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- Visas are required by South African passport holders

The Procedure for Obtaining Visas to Enter the Republic of Belarus

ATTENTION: TO THE VISITORS THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS

In accordance with the national legislation of Belarus at the points of entry to the Republic of Belarus the officers of the border control service may require the proof of availability and sufficiency of the means of payment. You are to proof the availability of your monetary funds in the volume equivalent to at least US \$ 590 for each month of stay per person. For the period of stay in Belarus less than one month - at least US \$ 24 for each day of stay per person.

The availability of monetary funds could be confirmed by presenting following documents:

- cash money in US dollars, Euro, Belarusian rubles and etc.

(! Not recommended to bring uncommon types of currencies in order to avoid embarrassing situations during exchange calculations!)

- Travel checks, securities and other document which provide the obtaining cash money.

- Hotel booking confirmation and other relevant documents.

- Guarantee letter from the inviting side which provides its guest the payments of all expenses related to the stay and departure.

- Return tickets or tickets to the third country/ vehicle.

- Debit or Credit card which is suitable for international payments may be considered as a proof of the availability of your monetary fund only together with the bank account statement issued not later than 10 days before arrival to Belarus.

Foreign citizen may enter the Republic of Belarus, leave the Republic of Belarus and transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus with a foreign travel document if there is a visa of the Republic of Belarus, unless otherwise stipulated by international treaties of the Republic of Belarus or by the decisions of the President of the Republic of Belarus.

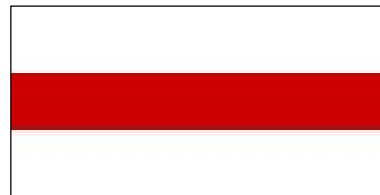
Notes: visa-free regime is provided for the citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cuba (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia (provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Moldova, Mongolia (provided that there is a private invitation or tourist document), Montenegro (for a term not exceeding 30 days provided that there is a private invitation or tourist voucher), Qatar (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Russia, Serbia (for a term not exceeding 30 days), Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (for a term not exceeding 90 days), UAE (for a term not exceeding 30 days).

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To obtain an entry visa, a foreign citizen should submit the following documents to the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in South Africa:

- 1) one copy of a duly completed visa application form. The visa application form is signed by the foreign citizen personally;
- 2) one photograph (size 35x45 mm, full face, against an even light background, high resolution, no corrugation or ink allowed, 70 — 80 percent of the picture placed vertically, 6 months-older photos not accepted);
- 3) a foreign travel document (have at least two blank pages intended for visas and shall be valid as long as at least 90 days after the expected date of departure of a foreign citizen from the Republic of Belarus);
- 4) visa support documents (see details below);
- 5) medical/travel insurance policy;
*medical insurance contract concluded with any insurance organization;
 [The medical insurance contract with foreign insurance organization must:
 — contain the name of a foreign insurance company
 and an indication of its location, telephones of foreign insurance organizations or international assistance services, as well as the surname, first name, middle name (if available) of a foreign citizen;
 — be valid at the territory of the Republic of Belarus;
 — be valid for a period of temporary stay or temporary residence of foreign citizens in the Republic of Belarus;
 - provide the limit of indemnity not less than EUR 10 000. A medical insurance contract with foreign insurance organization can be confirmed by an insurance policy, an insurance card or other document containing the abovementioned information about the medical insurance contract.*
- 6) additional documents required for issuance of an entry visa (at the request of a consular officer);
- 7) consular fee (paid in South African Rands through EFT only according to exchange rate of Reserve Bank of South Africa on the day of submitting the documents, banking details will be provided during the submitting documents in Embassy. No CASH).

In the Republic of Belarus, the following types of visas are provided:

B — transit visa (48 hours);

C — short-term visa, valid for up to 90 days;

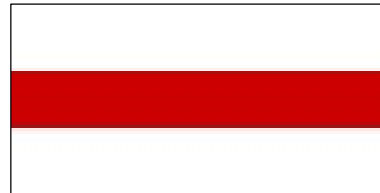
D — long-term visa, valid for up to 1 year with the right to stay up to 90 days, unless otherwise stipulated by the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus.

Entry visas may be single-entry, double-entry and multiple-entry.

A multiple entry visa entitles to the numerous (more than 2 times) entries, stays and departures from the Republic of Belarus for the period specified in the visa and within a specified number of days of stay, but not more than 90 days per year, unless otherwise stipulated by the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus.

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A consular officer makes a decision about granting an entry visa within 5 working days from the date of application (as a matter of urgency — within 2 working days).

In the event of visa denial the consular fee is not reimbursed.

Transit visa (type B) is issued for transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus for the stated period, but not more than for 1 year, and is valid for 2 days from the date of entry of a foreign citizen into the Republic of Belarus.

