

NOTICES FROM MEMBER STATES

Information on national derogations from the visa requirement

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Information pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2018/1806 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 November 2018 listing the third countries whose nationals must be in possession of visas when crossing the external borders and those whose nationals are exempt from that requirement.

0. Recent Notifications (changes are inserted in the tables):

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Notified on	By	For	In section N°	Change	Applicable from
15.7.2023	Poland	Angola	1.1	Holders of diplomatic passports	15.7.2023

1. Exemption from the visa requirement in accordance with Article 6(1)

1.1. The visa exemption for holders of diplomatic, service/official or special passports:

1.1.1. States

yes = visa exempted		BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
AFGHANISTAN	Diplomatic passport																											
AFGHANISTAN	Service/Official passport																											
AFGHANISTAN	Special passport																											
ALGERIA	Diplomatic passport				yes		yes	yes	yes	yes				yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes (14)		
ALGERIA	Service/Official passport						yes	yes	yes		yes				yes		yes	yes	yes		yes					yes (14)		

GABON	Diplomatic passport				yes (7)			yes														
GABON	Service/Official passport							yes														
GABON	Special passport																					
GAMBIA	Diplomatic passport								yes				yes									
GAMBIA	Service/Official passport								yes													
GAMBIA	Special passport																					
GHANA	Diplomatic passport				yes								yes for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days				yes					
GHANA	Service/Official passport				yes								yes for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days	yes			yes					

MAURITANIA	Service/Official passport									yes								yes								
MAURITANIA	Special passport																									
MONGOLIA	Diplomatic passport		yes	yes		yes (7)	yes (7)	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes	yes (18)		yes		yes	yes	yes			yes (14)		
MONGOLIA	Service/Official passport		yes (3)					yes					yes	yes	yes	yes (18)		yes		yes	yes	yes			yes (14)	
MONGOLIA	Special passport							yes							yes											
MOROCCO	Diplomatic passport	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (14)		
MOROCCO	Service/Official passport	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (14)	
MOROCCO	Special passport	yes (4)		yes						yes				yes			yes			yes				yes	yes (14)	
MOZAMBIQUE	Diplomatic passport										yes								yes							

NIGERIA	<i>Diplomatic passport</i>														yes							
NIGERIA	<i>Service/Official passport</i>																					
NIGERIA	<i>Special passport</i>																					
OMAN	<i>Diplomatic passport</i>				yes (7)		yes		yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes		yes	yes			yes (14)
OMAN	<i>Service/Official passport</i>				yes (7)		yes		yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	yes		yes	yes			yes (14)
OMAN	<i>Special passport</i>				yes (7)		yes		yes		yes			yes	yes	yes		yes	yes			yes (14)
PAKISTAN	<i>Diplomatic passport</i>	yes		yes	yes	yes		(6)					yes			yes (18)	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes
PAKISTAN	<i>Service/Official passport</i>			yes	yes								yes			yes (18)	yes		yes (3)	yes	yes	yes

PAKISTAN	Special passport																									
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Diplomatic passport																									
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Service/Official passport																									
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	Special passport																									
PHILIPPINES	Diplomatic passport		yes																							
PHILIPPINES	Service/Official passport		yes																							
PHILIPPINES	Special passport																								yes	
QATAR	Diplomatic passport	yes			yes	(7)		yes	yes		yes	yes			yes											
QATAR	Service/Official passport				yes	(7)		yes			yes	yes							yes						yes	(14)

QATAR	Special passport	yes		yes (7)	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes					yes (14)
RUSSIA	Diplomatic passport																		
RUSSIA	Service/Official passport								yes		yes								
RUSSIA	Special passport																		
RWANDA	Diplomatic passport																		
RWANDA	Service/Official passport																		
RWANDA	Special passport																		
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	Diplomatic passport														yes	yes			
SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE	Service/Official passport														yes	yes			

UGANDA	Special passport																								
UZBEKISTAN	Diplomatic passport					yes						yes		yes											
UZBEKISTAN	Service/Official passport																				yes				
UZBEKISTAN	Special passport																								
VIETNAM	Diplomatic passport		yes	yes	(6)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes		yes (14)												
VIETNAM	Service/Official passport		yes								yes			yes					yes	yes					
VIETNAM	Special passport																								
YEMEN	Diplomatic passport			(6)										yes								(6)			

1.1.2. Entities and territorial authorities that are not recognised as States by at least one Member State, and other special cases

yes = visa exempted		BNL (1)	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	Diplomatic passport															yes				yes								
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	Service/Official passport																											
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	Special passport																											
KOSOVO	Diplomatic passport																											
KOSOVO	Service/Official passport												yes															
KOSOVO	Special passport																											

Comments (1.1.1 and 1.1.2):

(1) Benelux: In application of the Convention of 11 April 1960, and in particular Article 3 thereof, the Benelux countries have a harmonised policy on short-stay visas for third countries.

