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VISA APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR CROATIAN VISA WHO NEEDS A CROATIAN VISA?

All participants are required to check the official website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia to see whether they are required to obtain a Croatian visa when entering Croatia:

http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/visa-requirements-overview/

VISA EXEMPTIONS:

- 1. Holders of:
- uniform visa (C) for two or multiple 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 recognised by one or more, but not all of the Schengen Area Member States, and which is valid for the territory of the Member States recognising 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, listed in Annex I of the Decision No 565/2014/EU;
- national visas for two or multiple entries and residence permits of Cyprus, listed in Annex III of the Decision No 565/2014/EU;
- national visas for two or multiple entries and residence permits of Romania, listed in Annex IV of the Decision No 565/2014/EU;

do not require a visa for transit or intended stays in the territory of Croatia not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period.

The passport must have been issued within the last ten years and valid for another three months after the planned departure from the Republic of Croatia.

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 the transit or stay.

<u>Please note that holders of valid UK and Irish visas and residence permits DO need a visa to travel to</u> <u>Croatia.</u>

WHERE TO APPLY FOR CROATIAN VISA?

As a general rule, applicants have to apply in person at the nearest Croatian embassy in their area of residence not earlier than three months before the planned visit. Minors, i.e. persons under 18 years of age do not apply personally.

Exceptionally, applicants do not need to submit their applications in person, but shall present themselves when called upon by the diplomatic mission/consular post for an interview.

All arrangements regarding the visa issuance procedure should be made directly with the competent embassy/consulate.

The list of Croatian Embassies and Consulates is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia:

http://www.mvep.hr/en/diplomatic-directory/diplomatic-missions-and-consular-offices-of-croatia/

There is also a possibility to fill out the visa application form on-line at <u>https://crovisa.mvep.hr/</u> (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.

Additional information for each country is available in the drop down menu - Visa requirements overview.

Republic of Croatia opened a number of visa centres where applications may be lodged. If there is no Embassy or Consulate nor a visa centre in the country of applicant's residence, applications may be lodged at the Embassy or Consulate of nearest convenience.

The possession of a visa does not grant the entry into the Republic of Croatia. Other legal requirements must also be met.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR CROATIAN VISA?

- filled-in visa application form: <u>http://www.mvep.hr/files/file/obrasci/VisaApplicationEnglish.pdf</u>
- valid travel document the validity period of the travel document should exceed that of the visa by three months; travel document must be issued in the previous 10 years; travel document must contain at least two empty pages for the visa
- 35x45 mm colour photo
- proof of travel health insurance -the lowest sum insured must be the equivalent in HRK of EUR 30,000.
- proof of paid visa fee
- documents that prove:
- the purpose of the stay in Croatia a copy of the *Invitation letter*
- cover letter from the institution the participant is representing
- a confirmed return ticket
- please note that Croatian embassies and consulates abroad are entitled to ask any other supporting documentation from the applicant if needed

VISA FEE

	HRK	EUR	USD
Visa fee	460,00	60	67

For more information on visa fees please visit: <u>http://www.mvep.hr/en/consular-information/visas/issuance-procedure/fees/</u>