence of a lease or a title-deed, in the applicant's name, to a property situated in the country to be visited*

- *where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;*
- *or by requiring that a certificate be presented which vouches for the commitment to accommodate, in the form of a harmonised form filled in by the host/institution and stamped by the competent authority in Malta, according to the provisions laid down in its national legislation.*

In addition, in support of an application for a short-term or travel visa, applicants must show that they are in possession of adequate and valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.

Once the visa application is approved on the basis of the documentation, produced by the applicant, and the results of an interview, if required and which is normally conducted directly and personally, the diplomatic mission will carry out all statutory preliminary checks to consult lists of third-country nationals to be refused admission into the Schengen area.

General Documentation Requirements (by purpose)

TOURISM

In addition to the visa application form, a valid travel document and two (2) passport-size photographs, applicants need to produce the following documentation:

- *a valid return ticket or*
- *a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey*
- *cash in convertible currency or*
- *traveller's cheques or*
- *cheque books for a foreign currency account or*
- *credit cards*
- *or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.*
- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment or*
- *where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;*
- *a valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.*

BUSINESS

In addition to the visa application form, a valid travel document and two (2) passport-size photographs, applicants need to produce the following documentation:

- *a valid return ticket or*
- *a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey*

- *cash in convertible currency or*
- *traveller's cheques or*
- *cheque books for a foreign currency account or*
- *credit cards*
- *or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.*

- *a letter of invitation from the business partner, firm or authority*
- *proof of the existence of commercial-business relations or*
- *a certificate of the local Chamber of Commerce on the existence of such business activities*
- *documents proving the applicant's status in the business firm*

- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment*

- *a valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.*

STUDIES

In addition to the visa application form, a valid travel document and two (2) passport-size photographs, applicants need to produce the following documentation:

- *a valid return ticket or*
- *a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey*

- *cash in convertible currency or*
- *traveller's cheques or*
- *cheque books for a foreign currency account or*
- *credit cards*
- *or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.*

- *a letter of acceptance from the educational institution indicating entitlement to admission and details on course being undertaken*

- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment or*
- *where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;*

- a valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.

POLITICAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, SPORTS or RELIGIOUS EVENTS

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- a valid return ticket or
- a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey
- cash in convertible currency or
- traveller's cheques or
- cheque books for a foreign currency account or
- credit cards
- or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.
- an invitation, entry tickets, enrolments or programmes stating whenever possible the name of the host organisation, the duration or any other appropriate documents indicating the purpose of the visit
- hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment or
- where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;
- a valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.

MEDICAL REASONS

In addition to the visa application form, a valid travel document and two (2) passport-size photographs, applicants need to produce the following documentation:

- a valid return ticket or
- a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey
- cash in convertible currency or
- traveller's cheques or
- cheque books for a foreign currency account or
- credit cards
- or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.

- *a letter from the medical organisation certifying that the applicant is to undergo medical treatment in Malta*
- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment or*
- *where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;*
- *a valid individual or group Travel Medical Insurance to cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention and/or emergency hospital treatment. The insurance must be valid throughout the Schengen Member States and cover the entire period of the person's stay. The minimum coverage is of € 30,000.*

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- *a certificate of a reserved and prepaid journey*
- *cash in convertible currency or*
- *traveller's cheques or*
- *cheque books for a foreign currency account or*
- *credit cards*
- *or any other means that guarantees funds in hard currency.*
- *a statement about the case by the Maltese authorities or*
- *a statement about the case by the medical organisation in Malta or*
- *a statement about the case by the Medical Doctor*
- *hotel reservation or reservation for a similar establishment or*
- *where a third-country national states that he/she shall stay at a person's home or in an institution, the applicant must present a written declaration by the host which vouches for the host's commitment to accommodate. The diplomatic mission and consular posts will verify such declarations, where such checks are necessary;*
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