(2) In compliance with the Agreements between the European Union and the following countries: **Russia** (OJ L 129, 17.5.2007, p. 27); **Armenia** (OJ L 289, 31.10.2013, p. 2); **Azerbaijan** (OJ L 128, 30.04.2014, p 49); Republic of **Cape Verde** (OJ L 282, 24.10.2013, p. 3–12); People's Republic of **China** (OJL 318, 24.11.2016, p 1); **Belarus** (OJL 180, 09.06.2020, p.3)

(3) Up to 30 days stay.

(4) The exemption of holders of special passports is applied by Belgium and Luxembourg only.

(5) The exemption from the visa obligation for holders of diplomatic passports from Congo only concerns secured travel documents.

(6) The exemption from the visa requirement is currently suspended.

(7) Only for biometric passports.

(8) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and the Republic of Azerbaijan on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 April 2017.

(9) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Denmark and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 October 2009.

(10) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Norway and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 December 2008.

(11) In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Switzerland and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 February 2010. In compliance with bilateral Agreement between Liechtenstein and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas. The agreement entered into force on 1 April 2015.

(12) Up to 21 days stay.

(13) For holders of diplomatic passports for stays up to 90 days per semester.

(14) for an official mission or for other travel purposes without exercising a gainful occupation.

(15) for an official mission.

(16) up to a maximum of 90 days.

(17) for a period of stay not exceeding 30 days within 12-month period.

(18) Visa exemption is for 30 days and not 90 days

(19) Up to 2 months

1.2. Visa exemptions for other categories mentioned in Article 6(1):

1.2.1. Civilian air crew members

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for air crew members if they hold licences and certificates within the meaning of Annexes 1 to 9 to the Chicago Convention on International Civil Aviation.	yes	yes (1) (2)	yes (3)	yes (4)	yes	yes (5)	yes	yes	yes	yes (1)	yes		yes (1) (6)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (7)	yes (1)	yes (1)	yes (8)	yes (7)	yes	yes	yes (9)	

Comments

(1) Comment by several MS: The visa requirement is maintained for crew members who are nationals of countries who are not signatories of the Chicago Convention.

(2) Comment by Bulgaria: Bulgaria exempt civilian air crew members from the visa requirement also in other circumstances (i.e. when they do not hold licences and certificates in accordance with the Chicago convention): The crew members shall provide general declaration which confirms that they are part of this crew.

(3) Comment by Czech Republic: Additional conditions:

- (a) embark and disembark in the stop-over airport or the airport of arrival situated in the territory of CZ;
- (b) enter the territory of the municipality of the stop-over airport or the airport of arrival situated in the territory of CZ;
- (c) go, by any means of transport, to an airport situated in the territory of CZ in order to embark on an aircraft departing from that same airport.

(4) Comment by Denmark: Additional condition: They must prove that they have signed on as members of the crew of aircraft located in Denmark.

(5) Comment by Germany:

- (A) Civilian flight personnel who are in possession of flight crew identity documents shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of:
 1. staying only at the airport at which the aircraft stops over or ends its flight;
 2. staying only in the area of a municipality situated in the vicinity of the airport or;
 3. transferring to another airport.
- (B) Civilian flight personnel who are not in possession of flight crew identity documents may be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of a stay as specified in sub-section A, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.

(6) Comment by Latvia: Additional condition: The crew member enters within the scope of his or her work duties in order to take the next flight and stays in the administrative territory of the city nearest to the airport.

(7) Comments by Romania and Sweden: Additional conditions:

- they do not leave the premises of the airport even if it is just a stopover of the aircraft;
- they do not leave the airport of destination;
- they do not leave the city which is in the proximity of the airport;
- they do not leave the airport, except for heading to another airport.

(8) Comment by Finland: Additional conditions: Members of the crew of an aircraft shall leave the country on the next scheduled flight under their engagement.

