

## ENTRY INTO MALTA

Admission to the territory of Malta, through its external borders, is only permitted to third country nationals who:

- a.* seek entry through a border crossing point;
- b.* are in possession of a valid passport or equivalent recognized travel document permitting them to cross the border;
- c.* are in possession of documents substantiating the purpose and the conditions of the planned visit and have sufficient means of support, both for the period of the planned visit and to return to their country of origin (or to travel in transit to a Third State). A third-country national who already holds a residence permit issued by one of the EU Member States is exempted from this requirement;
- d.* are in possession of a valid entry or transit visa, if required.

### What is a visa?

A visa is an authorisation or decision, in the form of a sticker, issued and affixed to a passport by a Maltese 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 still 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 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.

### Where do you apply for a visa?

Visas have to be applied for prior to entry at Malta's diplomatic mission abroad, or at the diplomatic mission of another EU Member States, with which Malta has concluded a representation agreement. These diplomatic missions must cover the place of residence of the applicant.

Applicants residing in:

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, China, Colombia, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iran, Kenya, Kuwait, Nigeria, Oman, Peru, Senegal, Thailand and Zimbabwe **are to apply at the Austrian Consulate, as indicated in the Representation Agreement – Austria.**

Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bolivia, Eritrea, India, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lebanon, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Pakistan, Qatar, Serbia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Yemen and Zambia **are to apply at the Italian Consulate, as indicated in the Representation Agreement – Italy.**

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