

## **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/>

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

Pursuant to the Government's Decision, starting with 22 July 2014, the Republic of Croatia applies the Decision No 565/2014/EU. All aliens who are holders of valid Schengen documents, as well as national visas and residence permits of Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Romania do not require an additional (Croatian) visa for Croatia.

Aliens who are holders of:

1. uniform visa (C) for two or multiple entries, valid for all Schengen Area Member States;
2. 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;
3. long-stay visa (D) for stays exceeding three months, issued by one of the Schengen Area Member State;
4. residence permit issued by one of the Schengen Area Member State;
5. national visas for two or multiple entries and residence permits of Bulgaria, listed in Annex I of the Decision No 565/2014/EU;
6. national visas for two or multiple entries and residence permits of Cyprus, listed in Annex III of the Decision No 565/2014/EU;
7. 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 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.

EU nationals do not need a visa to travel to the Republic of Croatia. They may travel either with a valid personal ID or a valid passport. According to the list of participants of the Workshop, beside EU nationals, no visa is needed for nationals of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Macedonia, Mauritius, Seychelles, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay.

Please be also informed that **EU and Azerbaijan** concluded the Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas:

[http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22014A0430\(02\)&from=EN](http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22014A0430(02)&from=EN)

**EU and Georgia** concluded the Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas:

[http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22011A0225\(02\)&qid=1418048824703&from=EN](http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22011A0225(02)&qid=1418048824703&from=EN)

**EU and Ukraine** concluded the Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas:

[http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22013A0620\(02\)&qid=1418049314567&from=EN](http://eurlex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22013A0620(02)&qid=1418049314567&from=EN)

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:ae23d04f-0514-4952b6374fb792145538.0006.01/DOC\\_2&format=PDF](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:ae23d04f-0514-4952b6374fb792145538.0006.01/DOC_2&format=PDF)

**EU and the Russian Federation** concluded the Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas:

[http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22007A0517\(01\)&qid=1437132345248&from=EN](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22007A0517(01)&qid=1437132345248&from=EN)

Please visit the web site of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia for further visa facilitation agreements.

## **WHERE TO APPLY FOR CROATIAN VISA?**

As a general rule, aliens who require a visa have to apply in person at the nearest Croatian embassy in his/her area of residence earliest three months before the planned visit. Minors, i.e. persons under 18 years of age do not apply personally.

Exceptionally, an alien need not to file the application personally, but they shall present themselves when called upon by the diplomatic mission/consular post.

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/>

Please note that the 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 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.

## **WHICH DOCUMENTS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLYING FOR CROATIAN VISA?**

Aliens shall enclose following documents with the application:

-filled-in visa application form: <http://www.mvep.hr/files/file/obraci/VisaApplicationEnglish.pdf>

-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**

-a 35x45 mm colour photo

-evidence of travel health insurance

-evidence of paid visa fee

-documents that prove:

the purpose of the stay in Croatia invitation letter or the letter of guarantee-to be confirmed with the organizer of the conference

-ensured accommodation

-means of subsistence to cover their stay in Croatia and the return to their country of origin or to a third country

-means of transport and their intention to return to their country of origin or to a third country