(9) Comment by CH: Holders of a pilot's licence or a crewmember licence or certificate under Annex 9 of the Convention on International Civil Aviation dated 7 December 1944 have the following authorisation while carrying out their official duties:

- a) to embark or disembark from their aircraft at a stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state;
- b) to proceed to the territory of the commune to which the stopover or destination airport on the territory of a member state belongs;
- c) to travel by any means of transport to an airport on the territory of a member state with the purpose of embarking on an aircraft departing from that airport.

1.2.2. Civilian sea crew members

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for sea crew members in the performance of their duties and when they go ashore, provided they hold a seafarer's identity document issued in accordance with the International Labour Organisation Conventions No 108 of 13 May 1958 or No 185 of 16 June 2003 or the International Maritime Organisation Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic of 9 April 1965.	(1) yes (2)		yes (3)	yes (4)	yes (5)		yes (6)	yes					yes (7)	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes (8)	(1)		yes (8)	yes (8)	yes	yes (9)	

Comments

(1) Comment by Benelux: The visa requirement is exempted for crew members only in the case of shore leave.

(2) Comment by Bulgaria: Additional condition: The crew members shall provide General declaration which confirms that they are part of this crew. Exception: The visa requirement is maintained for crew members in the case of shore leave.

(3) Comment by Denmark:

- Holders of ILO identity documents (visa-free transit): with a view to engagement, dis-charge or re-engagement prior to exit from the Schengen Area and for up to five days. The visa exemption does not apply to foreign nationals who are subject to a requirement for prior consultation of central authorities of other Member States.
- Holders of a seaman's book (right to shore leave): who are on their ship's crew list may stay in the vicinity of the port of call for as long as the ship is there.

(4) Comment by Germany:

- (1) Civilian shipping personnel shall be exempted from the visa requirement for the purposes of entry into and stays in Germany with regard to:
 1. pilots practising their occupation pursuant to Section 1 of the Sea Pilotage Act who are able to identify themselves by means of official papers detailing their identity and their capacity as a pilot,

2. third country nationals who:

- hold a German Seaman's Registration Boyes,
- are nationals of a state specified in Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 2018/1806 and hold a passport or passport substitute issued by the state concerned and
- stay on board ship or in Germany solely as a civilian member of the personnel on a ship which is entitled to fly the flag of Germany.

(2) Civilian shipping personnel of ships navigating in maritime or coastal waters or on the Rhine who do not fall under the category of personnel defined in sub-section (1) may be exempted from the visa requirement for stays in port during the ship's lay days, provided that they meet passport requirements. The competent bodies shall be the authorities charged with policing cross-border traffic. A laissez-passer shall be issued to confirm the exemption.

(3) Civilian shipping personnel within the meaning of the above sub-sections are the captain of a ship, the members of the crew who have been signed on and are entered in the crew list, and any other persons employed on board who are entered in a crew list.

(5) Comment by Estonia:Additional condition: Visa exemption only during the period of transit, if the purpose is to start service or leave the service of a ship in Estonian port or transit to another country for service on a ship.

(6) Comment by Spain:Only during the stay of the ship or when in transit to another country.

(7) Comment by Latvia:

- Crew member should be included in the list of the crew of an international route ship.
- Only during the time the ship on which they are serving remains in port and the crew do not leave the ship or the port area.
- Visa is required in the case a ship is leaving port but the ship's crew member is left in the port for medical treatment.

(8) Comment by Romania, Finland and Sweden:Only during the time the ship on which they are serving remains in port and the crew do not leave the ship or the port area.

(9) Comment by Norway:Holders of Filipino 'Seafarer's Identification and Record Book' or Filipino national passport, cf shipping agreement 22 October 1999 between Philippines and Norway. The holder must present a written confirmation from the shipowner or the representative hereof, that the holder is going to join position on ship in Norwegian harbour.

1.2.3. Crew and members of emergency or rescue missions in the event of disaster or accident

Conditions	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for crew and members of emergency or rescue missions in the event of disaster or accident.		(1)			yes (2)			yes		yes				yes	yes		yes (2)			yes (3)	yes	yes (4)	yes	yes			

Comments

- Visa shall be issued at the BCP.
- Only for the duration of transit.
- Visa exemptions are granted only on the grounds of a conclusion of bilateral agreements between Romania and third-states as regards mutual support in situations of disaster, emergency, accident.
- Visa exemptions are granted only on the grounds of on humanitarian, on grounds of public interest or on the basis of international obligations (bilateral agreements).

