

Issuance of short-term visa, type C

Description

Providing foreigners with visa for touristic purposes, type C.

Required documentation

- 1) Application form;
- 2) Passport-format photo, not older than 6 months;
- 3) Copy of a valid travel document (which shall be valid for a duration of at least three months more than the expiration date of the requested visa);
- 4) Health insurance, for the entire visa duration;
- 5) For children, a statement wherein his/her parent or legal custodian or the person assigned to the child, gives his/her consent for the child to travel;
- 6) Invitation signed by the inviter;
- 7) For type C visa, with tourism purpose, the following shall also be provided:
 - Documentation of reservation of a round-trip ticket;
 - Booking of the hotel or documents related to the accommodation during the stay;
 - Documents proving that he/she has sufficient financial assets to stay and return to his/her country of origin;
- 8) For a type C visa, for touristic purposes organized in tourist groups, the following shall also be provided:
 - Copy of the passport;
 - Notarized copy of the license of the Albanian travel agency, which invites the foreign tourist group;
- 9) For a type C visa, for scientific, cultural, sport, and humanitarian purposes, the following shall also be provided:
 - Invitation by the receiving entity/subject;
 - Reservation of the hotel or declaration of the receipt;
 - Sufficient financial means for covering the time of stay and returning to his/her country of origin;
- 10) For a type C visa, for official purposes, the following are also requested:
 - Invitation by the receiving institution;
 - Verbal note from the institution whereat the foreigner is employed;
- 11) For a type C visa, for medical purposes, the following shall also be provided:
 - Invitation by the receiving institution;
 - Case history (original or photocopy) issued by the receiving Country;
 - Declaration of the Hospitalizing institution in Albania on the details of the medical treatment and the subject which shall cover the costs;
 - Sufficient financial means to cover the expenses;

- Health insurance for the persons accompanying the ill person;
- 12) For a type C visa, for professional, trade and business purposes:
- Invitation by the receiving entity;
 - Document testifying the professional trade activity whereto the visit motives are related;
 - Documents proving the legal status of the trade entity;
 - Copy of the registration certificate for business, for visits lasting from 60-90 days;

Procedural steps

- 1) Appearing in person (at least when the application is made for the first time);
- 2) Filling in the visa form;
- 3) The visa form for children shall be filled in by one or both of the parents, or the legal custodian, or the person assigned to them;
- 4) Appearing in person for obtaining the visa;

Service fee and deadline

- 1) By reciprocity, based on Decision no 513-13 of the Council of Ministers;
- 2) The following shall be treated free of charge:
 - Children up to 6 years of age;
 - Holders of diplomatic and service passports;
 - Members of non-profit organizations of less than 25 years of age;
 - Pupils, students, post-graduate students for study purposes or education training;
 - Researchers carrying out scientific researches;
 - Humanitarian cases;
- 3) Visas for children of 6-12 years of age shall cost half of the fee;
- 4) Deadline for issuing the visa shall last up to 15 days and in exceptional cases up to 30 days.

Office

All diplomatic and consular missions

Notes

Obtaining a visa shall not serve as a guarantee that the foreigner is allowed to enter the Republic of Albania. In cases when children have no passport, the visa shall be registered in the visa of his/her parent or legal custodian, in whose passport he/she is noted.

Upon the rejection of visa, the foreigner is entitled to re-apply only after the appealing procedure comes to an end or after the lapse of three months starting from the date when the decision on rejection was rendered.

- 1) The following categories shall be excluded from the obligation to file an application with the missions:
 - Holders of diplomatic passports;

- Humanitarian cases;
 - High-level personalities, their accompanying spouses, and delegations accompanying them for official visits;
 - A foreigner holding a royal title and other royal family members for official visits;
 - Foreigners organized in tourist groups;
 - Foreigners who have applied by themselves earlier for the duration of 59 months.
- 2) Foreigners coming from countries affected by epidemics or illnesses shall be asked at the border checkpoint to provide the original international certification of vaccination.

[Visa application form](#)