Transit visa is issued for single, double and multiple transit through the territory of the Republic of Belarus in case the foreigner has the visa of the country of his or her final destination.

If a visa to enter a third country is not required, other grounds for issuance of a transit visa are taken into account, including railroad, motor or airline tickets or booking confirmation.

Visa support documents confirming the purpose and conditions of the visit include:

for a *short-term visa (type C)* for the purpose of:

making a business trip, participating in sports / cultural activities — an original application of a legal entity, issued on the letter-head with the full name of the entity, its location and telephone number, and the commitment of the legal entity that the foreigner shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the legal entity. Visa is issued for up to 90 days and may be single-entry, double-entry and multiple-entry.

To provide legal grounds for the issuance of a short-term visa for the purpose of making a business trip or participating in sports / cultural activities by the prior consent of the consul a copy of the application can be accepted, including facsimiles or copies transmitted by other channels of communication.

To see an application form for issuance of a short-term visa for the purpose of making a business trip, participating in sports / cultural events please click here [Doc-file, 52Kb] (In Russian)

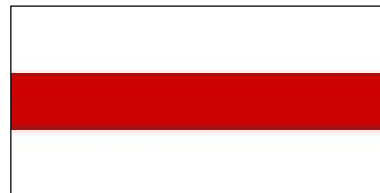
study — the original invitation from an organization, which, in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Belarus, is entitled to issue such invitations, coordinated with the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, in the territory of which the organization is situated, for a period specified in the invitation.

Visa is issued for up to 90 days and may be single-entry, double-entry and multiple-entry. On arrival in Belarus with a short-term student visa in accordance with the rules a foreign citizen shall seek to receive a sojourn permit and, if necessary, — a multiple exit-entry visa from the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus.

religious reasons – an application of a religious association issued on the letter-head with the full name of the religious association, its location and telephone number, and the commitment

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of the religious association that the foreign citizen shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the religious association and approved by the Commissioner for Religious and Ethnic Affairs.

To provide legal grounds for the issuance of a short-term visa for religious reasons by the prior consent of the consul a copy of a duly completed application may be accepted, including a facsimile or a copy transmitted by other channels of communication.

Visa is issued for up to 90 days and may be single-entry, double-entry and multiple-entry.

To see a sample application for the issuance of a short-term visa for religious reasons please click here [Doc-file, 52Kb] (in Russian)

tourism — one of the following original documents for the period specified in the document, but not more than 30 days:

- an visa invitation letter of a Belarusian tourist company, issued on the letter-head with the full name of the tourist company, its location and telephone number, and the commitment of the tourist company that the foreigner shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the tourist company;

- an application of a treatment center or a health improvement organization, issued on the letter-head indicating its full name, location and telephone number, purpose, period of stay of a foreign citizen, the services provided, confirmation of the voucher reservation and full or partial prepayment for the services, as well as the commitment of the treatment center or health improvement organization that the foreigner shall comply with the rules of stay in the territory of the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the organization;

- an application of a rural tourist business with its name and address, purpose, period of stay of a foreign citizen, the services provided and the commitment of the rural tourist business that the foreign citizen shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus and copies of the documents confirming the right to provide its services in the sphere of rural tourism.

To see a sample application for a short-term tourist visa please click here [Doc-file, 54Kb] (in Russian)

The information about tourist activities in Belarus can be obtained at the website of "Belintourist".

for private purposes — one of the following documents:

- an original invitation issued by the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus;

- official confirmation (such as physician certified report or death certificate) on serious illness or death of a close relative or spouse – for processing a visa to a foreigner, as well as to his close relatives and family members, whose close relative or spouse became seriously ill or died in Belarus;

- a subpoena, including the one received by facsimile or other means of communication;

- an original document confirming the ownership of the real estate property in Belarus for processing a visa to the owner of that property and to his or her family members;

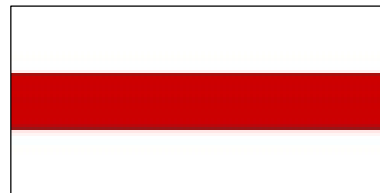
- petition made by Belarusian healthcare institution or contract for medical services with Belarusian healthcare institution prepared in accordance with Belarusian legislation – for processing a visa to a foreigner who needs to receive a medical care in Belarus as well as to his escort person, if required;

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by the prior consent of the consul — an application prepared by a citizen of the Republic of Belarus in accordance with a specified form, whose signature is certified by a Belarusian Embassy or Consulate officer authorized to perform notarial acts or a notary public of the Republic of Belarus.