1.2.4. Civilian crew members on international inland waterways

General conditions:	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
Exemption from the visa requirement for civilian crew of ships navigating in international inland waters provided they hold documents identifying them as boatmen of the respective international inland waterway.	yes (1) (2)	yes (1)			yes (1) (2) (4)			yes	yes (2)					yes		yes (1) (3)			yes (1)			yes					

Comments

- (1) Provided they are on the crew list.
- (2) Provided they hold a travel document containing a trilingual stamp or comment identifying them as Rhine boatmen in accordance with the resolutions of the Central Commission for the Navigation of the Rhine.
- (3) Provided crew members do not leave the ship and/or the harbour area and/or which the ship is berthed and a municipality in the vicinity.
- (4) Germany exempts from the visa requirement third country nationals who are employed on a ship operated on the Rhine and Danube river systems, including the Main-Danube canal, by a company headquartered abroad for stays in Germany of up to three months within a twelve-month period following their first entry into Germany. The exemption shall apply to entry into Germany and journeys via the shortest route between the border crossing point and the location at which the ship is berthed or between locations at which ships are berthed in connection with the cross-border transportation of persons or goods and, for the purposes of the onward transportation of such persons or goods, on the Danube river system.

1.2.5. Holders of travel documents issued by intergovernmental organisations

yes = Exemption from the visa requirement																												
Organisations	Conditions	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
United Nations		yes		yes (1)	yes																							

	Only in combination with a national passport (yes) / other (...)		NA- TO mili- tary ID card		NA- TO mili- tary ID card		Ord- er for trans- fer	yes					ID and mo- ve- ment ord- er	ID and mo- ve- ment ord- er	Ord- er for trans- fer				ID and mo- ve- ment ord- er	Leav- e Ord- er				
Customs Coopera- tion Council																								
	Only in combination with a national passport (yes) / other (...)																							
Council of Europe		yes		yes	yes	yes		yes					yes	yes	yes		yes	yes			yes	yes		yes
	Only in combination with a national passport (yes) / other (...)	yes		yes	yes			yes					yes					yes						

Comments

(1) Applicable to holders of blue and red cover 'Laissez-Passers' issued by the United Nations (except for blue cover UN Laissez-Passers, inscribed with numerical series preceded by the letter A), provided that, along with the travel document, a certificate that attests their travel for official purposes is also presented.

(2) Norway waives the visa requirement for the following persons and their spouse/cohabitant and dependent children:

- (a) representatives to the UN;
- (b) civil servants with a permanent post with the UN or in a UN special organisation;
- (c) judges at the International Court or civil servants in the Court's secretariat;
- (d) other persons acting for a special organisation of the UN or the Court;
- (e) foreigners with a UN laissez-passer (issued in accordance with the special agreement with the UN).

2. Exemptions from the visa requirement in accordance with Article 6(2)**2.1. Visa exemption granted to school pupils who are nationals of a third country listed in Annex I to the Regulation, reside in a third country listed in Annex II to the Regulation and are travelling in the context of a school excursion as members of a group of school pupils accompanied by a teacher from the school in question**

Yes = visa exempted	missing notifications from: CY																													
School pupil	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	LI
UNITED KINGDOM	yes			yes	yes			yes (1)	yes		yes				yes		yes	yes		yes			yes				yes			
Any other country listed in Annex II					yes (2)						(3)					yes			yes				yes							

Comments:

(1) Spain: Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations

(2) Germany: It is a precondition that the school pupils are registered in a list, which corresponds to the requirements defined in Article 1.b and the Annex of Council Decision of 30 November 1994 on a joint action adopted by the Council on the basis of Article K.3.2.b of the Treaty on European Union concerning travel facilities for school pupils from third countries resident in a Member State, and are not engaged in a gainful employment.

(3) Cyprus: a national collective visa is required.

