

This information sheet, which is aimed at providing only basic general information about the rights and conditions related to a uniform Schengen visa, mainly addresses Russian citizens. Different terms may apply to the nationals of other countries. For further information on all issues mentioned in this information sheet, please check the website of Consulate General of Greece in Moscow.

WHAT IS A UNIFORM SCHENGEN VISA?

It is an authorisation issued by one of the Member States of the Schengen Area with a view to an intended stay in or transit through the territory of the Member States of a duration of no more than 90 days in any 180-day period from the date of entry in the Schengen Area.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHENGEN VISA IN RUSSIA?

Russian nationals and third-country nationals who are legally present in Russia.

WHICH MEMBER STATE IS COMPETENT FOR EXAMINING AND DECIDING ON MY VISA APPLICATION?

In order to determine which Member State is competent for examining and deciding on an application for a uniform Schengen visa, the following rules apply:

- a) the Member State which is the only destination of the visit(s).
- b) if the visit(s) include(s) more than one destination, the Member State which is the main destination of the visit(s) in terms of the length or purpose of stay.
- c) if no main destination can be determined, the Member State whose external border the applicant intends to cross in order to enter the Schengen area.

Please ensure that you apply at the competent consulate or you may risk a visa refusal or refusal at the border to enter the Schengen Area.

WHERE CAN I LODGE MY APPLICATION?

Applications can be either lodged to an external service provider (i.e. Visa Application Centre agreed by the Greek Consulate) or directly at the Consulate General of Greece.

VISA FEE

Visa Fee is the equivalent of 35 Euro in Russian rubles for citizens of the following countries: Russian Federation, Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia. Visa Fee for all other citizens is the equivalent of 80 Euro in Russian rubles.

WHICH APPLICANTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE VISA FEE?

The visa fee is waived for applicants belonging to one of the following categories:

- Spouses, children (including adopted), parents (including custodians), grandparents and grandchildren of Citizens of Greece/ European Union legally residing in the territory of Russian Federation or in Greece/Member States of European Union
- Spouses, children (including adopted), parents (including custodians), grandparents and grandchildren of Citizens of Russian Federation legally residing in Greece/Member States of European Union
- Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports
- Members of official delegations who, following an official invitation addressed to the Member States, the European Union or the Russian Federation, shall participate in meetings, consultations, negotiations or exchange programs, as well as in events held in the territory of the Russian Federation or one of the Member States by intergovernmental organizations
- Members of national and regional Governments and Parliaments, Constitutional Courts and Supreme Courts, if they are not exempted from the visa requirement by the EU-Russia Visa Facilitation Agreement.

- Students, Pupils, post-graduate students and accompanying teachers/professors when on study - educational training trip
- Disabled persons (1st and 2nd group) and the person accompanying them, if escort is required and document proving that is presented. If escort is not required, accompanying person is not fee exempt;
- Persons who have presented documents proving the necessity of their travel on humanitarian grounds, including to receive urgent medical treatment and the person accompanying such person, or to attend a funeral of a close relative, or to visit a seriously ill close relative;
- Participant in official exchange programs organized by twin cities
- Participants in Youth International sports events and accompanying persons
- Participants in Scientific, Cultural and Artistic activities including University and other exchange programs
- Children under 12 years old and children under 18 years old (citizens of Ukraine)
- Youth up to 25 years old, who are to participate in seminars, conferences, sport, cultural or educational events, organized by non-profit organizations and youth up to 25 years old, who represent non-profit organizations in the above events.
- Researchers traveling for the purpose of carrying out scientific research

SERVICE FEE

An additional service fee of 20 Euros will be charged by the external service provider.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE START OF THE INTENDED VISIT CAN I APPLY ?

Applications shall be lodged no more than six (6) months before the start of the intended visit. HOW LONG BEFORE THE START OF THE INTENDED VISIT SHOULD I APPLY ?

It is advisable to lodge an application at least 15 calendar days before the intended visit.

However, it is also recommended that you lodge your visa application taking into account national holidays of Greece and Russia.

WHAT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE ATTACHED TO MY APPLICATION?

Please check the harmonized list of supporting documents to be submitted by applicants.

Please note that during the examination of an application the consulate may request additional documents.

DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH AN INTERVIEW AT THE CONSULATE?

Please note that during the examination of an application the consulate may call the applicant for an interview.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR THE CONSULATE TO DECIDE ON MY APPLICATION?

Applications shall be decided on within 10 calendar days of the date of the lodging of an application which is admissible. That period may be extended up to a maximum of 30 calendar days in individual cases, notably when further scrutiny of the application is needed.

WHAT CAN I DO IF THE VISA IS REFUSED?

Applicants, whose visa has been refused, are informed by an official refusal letter and they may have the right to appeal in accordance with the national law of Greece. Appeals should be addressed to Greece in accordance with its national law.

The concerned Member State shall indicate the references to the national law and the procedure relating to the right of appeal, including the competent authority with which an appeal may be lodged, as well as the time limit for lodging such an appeal. You will find this information in the form for notifying and motivating refusal that you will be given for such purpose.

The applicant may also decide to launch a new application, particularly if the reasons for the original refusal do not exist any more. National legislation or procedures may limit this right while an appeal against the original refusal is pending.

