

VISA "D" (long term)

A long-stay visa of **up to 6 months** and a **right to stay of up to 180 days** is issued to foreigners who wish to settle for a long term or permanently in the Republic of Bulgaria. A long-stay visa with a validity term of **up to one year and a right to stay up to 360 days** may be issued to foreigners who perform science research or are students under tuition programmes for up to one year, post-graduate or trainee students, etc.

About your passport:

- It should have a **validity of at least 18 months**.
- It should have at least **2 empty pages for visa**.

About your application:

- You can apply not earlier than 3 months before the date of your planned departure;
- Applications for children and persons below 18-years of age are submitted from their both parents (*or one of the parents with the notary verified declaration from the other. The presence of the applicant is also required*);
 - All required fields of the application should be filled;
 - The application should be signed

Additional information:

- Members of the family of a Bulgarian citizen do not pay visa fees;
- Persons below the age of 18 do not need certificate of non-conviction (police clearance certificate).;
 - All documents should be translated into Bulgarian language and legalized
- Only persons with an UAE residence permit can apply for a long-term visa at the Consulate General in Dubai. If a person, who is not a resident of the UAE wants to apply for visa, he/she should present a written permission from the MFA of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Documents, required in all cases:

1. **Passport** (*and copy*) with 18-months validity;
2. **Copies of the pages of the passport with the personal data** and with the **issued visas and/or residence permits**;
3. **Color photo** (recent, passport format);
4. **Documents, justifying the visa request, as well as copies of these documents**;
5. **Insurance policy** (*and copy*) **for the whole period of stay**, issued by an Insurance Company with a license to carry out insurance activities on the territory of the European Union, **with a minimum amount of coverage of 30,000 euros**. The policy should cover all repatriation costs as well as emergency medical care and emergency hospital treatment for the period of stay.
6. **Evidence of an existing accommodation in Bulgaria. If there is a contract for rent**, there should be a **notary verified declaration by the owner**, that he/she agrees for the tenant to be registered at the address of the property;
7. **Evidence** (*for example - a bank statement*) **of the possession of the necessary financial means for subsistence** (the amount of minimum 6 monthly wages */or, for pensioners – pensions/* for the Republic of Bulgaria);
8. **Certificate of non-conviction (police clearance certificate)**, issued by the home country or by the country of residence of the applicant.

Additional documents required, depending on the purpose of travel:

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 1: Work

A certified copy of the **work permit**, issued by the Employment Agency at the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 2: Business/Trade

Current status documents:

- a) In case of registration under the Commercial Register Act, the current status will be checked officially on the basis of a specified **Uniform Identification Code**, or
- b) **Certificate of current status** - original or notarized copy, issued by the relevant court no earlier than 3 months before submitting the application (*if letter "a" is not applicable*).
 - **Certificate of the presence or absence of obligations**, issued by the authorities of the National Revenue Agency (NRA);
 - **Certificate for 10 (ten) employed Bulgarian citizens**, issued by the NRA;
 - **Report on the current status** of all current employment contracts, issued by the NRA;
 - **Summary reference** for an employer for a period issued by the NRA.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 4: Foreign Specialists

Document, certifying that the applicant is a specialist residing in the country pursuant to an international treaty to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a party

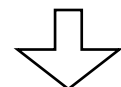
Art. 24, Para 1, P. 5: Have reason for permanent residence

- Documents, proving the existence of a reason for a permanent residence permit (the foreigner of Bulgarian origin also applies a birth certificate or a certificate from the State Agency for Bulgarians Abroad.)
- Civil marriage certificate or a copy of a civil marriage act (translated and legalized)
- Certificate from the offices for administrative control of foreigners for the acquired right of permanent residence by the spouse.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 6: Representatives of foreign commercial companies registered in the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- Certificate for the current registration of the commercial representation in the Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, issued no earlier than one month before its presentation, in which it must be stated that the circumstances under Art. 24, para. 1, item 6 of the Foreigners in the Republic of Bulgaria Act (FRBA).
- Document on the current state of the company, whose representative office is registered in the Republic of Bulgaria

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Additional documents required, depending on the purpose of travel:

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 7: Parents of Bulgarian citizens, or permanent residing foreigners

- Birth certificate of the descendant;
- Reference for authorized permanent residence or presence of Bulgarian citizenship

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 8: Medical treatment

- Certificate from the medical facility with a specified treatment and recovery plan

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 9: Journalists

- Accreditation document, issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 10: Pensioners

- Document issued by the competent authorities of the respective country, certifying that the foreigner has a pension;
- Document, issued by a bank on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, certifying that the applicant has an account, on which the relevant transfers from the pension will be received.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 13 and 22: Member of the family of a foreigner with long-term or permanent residence

- Marriage certificate or birth certificate.
- Medical documents regarding the presence of serious health reasons in the cases under Art. 2, para. 4 from the FRBA;
- Certificate of authorized residence, received international protection, asylum or temporary protection of the relative is attached to the documents.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 15: Freelance activities after permission from the authorities of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

- Certified copy of a permit to carry out a freelance activity, issued by the authorities of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 16: Non-profit activities after permission from the Ministry of Justice

- Certified copy of a non-profit activity permit, issued by the Ministry of Justice.
- Certificate from the "Religions" Directorate at the Council of Ministers, when it refers to representatives of religious communities.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 17: Special Protection

- Letter from the competent state authority confirming the existence of circumstances for the presentation of special protection status.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 18: Family members of Bulgarian citizens under Art. 2, Para. 6 of the FRBA (spouse/child)

- Civil marriage certificate and/or birth certificate issued by the Republic of Bulgaria;
- Copy of the identity card of the Bulgarian citizen;
- A notarized declaration of housing and funding of family members and/or medical documents regarding the presence of serious health reasons.

Art. 24, Para 1, P. 19: Invested an amount of not less than BGN 600,000, for the acquisition of real estate on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, or the foreigner is the owner of more than 50 percent of the capital of a Bulgarian commercial company

- Document from a licensed Bulgarian credit institution for the amount of not less than BGN 600,000 for the foreigner's acquisition of ownership rights over real estate on the territory of the country or for participation in the capital of the relevant commercial company; when using loan funds - a certification document from a credit institution for the outstanding part of the loan, not more than 25 percent;
- - Document of ownership of real estate in the territory of the foreigner's country or of the commercial company;
- - Report on the costs of the commercial company for the acquisition of real estate for the period after the amount has been contributed to the capital of the commercial company, accompanied by copies of purchase and sale contracts (expense justification documents), a copy of the inventory book or amortization plan, proving the capitalization of durable tangible assets, or another document certifying the value and type of new real estate.

Art. 24 B: Researchers

- Certified copy of the admission agreement with a scientific research organization registered in the Republic of Bulgaria in accordance with the law.

Art. 24 V, Para 1: Students (University)

- Certificate of acceptance for study in the Republic of Bulgaria, issued by the Ministry of Education and Science;
- Certificate from the higher education institution for the semester enrolled.

Art. 24 V, Para 1: Students (High school/Exchange)

- Evidence of admission to the territory of the country for study at the secondary level of education;
- Evidence of participation in a student exchange program;
- Documents, issued by the student exchange organization, guaranteeing the coverage of all expenses;
- Documents, certifying the acceptance of the student for the entire period of his stay by a family, meeting the specified conditions and selected in accordance with the rules of the student exchange program in which he/she participates.
- In cases where the foreigner is a minor or underage, a notarized declaration of consent from his/her parents, guardians or custodians for the intended period of residence.