(4) 1) Depending on the reciprocity; 2) for school pupils up to high school (as per their notification)

2.2. Visa exemption for refugees and stateless persons who are legally resident in a third country/entity listed in Annex II to the Regulation and are in possession of a travel document issued by the competent authorities of that country/entity

2.2.1. States

GRENADA	Stateless persons	yes																	
GUATEMALA	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes			yes						
GUATEMALA	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes		yes			yes						
HOLY SEE (STATE OF THE VATICAN)	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes		yes		yes		yes						
HOLY SEE (STATE OF THE VATICAN)	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes		yes		yes		yes						
HONDURAS	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								
HONDURAS	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								
ISRAEL	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								
ISRAEL	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								
JAPAN	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
JAPAN	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes		yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
KIRIBATI	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes								

KIRIBATI	Stateless persons	yes																	
KOREA (SOUTH)	Refugees	yes	yes	yes		yes			yes		yes			yes			yes		
KOREA (SOUTH)	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes															
MALAYSIA	Refugees	yes	yes	yes															
MALAYSIA	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
MARSHALL ISLANDS	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
MARSHALL ISLANDS	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
MAURITIUS	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
MAURITIUS	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
MEXICO	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes			yes	yes		
MEXICO	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes															
MICRONESIA	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						

PALAU	Stateless persons	yes																	
PANAMA	Refugees	yes	yes	yes															
PANAMA	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
PARAGUAY	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes				yes		
PARAGUAY	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
PERU	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes				yes		
PERU	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes				yes		
EL SALVADOR	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes				yes		
EL SALVADOR	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
SAMOA	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
SAMOA	Stateless persons	yes	yes	yes			yes			yes			yes						
SAN MARINO	Refugees	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes		yes			yes				yes		

UNITED KINGDOM	Stateless persons	missing notifications	yes			yes	yes (1) (2)	missing notifications	yes	yes	yes	yes			yes	yes		yes	yes
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	Refugees	yes	yes		yes			yes	yes		yes	yes	yes		yes	yes			
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	Stateless persons	yes		yes			yes	yes			yes				yes				
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Refugees	yes		yes			yes			yes				yes					
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	Stateless persons	yes		yes		yes		yes			yes				yes				
URUGUAY	Refugees	yes		yes			yes			yes				yes	yes				
URUGUAY	Stateless persons	yes		yes			yes			yes				yes					
VANUATU	Refugees	yes		yes			yes			yes				yes					
VANUATU	Stateless persons	yes		yes			yes			yes				yes					

VENEZUELA	Refugees	yes	yes							yes									yes	yes				
VENEZUELA	Stateless persons	yes		yes						yes									yes					

Comments:

(1) Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations.
 (2) Only for refugees and stateless persons who reside in the United Kingdom.

2.2.2. Special administrative regions of the People's Republic of China

yes = visa exempted		BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	LI
Countries	Category of persons																												
HONGKONG S.A.R.	Refugees	yes			yes						yes				yes						yes	yes			yes				
HONGKONG S.A.R.	Stateless persons	yes			yes						yes				yes						yes	yes			yes				
MACAO S.A.R.	Refugees	yes			yes						yes				yes						yes	yes			yes				
MACAO S.A.R.	Stateless persons	yes			yes						yes				yes						yes	yes			yes				

2.2.3. Entities and Territorial Authorities that are not recognised as states by at least one Member State

yes = visa exempted		BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE (1)	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	LI
Countries	Category of persons																												
TAIWAN	Refugees	yes			yes			yes		yes		yes					yes								yes				
TAIWAN	Stateless persons	yes			yes			yes		yes		yes					yes								yes				

2.2.4. Visa exemption for refugees and stateless persons who reside in Ireland

yes = visa exempted																														
Countries	Category of persons	BE	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU	MT	NL	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH
IRELAND	Refugees (biometric passport)	yes	yes	yes	yes (3)	yes			yes	yes (2)	yes (2)	yes			yes	yes	yes (2)	yes	yes		yes (2)	yes (2)	yes	yes	yes	yes (2)	yes	yes		
IRELAND	Stateless persons (biometric passport)		yes		yes (3)	yes				yes (2)	yes (2)	yes			yes						yes (2)	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (2)	yes	yes	

Comments:

- (1) Provided that the persons concerned reside in the United Kingdom.
- (2) Provided that the persons concerned reside in Ireland.
- (3) Provided that the persons concerned present their valid travel document.

