

Info session

The Employment of Foreign Workers in Malta

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The VISA application Process

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A visa is an authorisation or decision, in the form of a sticker, issued and affixed to a passport by a diplomatic mission or consular post to a third-country national.

It authorises the bearer to stay or travel through Malta during a limited and specified period.

The possession of a visa does not give the third-country national the automatic right of entry, as bearers must prove that they will meet the conditions of entry. Border authorities may refuse entry or annul the visa, if it is subsequently established that:

- the bearer is not in possession of adequate means of subsistence;
- the data submitted during the visa application procedure were incorrect or falsified;
- the bearer is unable to provide details regarding the circumstances of the stay in Malta.

Border authorities may refuse entry also for reasons of security or public policy.

Main Types of Visas Issued

- Schengen Visas (C)– Regulation 810/2009 – Short stay visas up to 90 days in any 180 days.
- National Visas (D) – National Legislation – Long term visas from 91 days to 365 days.

Purpose of Visit

- Tourism
- Business
- Study
- Employment
- Visiting family and friends
- Others

Who requires a Visa?

- EU Citizens are visa exempt - The right to free movement means that every EU citizen is entitled to **travel freely around** the Member States of the European Union, and **settle anywhere within its territory**. No special formalities are required to enter an EU country

Who requires a Visa?

- Certain nationals are visa exempt for the first 90 days e.g. USA, Australian, Serbian...
- If the intended stay exceeds 90 days, traveller would require a long-term visa before entry

Who requires a Visa?

- Otherwise all TCNs require to be in possession of a valid visa prior to travelling.

Visa Application Process

- Applicant submits an application with the consulate of that schengen state which is the main destination of travel and located in country where he is legally resident or present
- Application + supporting documentation
- The process involves consulate + police
- Security and immigration screening
- The whole process ideally should take 15 days
- Granted/refused
- Right of appeal

Malta Consulates

- In a limited number of third countries
- Since 2004, Malta has concluded five representation arrangements for the purpose of the Schengen visa processing and issuing with Austria, Italy, Spain, France and Germany

Visa for employment purposes

- Supporting documents to include proof that the employment licence has been approved by the competent authority in Malta
- A short stay visa will be issued

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