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO I HAVE TO TAKE WITH ME WHEN I TRAVEL ON A SCHENGEN VISA?

The possession of a Schengen visa does not mean that the holder has an automatic right to enter the Schengen Area as the holder will be subject to checks by border guards at the external board.

At the external border, the visa holder may be requested to produce documents justifying the purpose and conditions of the intended stay and that he/she has sufficient means of subsistence, both for the period of the intended stay and for the return to their country of origin or transit to a third state into which they are certain to be admitted, or that he/she is in a position to acquire such means lawfully.

WHAT RULES APPLY IF MY FAMILY MEMBERS ARE EU OR EEA OR SWISS NATIONALS?

If you are a family member of an EU/EEA or Swiss national, you may qualify for an accelerated free visa procedure as long as you meet the following criteria:

- a) You are a family member (this includes a spouse, registered partner, children or a depending family member) of an EU/EEA or Swiss national (or of his/her spouse/registered partner);

AND

- b) That EU/EEA national or Swiss national is residing in another Member State than that of which he/she is a national or travelling there to take up residence;

AND

- c) You are accompanying the EU/EEA national or planning to join him/her.

The visa can be applied for at the Consular Authority of the country of trip destination. If you think you qualify for visa facilitation you will need to show proof that you meet these criteria when you submit your visa application.

WHICH RULES APPLY TO NON-RUSSIAN VISA APPLICANTS ("THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS")?

Third-country nationals resident in Russia can apply for a Schengen visa in Russia.

Third-country nationals legally present but not residing in Russia can apply for a Schengen visa in Russia if they provide justification for lodging the application in Russia.

Applicants can also visit Greece MFA website for more detailed information www.mfa.gr

Consular presence in the Russian Federation for the purpose of receiving Schengen visa applications

	<i>Moscow</i>	<i>St. Petersburg</i>	<i>Arkhangelsk</i>	<i>Ekaterinburg</i>	<i>Irkutsk</i>	<i>Kaliningrad</i>	<i>Kazan</i>	<i>Khabarovsk</i>	<i>Krasnodar</i>	<i>Krasnoyarsk</i>	<i>Lipetsk</i>	<i>Murmansk</i>	<i>Nizhny-Novgorod</i>	<i>Noviy Urengoy</i>	<i>Novorossiisk</i>	<i>Novosibirsk</i>	<i>Petrozavodsk</i>	<i>Pskov</i>	<i>Rostov-an-Don</i>	<i>Samara</i>	<i>Sochi</i>	<i>Sovetsk</i>	<i>Ufa</i>	<i>Vladivostok</i>
Belgium	C, ESP	ESP																						
Czech Republic	C, ESP	C, ESP		C, ESP	ESP		ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP			ESP			ESP		ESP	ESP	ESP			ESP	ESP
Denmark	C, ESP	ESP		R (HU)		R (LT)	ESP		ESP	ESP			ESP			ESP		ESP	ESP					
Germany	C	C		C		C										C								
Estonia	C	C				R (LT)											C					R (LT)		
Greece	C, ESP	C, ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP		C, ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP		ESP	ESP
Spain	C, ESP	C, ESP		ESP			ESP						ESP			ESP		ESP	ESP					
France	C, ESP	C, ESP		ESP		R (DE)					R (FI)						R (FI)	R (LV)						
Italy	C, ESP	C, ESP		HC, ESP		HC, ESP	ESP		HC, ESP	HC, ESP	HC, ESP	HC	HC			ESP			ESP	HC, ESP	HC		ESP	
Latvia	C	C		R (HU)		C												C						
Lithuania	C	C				C												R (EE)				C		
Luxemburg	C	R (NL)																						
Hungary	C	C		C		R (LV)																		
Malta	C																							
Netherlands	C	C		ESP	R (PL)	R (PL)	ESP					R (NO)					R (FI)	R (EE)	ESP				HC	
Austria	C, ESP	R (FI)		R (HU)	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP			ESP			ESP			ESP	ESP	ESP		ESP	ESP
Poland	C, ESP	C			C	C	ESP											R (EE)						
Portugal	C																							
Slovenia	C	R		R		R												R						

		(LV)		(HU)		(LV)										(LV)								
Slovakia	C	C		R (HU)																				
Finland	C, ESP	C, ESP		R (HU)		R (LT)	ESP					C, ESP				C, ESP	R (EE)							
Sweden	C	C		ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP		R (NO)	ESP			ESP	R (FI)			ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP
Iceland	R (DK)											R (FI)												
Norway	C, ESP	C	HC	ESP	ESP	R (LT), ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP		C	ESP			ESP			ESP	ESP	ESP		ESP	ESP
Switzerland	C, ESP	C, ESP		ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP	ESP		ESP			ESP			ESP			ESP	ESP	ESP		ESP	ESP
Liechtenstein	R (CH)	R (CH)		R (CH)	R (CH)	R (CH)	R (CH)	R (CH)		R (CH)			R (CH)			R (CH)			R (CH)	R (CH)	R (CH)		R (CH)	R (CH)

C = Consulate

HC = Honorary Consulate

R = Representation arrangement with another Schengen state (between brackets: which country represents)

ESP = External Service Provider