2.3. Visa exemption granted by Member States to members of the armed forces travelling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business and holders of identification and movement orders provided for by the Agreement of 19 June 1951 between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation regarding the status of their forces

yes = visa exempted																												
Members of the armed forces travelling on NATO or Partnership for Peace business and holders of identification and movement orders provided for by the Agreement of 19 June 1951	BNL	BG	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI	SE	IS	NO	CH	LI
		yes (1)	yes (2)	yes	(3)	yes	yes (4)	yes (2)	yes	yes			yes				yes (5)	yes	yes									

Comments:

- (1) Bulgaria: the exemption from the visa requirement for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation applies to holders of a valid travel document or a travel order issued by NATO headquarters, when they are on duty visits.
- (2) Czech Republic / Spain: Identification card and movement orders.
- (3) Those members are exempted from visa requirements in GER.
- (4) Greece waives the visa requirement for members of the United States forces, civilian personnel and their dependents when travelling on NATO movement orders.
- (5) Norway: Norway waives the visa requirement for military personnel from a NATO member state and for military personnel attached to an allied headquarters on an official mission with a travel order issued by the relevant authority in the sender state or in NATO. For these categories Norway also exempts their family members (spouses/cohabitant and dependent children).Norway also waives the visa requirement for members of US, Canadian or British troops stationed in Europe and for military personnel who are going to be stationed or going to participate in exercises on Norwegian territory in accordance with the Treaty of Partnership for Peace. The exemption from the visa requirement in these categories does not include spouses and children.

3. Exceptions to the exemption from the visa requirement by virtue of Article 6(1)

3.1. States

MEXICO	diplomatic passport																				yes		
MEXICO	service/official passport																				yes		
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	diplomatic passport	yes						yes	yes	yes													
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)	service/official passport	yes						yes	yes	yes													

4. Exceptions to the exemption from the visa requirement in accordance with Article 6(3)

4.1. Persons carrying out a paid activity during their stay

4.1.1. States

yes = Visa required				missing notifications from: CY																										
Countries	BE	BG	CZ (1)	DK (2)	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LU	LT	HU	MT	NL	AT (3)	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI (4)	SE	IS (5)	NO	CH	LI
ALBANIA			yes		yes	yes	yes (26)	yes			yes		yes						yes		yes	yes				yes		yes		
ANDORRA			yes		yes	yes	yes (26)	yes (6)			yes		yes						yes		yes	yes				yes				
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA			yes		yes	yes	yes (26)	yes			yes		yes						yes		yes	yes				yes		yes (7)		
ARGENTINA			yes		yes	yes	yes (26)	yes			yes		yes						yes		yes	yes				yes		yes (7)		

AUSTRALIA			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes	yes					yes		
BAHAMAS			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes	yes (7)
BARBADOS			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		yes (7)
BOSNIA AND HERZEGO-VINA			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		yes
BRAZIL			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes		yes (7)
BRUNEI DARUSSA-LAM			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		
CANADA			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		yes (7)
CHILE			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		yes (7)
COLOMBIA			yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes		yes (7)

COSTA RICA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
DOMINICA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
GEORGIA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes
GRENADA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
GUATEMALA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
HOLY SEE		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	
HONDURAS		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
ISRAEL		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
JAPAN		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	

KIRIBATI		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
KOREA (SOUTH)		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
NORTH MACEDONIA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes
MALAYSIA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	
MARSHALL ISLANDS		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
MAURITIUS		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
MEXICO		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes (9)	yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
MICRONESIA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)
MOLDOVA		yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes

MONACO		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	
MONTENE-GRO		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes
NEW ZEALAND		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	
NICARAGUA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)
PALAU		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)
PANAMA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)
PARAGUAY		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)
PERU		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)
EL SALVADOR		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes		yes	yes (7)

SAMOA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
SAN MARINO		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes		
ST KITTS AND NEVIS		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
ST LUCIA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
SERBIA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes	
SEYCHELLES		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
SINGAPORE		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes		
SOLOMON ISLANDS		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	

TIMOR LESTE		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
TONGA		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
TUVALU		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
UKRAINE		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes		yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	
UNITED KINGDOM	no (12)	yes (13)	yes (14)		(27)	yes (16)	no (17)	no (18)		yes				no (19)	no (20)	yes (21)	yes (18)	yes (22)	no (23)	no (24)	no (25)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (USA)		yes	yes	yes	yes	yes (26)	yes	yes	yes	yes				yes	yes	yes			yes	yes (7)	

URUGUAY			yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	(26)	yes			yes						yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(7)	
VANUATU			yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	(26)	yes			yes		yes				yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(7)	
VENEZUELA			yes		yes	yes	yes	yes	(26)	yes	yes		yes		yes				yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(7)	

