Travel to the EU from Vietnam

Useful information on travelling from Vietnam to the European Union (EU), such as visas, travel restrictions and embassies, and for studying there

Visa

Schengen States are not immigration countries. Foreign nationals visiting a Schengen State can be divided in three categories: those who do not need a visa, those wishing to visit Schengen States for a short period not exceeding 3 months, and others wishing to stay for a longer period than 3 months. Holders of a Vietnamese passport require a visa for the "Schengen States". Other nationals may require a visa and should inquire at the Embassy of the Schengen States.

For “General presentation on EU visa policy” please [click here](#).

Information on short-stay visa (up to 3 months)

On 26 March 1995, the SCHENGEN visa was introduced. The SCHENGEN visa is now valid for the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Czech, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. A SCHENGEN visa issued by an Embassy or Consulate of one of the SCHENGEN countries allows the holder to travel freely in these countries.

However, please note that a holder of a SCHENGEN visa is still subject to immigration control and is not guaranteed entry into any of the SCHENGEN countries; a visa is not in itself a right to enter a country. See also the specific country information

The total duration of stay, whether one or several visits, may not exceed three months within half a year and the visitor must leave the Schengen countries before the expiring date of the visa.

Where to apply for a SCHENGEN visa?

- If visiting only one of the SCHENGEN countries, an application should be handed in at the Embassy or Consulate of that country.
- If visiting several SCHENGEN countries, an application should be handed in at the Embassy or Consulate of the country in which your main destination will be.
- If visiting several SCHENGEN countries without having a main destination, an application should
Which documents must be submitted before individual visa applications can be considered?

A) For all applicants the following general requirements apply, regardless the purpose of visit:

- As of January 1st 2007 all Schengen states have raised the visa fees to 60 Euro. Please inquire in the respective Embassy in which currency the fee has to be paid.
- A passport or official travel document accepted by the SCHENGEN countries and valid for at least 3 months longer than the validity of the visa, with a blank visa page
- Two application form (Vietnamese version)
- filled out completely and signed by the applicant with 2 recent passport pictures.
- Payment of visa fees, non-refundable.
- Travel medical insurance (f or EU, at least coverage of 30.000 EUR), covering eventual fees for health care, hospital emergencies and medical repatriation, except for Diplomatic and Official Passport holders
- Documentation should be submitted in originals + 1 set of copies.
- A copy of the passport and of all the used pages
- Confirmed flight reservation
- All documents need to be translated into an official language of our country or English by a certified translator.
- See also the specific country information

B) Additional specific required documentation supporting a visa application depends on the purpose of the visit:

1. Purpose of visit: Visiting friends/relatives:

- Proof of relationship to relative: birth certificate of applicant and birth certificate of relative or a statement of family relationship legalised by the Vietnamese authorities.
- If employed: approval of leave from employer
- If applicant finances the stay: bankbook or last 3 salary slips of applicant and proof of solvability: e.g.bankbook of current and previous calendar years or valid credit card
- See also the specific country information
- For Italy: see TOURISM visa

2. Purpose of visit: Tourism

- Travel plan from a travel agency
- Confirmed hotel reservations
- Proof of solvability: e.g. bankbook of current and previous calendar years or valid credit card
- If employed: approval of leave employer. This letter MUST mention the complete company name, address with phone- & fax numbers
- Curriculum Vitae of applicant
- See also the specific country information

3. Purpose of visit: Business

- If self-employed, copy of companies’ registration with Plan and Investment Department
• If working for a company: official letter from employer stating purpose of travel, stating who will finance business trip. (+ financial status of Vietnamese company if it finances the trip) This letter MUST mention the complete company name, address with phone & fax numbers
• Invitation from a company in our country, to be forwarded by this company to the Embassy.
• Proof of solvability: e.g. bankbook of current and previous calendar years or valid credit card
• Original papers of tax payments of previous year.
• Proof of trading history between the foreign company and (employer of) applicant
• Curriculum Vitae of applicant

• See also the specific country information

4. Purpose of visit: Conference/Course/Training

• If self-employed, copy of companies' registration with Plan and Investment Department
• If working for a company: official letter from employer stating purpose of travel, stating who will finance business trip. (+ financial status of Vietnamese company if it finances the trip) This letter MUST mention the complete company name, address with phone & fax numbers
• Invitation from a company in our country, to be forwarded by this company to the Embassy.
• Proof of solvability: e.g. bankbook of current and previous calendar years or valid credit card
• Original papers of tax payments of previous year.
• Proof of trading history between the foreign company and (employer of) applicant
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All purposes:

• Additional documentation for children under the age of 18: a declaration from both parents stating that minor is allowed to travel abroad. This statement has to be legalised by the local Authorities. Please provide a birth certificate of child and copies of passport or Identity card of both parents.
• Depending on the circumstances of an application for a visa, it may be required to produce further documentation to obtain more information in order to complete the application for processing.
• A verbal note is required for holders for holders of diplomatic and official passports.
• It is essential to apply in person for a visa well in advance of the visit.

• See also the specific country information

Embassies

List of Embassies for the Delegation of the European Union to Vietnam

Study

Erasmus+ is the European Union’s programme for education, training, youth and sport. Between 2014 and 2020, it will provide opportunities for four million people to study, train and gain life experience abroad.

Erasmus+ replaces a number of older programmes, including an international exchange programme called Erasmus Mundus.
See the Erasmus+ web portal’s Resources section for information about linguistic support, documents for applicants and the management of proposals.

See also

Study in Europe
www.eeas.europa.eu

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