

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Harmonised list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for a Schengen Visa in the Republic of Belarus:

1. Harmonised **Visa Application Form** completed and signed by the applicant
2. **Travel document** valid for at least three months after the intended date of (last) departure from the Schengen area, containing at least two blank pages and issued within the previous ten years.
3. **Photograph** in line with ICAO guidelines [click here](#).
4. **Visa fee** in line with the categories of the visa facilitation agreements with Belarus and the Visa Code. Certain Member States apply optional visa fee waivers as provided for in Article 16(5) of the Visa Code.
5. **Travel medical insurance** covering the entire period of intended stay, valid for all Schengen States and covering any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgency medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay. The minimum coverage must be €30.000.
6. **Copy of the internal passport** (issued at the age of 14): pages concerning the applicant's biodata, foreign passport(s) issued to him/her, his/her marital status and registration in Belarus.
7. In cases of **minors**:
 - i. Copy of the birth certificate.
 - ii. Consent of the parental authority or legal guardian should be required only if the minor travels alone or only with one parent. Exceptions should be made to this if the single parent with whom the minor is to travel holds the parental authority alone (i.e. in cases where the other parent has deceased or been deprived of custody, e.g. a death certificate of the other parent or a court degree vesting custody exclusively in the parent who is signing the application would be requested).
 - iii. Copy of the valid Schengen visa of the parent(s) travelling with the minor for whom a visa is not applied at the same time with the parent(s).
8. In cases of **third-country nationals**, proof of legal residence in the Republic of Belarus in line with local legislation (e.g. residence permit, long-term visa or FMS registration), valid for at least three months after the planned return from the Schengen area or a document proving that the applicant has applied for a renewal of proof of legal residence. If not resident, proof of legal presence in the Republic of Belarus and justification for submitting visa application in Belarus instead of the country of residence.
9. **Business/ Work:** As per category of traveler:
 - a. Members of official delegations:
 - i. Letter (e.g. verbal note) issued by a competent Belarusian authority confirming that the applicant is a member of its delegation travelling to the Schengen Member State.

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 - ii. Copy of the official invitation.
 - b. Participants in official twin city programs:
 - i. Written request from the head of administration/mayor of the city where the twinning activity is to take place.
 - ii. Written request from the head of administration/mayor of the sending city with full details of the participant.

- c. Employees travelling on business:
 - i. Written request from a hosting firm or organisation, an office or branch, state or local authority of the Republic of Belarus and the Member State or organising committees of trade and industrial exhibitions, conferences and symposia to attend meetings, conferences or events connected with trade, industry or work; if no such written request can be obtained, other proof of purpose of stay (e.g. information on participation in conference, entrance ticket to trade fair, business correspondence, program of the business trip).
 - ii. In case not already sufficiently demonstrated in the written request, proof of employment.

- d. Self-employed people:
 - i. Written request from a hosting firm or organisation, an office or branch, state or local authority of the Republic of Belarus and the Member State or organising committees of trade and industrial exhibitions, conferences and symposia to attend meetings, conferences or events connected with trade, industry or work; if no such written request can be obtained, other proof of purpose of stay (e.g. information on participation in conference, entrance ticket to trade fair, business correspondence, program of the business trip).
 - ii. Proof of economic activity (e.g. 2NDFL or 3NDFL form, extract from the trade/fiscal registry or certificate for individual business) or bank statement(s) covering at least three preceding months.

- e. Drivers (international cargo and passengers):
 - i. Written request from the Belarussian Association of International Road Carriers "BAMAP" or the national association of carriers of the Member State stating the purpose, duration and frequency of trips.

- f. Members of train, refrigerator and locomotive crews:
 - i. Written request from the competent Belarussian railway with its branches and OAO "Refservice") or a competent railway company of the Member State stating the purpose, duration and frequency of trips.

- g. Air crews (if in need of a visa):
 - i. Letter from the operating body.

- h. Journalists:
 - i. A certificate or other document issued by a professional organisation proving that the person is a qualified journalist.
 - ii. Letter from his/her employer stating that the purpose of the journey is to carry out journalistic work.
(Freelance journalists: proof of journalistic activity (e.g. a press card or work contract) and proof of economic activity/financial means (e.g. 2NDFL or 3NDFL form, excerpt from the trade/fiscal registry, certificate for individual business, bank statement(s) covering at least three preceding months).

- i. Other short-term (90/180 days) labourers (if permissible with Schengen visa and relevant national law):
 - i. Letter from the employer, employment contract and/or other document in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State concerned.

10. Tourism/ Other private visits: As per category of traveler:

a. Visitors of military and civil burial grounds:

In cases of minors, the application form shall be signed by a person exercising permanent or temporary parental authority or legal guardianship.

- i. Official document confirming the existence and preservation of the burial ground and relationship between the applicant and the buried.
- ii. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship).

b. Property owners in the Schengen area and their close relatives:

- i. Relevant national document (e.g. recent extract from the real estate register, copy of the purchase contract/deed of sale, etc.) proving that the applicant possesses the property in question.
- ii. In cases of close relatives, proof of the relationship.
- iii. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship).

c. Tourists and other private visitors:

- i. Proof of accommodation (e.g. an invitation/sponsorship form from the host if staying with one;⁵ document from the establishment providing accommodation or any other appropriate document indicating the accommodation envisaged in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State concerned); if not available, adequate written description of the planned journey.
- ii. Proof of the itinerary (e.g. a confirmation of the booking of an organised trip or any other appropriate document indicating the envisaged travel plans such as a reserved return ticket)⁶; if not available, adequate written description of the planned journey.
- iii. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship).

11. Close relatives/ Family members visits: As per category of traveler:

a. Close relatives visiting Belarussian citizens residing legally in a Schengen Member State:

In cases of minors, the application form shall be signed by a person exercising permanent or temporary parental authority or legal guardianship.

- i. Written request from the host person, whose authentic signature must be proved by the competent authority, in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State concerned.
- ii. Proof of the legal residence of the inviting person and family tie in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State of residence.
- iii. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship).

b. Close relatives visiting EU (EEA & Swiss) citizens:

- i. Written request from the host person, whose authentic signature must be proved by the competent authority, in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State concerned.
- ii. Proof of the nationality of the inviting person and family tie in accordance with the legislation of the Schengen Member State concerned.
- iii. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship³).

c. Family members of EU (EEA & Swiss) citizens (not resident in their home country in line with Directive 2004/38/EC):

- i. Proof of the family tie according to the legislation of the Schengen Member State of residence and of the EU.

12. Transit:

- a. Proof of employment (with salary information); if not available, other proof of financial means and will to return (e.g. bank/credit card statement(s) covering at least three preceding months, proof of real estate property in Belarus or proof of sponsorship).

13. Study or Training/ Events or Activities: As per category of traveler:

a. Participants in scientific, cultural and artistic activities:

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- i. Written request from the host organisation in the Schengen Member State on participation in such activities.
- ii. In case not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means).

- b. Pupils, students, post-graduate students and accompanying teachers:
 - i. Written request or certificate of enrolment or student card by the host university, academy, institute, college or school or certificate of the courses to be attended.
 - ii. In case not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means).

- c. Participants in international sports events and accompanying persons in their professional capacity:
 - i. Written request from the host organisation (competent authority, national sport federation or national Olympic committee), including information on the role of the persons.
 - ii. In case not included in the written request, a separate statement on sponsorship either from the sending or receiving party (or other proof of financial means).

The Consulate General of Greece reserves the right to ask for additional documents.