4.1.2 Special administrative regions of the People's Republic of China

yes = Visa required				missing notifications from: CY																													
Regions	BNL	BG	CZ (1)	DK (2)	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT (3)	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI (4)	SE	IS (5)	NO	CH						
HONG KONG S.A.R.			yes		yes	yes		yes			yes		yes		yes		yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(10)				
MACAO S.A.R.			yes		yes	yes		yes			yes		yes		yes		yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(10)				

4.1.3 British citizens who are not nationals of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the purposes of union law

yes= Visa required				missing notifications from: CY																													
Citizens	BNL	BG	CZ (1)	DK (2)	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT (3)	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI (4)	SE	IS (5)	NO	CH						
British nationals (Overseas)			yes		yes	yes		yes			yes		yes		yes		yes		yes	yes						yes		yes	(10)				

4.1.4 Entities and Territorial Authorities that are not recognised as states by at least one Member State

yes = Visa required																											
Entities	BNL	BG	CZ (1)	DK (2)	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	HR	IT	CY	LV	LT	HU	MT	AT (3)	PL	PT	RO	SI	SK	FI (4)	SE	IS (5)	NO	CH
TAIWAN			yes		yes	yes		yes	yes				yes		yes												

Comments:

(1) Czech Republic : paid activity" does not mean activities carried out by:

- (a) performing artists, teachers, university-based academic staff, scientists, researchers and engineers who participate in scientific meetings, pupils or students under 26 years of age, sportsmen and persons who supply goods and services, and/or deliver, assemble and install these goods on the basis of a commercial contract and, if necessary, carry out warranty and repair works; such activities carried out in the Czech Republic shall not exceed seven consecutive calendar days or the total of 30 days in one calendar year,
- (b) members of a rescue team who provide assistance on the basis of an interstate agreement on mutual aid assistance in the events of emergency, disaster and humanitarian assistance,
- (c) employees in the international transport industry when posted to the Czech Republic by their foreign employer to carry out work,
- (d) media-accredited persons,
- (e) military and civilian staff of the armed forces of the sending State,
- (f) members of the clergy and religious societies registered in the Czech Republic,
- (g) foreign nationals when posted to the Czech Republic by their foreign employer on the basis of a contract concluded with a Czech legal or natural person solely for the purpose of increasing skills and qualification needed for their work outside the Czech Republic; or
- (h) persons travelling to the Czech Republic solely for the purpose of a business meeting.

(2) Denmark: However, some special activities are not regarded as paid activity under the national legislation. These persons may enter visa-free under the conditions specifically set out.

(3) Austria: The following special provisions apply to issuing visas for gainful activities: Seasonal and harvest workers have to apply for a visa. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'Saisonier' will appear. For other, merely temporary, independent or dependent employment, third country nationals may take up their activities only after a visa has been issued. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'ERWERB' will appear. As regards the admission of a third-country national for the purpose of training in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2016/801 a D Visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'Praktikanten' will appear.

(4) Finland: A residence permit for an employed person is required in order to work.

(5) Iceland: It depends on profession according to Art 23 of foreign Act.

(6) Spain: Andorran nationals are exempted from the visa requirement when carrying out an economic activity during their stay, except if they exercise an independent profession.

(7) Switzerland: Obligation to hold a visa with regard to exercising gainful occupation:

- in the primary or secondary construction industry and civil engineering, catering and hotel services, industrial and private cleaners, surveillance and security services, and erotic services;
- of any other kind, if such occupation exceeds 8 days within a calendar year.

(12) this could change in the last months of 2020, once there is more clarity on the new UK immigration policy.

(13) According to the Government Regulation No 215/2017, the following categories are exempt from the visa obligation when travelling for the purpose of a paid activity:

- a) performers; pedagogical-, (university) academic-, scientific workers; research workers or development workers who are participants in a scientific meeting; pupils or students under 26 years of age; sportsmen; persons providing for- or supplying goods or services in the Czech Republic or performing assembly work on the basis of a commercial contract; persons performing warranty and repair work, the performance of this activity in the Czech Republic may not exceed 7 consecutive calendar days or a total of 30 days in a calendar year,
- b) members of a rescue team who provide assistance on the basis of an intergovernmental agreement on mutual assistance in dealing with the consequences of accidents and natural disasters, and in cases of humanitarian aid,
- c) employees in international transport, if they are sent to work in the Czech Republic by their foreign employer,
- d) persons accredited in the field of media,
- e) military or civilian personnel of the armed forces,
- f) clergymen of a church or a religious society registered in the Czech Republic,
- g) interns/trainees sent to the Czech Republic by the foreign company on the basis of contract with Czech partner,
- h) persons travelling exclusively for the purpose of business negotiations in the Czech Republic