visits to cemeteries — an original certificate of a local executive committee confirming the fact of burial in the Republic of Belarus and the maintenance of the graves of close relatives or spouse of a foreign citizen. Visa is issued for up to 90 days and may be single-entry, double-entry or multiple-entry.

implementation of humanitarian programs, including foreign donations, children's rest and recuperation and voluntary gratuitous works — an application of the Humanitarian Activities Department of the Presidential Administration of the Republic of Belarus or another governmental body authorized by the laws of the Republic of Belarus, regional executive committees and Minsk City Executive Committee, including applications received by facsimile or other channels of communication;

journalism — a journalist visa is issued to mass media representatives of foreign states in connection with their temporary accreditation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus;

employment (hire entitlement) — one of the following documents:

a notary certified copy of a special employment permit of a migrant in the Republic of Belarus issued by the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Directorate of Internal Affairs of Minsk City Executive Committee, Department of Internal Affairs of a Regional Executive Committee;

an original application of a commercial organization with foreign investments, issued on the letter-head with the full name of the commercial organization, its location and telephone number, and the commitment of the commercial organization that the foreign citizen shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the commercial organization, and certified copies of the articles of incorporation or appointment orders for the founders and managers of commercial organizations with foreign investments.

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To see a sample application for an employment visa please click here [Doc-file, 52Kb] (in Russian)

For issuance of a *long-term multiple-entry visa (type D)* effective, as a rule, for one year with the right to stay up to 90 days per year, unless otherwise stipulated in the international treaties of the Republic of Belarus, for the purpose of:

maintaining business contacts, participating in sports / cultural events:

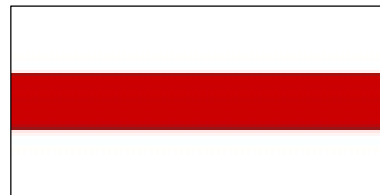
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entity, its location and telephone number, and the commitment of the legal entity that the foreign citizen shall comply with the rules of stay in the Republic of Belarus, sealed by the legal entity;

2) copies of the contract (cooperation agreement) between the Belarusian legal entity and a foreign citizen or foreign organization in which he works, confirming the existence of stable business relationship, or any documents of the Belarusian legal entity (including the articles of incorporation) confirming that the foreigner is an incorporator of Belarusian commercial organization or is an employee of foreign company which established commercial company in Belarus, sealed by the Belarusian legal entity or the organization in a contractual relationship with the Belarusian legal entity, or a copy verified by the consular officer against the original document;

3) in case the foreign citizen is employed by the organization that signed a contract (cooperation agreement) with the Belarusian legal entity — a document confirming employment issued on the letter-head of the foreign organization and signed by its CEO;

4) if necessary, where decided by the consular officer — other documents confirming information contained in the application and the existence of business contacts must be submitted.

A long-term visa for the purpose of business contacts maintenance can be issued on the basis of an application of a representative office of a foreign company or bank in the Republic of Belarus for an entry visa:

to managers and employees of the representative office of a foreign company or bank in the Republic of Belarus;

to founders, managers and employees of a foreign enterprise (organization), which has established this office — in order to supervise the representative office or any activities directly related to the work of the representative office.

To see a sample application for a multiple-entry long-term visa for the purpose of maintaining business contacts or participating in sports / cultural events please click here [Doc-file, 51Kb] (in Russian)

for private purposes – on the basis of one of the following original documents:

an invitation issued by the Citizenship and Migration Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus;

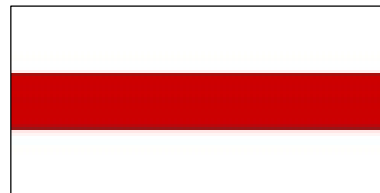
by the prior consent of the consul — application prepared by a citizen of the Republic of Belarus — husband (wife) or a close relative of the foreign citizen whose signature is certified by a foreign official authorized to perform notarial acts, in accordance with a specified form.

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Particulars of issuance of entry visas at the National Airport Minsk

BELARUS VISA PROCESSING FEES (IN EURO)

for citizens of all states except Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Serbia and Japan.

Individual visas: Type B (Transit), Type C (Short term), Type D (Long term)

Processing time	Number of entries		
	Single	Double	Multiply
Regular (5 business day)	60	60	60
Urgent (next business day)	120	120	120

Group visas (minimum 5 travelers): Type B (Transit), Type C (Short term)

Processing time	Number of entries		
	Single	Double	Multiply
Regular (5 business day)	10	10	10
Urgent (next business day)	20	20	20

Correct fee deposited into bank account of the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in ZARands. Please confirm visa fee before any deposit is made! Contact Embassy for further information regarding visa fees. Deposit slip should be presented. (Banking details on request). EFT Only no cash or cash deposit.

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