

BELARUS- List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants for short stay visas

General documents:

- application form, completed and signed;
- travel document
 - validity of travel document must extend at least three months after the date of last intended departure from the territory of Member States;
 - must contain at least two blank pages with heading VISA;
 - is issued within previous 10 years.
- copy of the travel document's bio data pages;
- a colour photograph (3,5 x 4,5cm) taken according to ICAO recommendations
http://www2.icao.int/en/MRTD/Downloads/Technical%20Reports/Annex_A-Photograph_Guidelines.pdf;
- travel medical insurance
 - insurance must cover any expenses which might arise in connection with repatriation for medical reasons, urgent medical attention, emergency hospital treatment or death during the stay;
 - must be valid for all Schengen States and cover the entire period of intended stay or transit;
 - minimum coverage must be 30,000 €;

1. Compulsory information and documents to be presented by all visa applicants

1.1 Transport means:

- Round ticket or reservation

or

- other documents proving use of other means of transport such as contract with the transportation company or copy of registration certificate and driver licence, documents proving persons right to use car or other mean of transport etc.;

1.2 Document to be provided by employees:

Letter from the employer, confirming

- the employee's position,
- date of employment and date of end of employment, if relevant,
- salary for the last three months.

1.3 Document to be provided by individual entrepreneurs:

Registration certificate and last tax statement.

1.4 Document to be provided by unemployed persons:

Instead of employer's letter, unemployed persons must present the following documents:

- students – student certificate or letter from university and documents which prove that person has sufficient financial means for trip;

- pensioners – pension booklet;
- other unemployed persons:
 - documents which prove their ties to Belarus (i.e. marriage certificate, birth certificate, death certificate, proof of ownership on property) and sufficient financial means for trip and
 - copy of work booklet's page with personal data and pages which show holder's job history during last three years.

Unemployed persons can prove their sufficient financial means i.e. with following documents: letter of sponsorship, together with a proof that the sponsor has sufficient financial means (i.e., bank statements, employee's letter with mention of the salary, proof of ownership on real estate, ownership of company shares, stock options); the letter of sponsorship (dated and signed) must contain the following information:

- full name, address and contacts of the sponsor
- link between the sponsor and the applicant
- destination and duration of the visit
- list of costs which are covered by the sponsor

or

- bank statement together with list of all bank operations from last 3 months

or

- traveller checks under the name of applicant, signed;
- other documents that prove that person has sufficient financial means for trip (i.e. proof of ownership on real estate, ownership of company shares, stock options).

2. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of visiting family or friends

Invitation: according to their national law, some Member States require that a specific form is used for the invitation letter. Please refer to the websites of the Member State for specifications. In other cases, another document proving the purpose of the journey (i.e. document proving family ties, such as birth certificate, marriage certificate, divorce certificate, certificate of name change, death certificate) must be provided.

3. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of business, culture, sport, study, official:

3.1 Invitation

- According to their national law, some Member States require that a specific form is used for the invitation letter. Please refer to the websites of the Member State for specifications.

- In other cases, another document proving the purpose of the journey (i.e. entrance ticket to a cultural event, a fair, an exhibition) must be provided;

3.2 Letter from the sending institution or organisation

Letter from the Belorussian organisation or institution which sends person abroad stating purpose and duration of the trip.

3.3 Proof of accommodation

If not covered with invitation:

- hotel reservation or contract for a rented accommodation
- or - other document proving accommodation.

4. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of carrying out paid activities or internship

Under the national legislation of individual Member States, some paid activities or internship require the applicant to provide a work permit or a similar document: please check the website of the Member State concerned.

5. List of supporting documents to be submitted by truck and bus drivers

5.1 If the application is presented via BAMAP

Supporting letter from BAMAP (The Association of International Road Carriers of Belarus, Белорусская ассоциация международных автомобильных перевозчиков «БАМАП»).

5.2 If the application is not presented via BAMAP

- if available, letter from organization of carriers;
- driver's license;
- for truck drivers: transport truck driving certificate;
- copy of registration certificates of truck and trailer or bus;
- registration of employing company;
- license or permit for carrying out long-distance transportation of cargo or passengers;
- contract between the Belarusian company and its partner company in the Schengen area.

6. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of tourism

6.1 Proof of accommodation

Hotel reservation or contract for a rented accommodation.

6.2 If visa application is presented by an accredited travel company:

Copy of service contract between the travel company and the applicant

or

Under Member State's national legislation, travel voucher issued by the receiving company.

7. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of medical reasons

Confirmation from medical institution confirming necessity of medical care in this institution;

Proof of accommodation if not covered by confirmation;

Proof of sufficient financial means for treatment, down- or prepayment of costs.

8. List of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants travelling for the purpose of transit

Visa or other entry permit for the third country of destination.

9. List of supporting documents to be submitted by minors

Parental authority from the other parent (if he has not already signed the visa application) must be presented;

Birth certificate;

If the minor is travelling without both parents, then parental authorization from parent (from both parents in case of separation or divorce) for minor to get out of Belarus, drawn up by a notary. If there is only one custodian, then according document (decision from court about sole custody, death certificate or other document) must be presented.