(14) Some special activities are not regarded as paid activity under the national legislation. These persons may enter visa-free under the conditions specifically set out. The following groups of employees are not considered as carrying out a paid activity and are therefore exempted from the visa requirement under the specified conditions:

seamen holding a German seaman's boyes ('Seefahrtbuch') and a national passport issued by the authorities listed in Annex II only if they are crew members of a ship which is authorised to fly the flag of Germany or staying on the territory of Germany;

pilots for sea and coastal navigation exercising their profession in navigation on the Rhine and Danube, including the Main-Danube canal, for entry in order to transport persons or goods;

third-country nationals working on a ship registered in a foreign country for an enterprise with its seat in a foreign country, who have a recognised passport or, in lieu, a passport certifying their status as engaged in navigation on the Rhine or holders of a special passport recognised in lieu, e.g. a 'Donauschifferausweis' or seaman's boyes ('Seefahrtbuch') and who are on the crew list. The stay must be directly related to the aims of the navigating profession. Self-employed professions are also understood as paid activity"

(15) UK Intellectual creators, mainly authors, writers, directors, painters, sculptors, actors, musicians, singers, choreographers and set designers are exempted from any visa requirement for intended staying not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period. This provision is subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations.

(16) including international transport workers, e.g. lorry drivers. Spain reserves its right to take a decision in due time depending, among other aspects, UK national (migratory) measures related to EU citizens, reciprocity and the overall EU-UK negotiations.

(17) International transport workers fall under our definition of paid activity and the UK nationals who are e.g. lorry drivers do not require visa to enter Croatia.

(18) Subject to reciprocity and overall EU-UK relations.

(19) On visa we reserve the right to revisit our position on this issue in light of the evolution of relevant UK legislation and the ongoing negotiations on the future EU/UK relationship.

(20) The Netherlands does not require a short term visa for UK nationals carrying out a paid activity.

(21) This applies to all sorts of paid activity and would in principle also include the abovementioned lorry drivers. Seasonal and harvest workers have to apply for a visa. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'Saisonier' will appear. For other, merely temporary, independent or dependent employment, third country nationals may take up their activities only after a visa has been issued. Depending on the duration of the activity, a C or D visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'ERWERB' will appear. As regards the admission of a third-country national for the purpose of training in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2016/801 a D Visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'Praktikanten' will appear. the mention 'ERWERB' will appear. As regards the admission of a third-country national for the purpose of training in accordance with the Directive (EU) 2016/801 a D Visa will be issued. On the sticker the mention 'Praktikanten' will appear.

(22) Regarding the particular case of international transport workers, this category does not fall under our legislation's provisions of paid activity for short stays (no more than 90 days in any 180-day period), hence it doesn't trigger the visa requirement imposed for other persons carrying out a paid activity in Romania. Short-term stays for business purposes will not need a visa.

(23) International transport workers fall under the definition of paid activity and according to SK national legislation are exempted from visa requirement in connection to paid activity during a short stay.

(24) Third Country Nationals are allowed to carry out a paid activity short time in certain situations according to Section 79 of the Aliens Act (301/2004). A residence permit is required, with exceptions. If the employer or contractor has no office in Finland, an alien has the right to gainful employment without a residence permit:

- 1) as a product demonstrator or member of a film crew for a maximum of three months;
- 2) as a member of the crew of a motor vehicle in foreign ownership or possession, with the alien destination or collecting the vehicle from its place of departure, or if the traffic in Finland is connected with a regular service between locations at least one of which is abroad, and the alien has no place of residence in Finland;

(25) A residence permit is required. Certain foreigners who do not have an employer in Norway, are exempted from the requirement of a residence permit for work up to three months. The exemption applies to a number of categories, including:

personnel on foreign trains, aircraft, buses and trucks in international traffic

(26) There is a visa type C requirement for intended staying not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period for Intellectual creators, mainly authors, writers, directors, painters, sculptors, actors, musicians, singers, choreographers and set designers.

(27) From 2 June 2023- 31 December 2023 there is NO VISA requirement for intended staying not exceeding 90 days in any 180-day period for Intellectual creators, mainly authors, writers, directors, painters, sculptors, actors, musicians, singers, choreographers and set designers.