

## **Visa application procedure**

If you are not a citizen of the countries listed under [Who doesn't need a visa?](#) (see on the end of this email) or a part of [Special Categories](#) (see on the end of this email), and wish to visit or transit through the territory of the Republic of Kosovo, you are required to apply for a Kosovar visa.

Applications shall be lodged in person no more than three (3) months before the start of the intended visit at the respective [Diplomatic or Consular Mission of the Republic of Kosovo](#). Holders of a multiple-entry visa may lodge the application six (6) months before the expiry of the valid visa.

### **When applying for a visa, the applicant shall submit:**

- A completed and signed application form. Persons included in the applicant's travel document shall submit a separate application form. Minors shall submit an application form signed by a person exercising permanent or temporary parental authority or legal guardianship.
- A recent (not older than 1 month) photograph in accordance with the international standards as set out in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) document 9303 Part 1, 6th edition.
- A copy of your travel document. Its validity shall extend at least three months after the intended date of departure from the territory of the Republic of Kosovo. It shall contain at least two blank pages.

### **Supporting documents:**

- documents indicating the purpose of the journey;
- documents in relation to accommodation, or proof of sufficient means to cover his/her accommodation;
- documents indicating that the applicant possesses sufficient means of subsistence both for the duration of the intended stay and for the return to his country of origin or residence, or for the transit to a third country into which he is certain to be admitted, or that he is in a position to acquire such means lawfully;
- Information enabling an assessment of the applicant's intention to leave the territory of the Republic of Kosovo before the expiry of the visa applied for.
- Travel medical insurance valid throughout the territory of the Republic of Kosovo which covers the entire period of the person's intended stay or transit.
- The visa fee payment of 40 EUR that applicants need to pay unless they are holders of diplomatic and official passports; children under six (6) years old; or school children, students and teachers accompanying and visiting for studying or training purposes.

**Note:** For bank details please check with the Diplomatic or Consular Mission.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

- The Consular Officer may request from the applicant additional supporting documents;

- All supporting documents should be translated in one of the Kosovo's official languages (Albanian or Serbian) or in English;
- All the documents must be submitted in two copies;
- Holders of diplomatic/official passports are exempted from the visa fee and do not need to apply in person.
- The applicant to whom the visa is refused can file a complaint within 8 calendar days to the respective consular mission where initially applied.
- Only possessing a valid visa does not automatically guarantee entry in Kosovo.

### **Countries that can enter without visa**

The exemption from the visa requirement applies to the citizens of the following countries:

Albania  
 Andorra  
 Antigua and Barbuda  
 Argentina  
 Australia  
 Austria\*  
 Bahamas  
 Bahrain  
 Barbados  
 Belgium\*  
 Belize  
 Botswana  
 Brazil  
 Brunei Darussalam  
 Bulgaria\*  
 Canada  
 Chile  
 Columbia  
 Costa Rica  
 Croatia\*  
 Cyprus\*  
 Czech Republic\*  
 Denmark\*  
 Dominica  
 East Timor  
 El Salvador  
 Estonia\*  
 Fiji  
 Finland\*  
 France\*  
 Germany\*  
 Greece\*  
 Grenada  
 Guatemala  
 Guiana  
 Holly See\*

Honduras  
Hungary\*  
Iceland\*  
Israel  
Ireland\*  
Italy\*  
Japan  
Jordan  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia  
Kiribati  
Kuwait  
Latvia\*  
Lesotho  
Liechtenstein\*  
Lithuania\*  
Luxembourg  
Macedonia  
Malawi  
Malaysia  
Maldives  
Malta\*  
Marshall Islands  
Mauritius  
Mexico  
Micronesia  
Monaco\*  
Montenegro  
Namibia  
Nauru  
Netherlands\*  
New Papua Guinea  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
Norway\*  
Oman  
Palau  
Panama  
Paraguay  
Poland\*  
Portugal\*  
Qatar  
Romania\*  
Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Lucia  
Saint Vincent and Grenadine  
Samoa  
San Marino\*  
Sao Tome and Principe  
Serbia  
Seychelles Islands  
Slovakia\*

Slovenia\*  
Solomon Islands  
South Africa  
South Korea  
Spain\*  
Swaziland  
Sweden\*  
Swiss Confederation\*  
Tonga  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Turkey  
Tuvalu  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom and Northern Ireland\*  
United States of America  
Uruguay  
Vanuatu  
Venezuela

\*EU or Schengen member states

### **Special Categories Exempted from Visa Requirements**

#### **The exemption from the visa requirement applies also to the following categories:**

- Citizens of the countries which are required to obtain a visa for Kosovo but hold a biometric valid residence permit issued by one of the Schengen member states or a valid multi-entry Schengen Visa are exempt from the requirement to obtain a Visa to enter, transit, or stay in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo for up to 15 days.
- Citizens of: EU and Schengen Zone Member States; Holy See; Principality of Andorra; Principality of Monaco; Republic of San Marino, Republic of Albania, Montenegro, and Republic of Serbia are allowed to enter, transit, and stay in Kosovo for up to 90 days for a six-months period with a valid biometric identification card.
- Holders of diplomatic and service passports issued by Russian Federation States, People's Republic of China, Egypt, Indonesia and Ukraine shall be allowed to enter, transit or stay up to 15 days in the territory of the Republic of Kosovo.
- Holders of valid travel documents issued by Special Administrative Regions of People's Republic of China: Hong Kong and Macao are exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa.
- Holders of travel documents issued by Taiwan shall be exempted from the obligation to obtain a visa provided that they preliminarily notify the Diplomatic or Consular Mission of the Republic of Kosovo, at least 2 weeks in advance.
- Holders of Travel documents issued by EU Member States, Schengen zone States, United States of America, Canada, Australia and Japan based on the 1951 Convention on Refugee Status or the 1954 Convention on the Status of Stateless Persons, as well as holders of valid travel documents for foreigners, may enter, pass through the territory and stay in the Republic of Kosovo up to 15 days without a visa.

- Holders of Laissez-Passer, regardless of their nationality, issued by United Nations Organizations, NATO, OSCE, Council of Europe and European Union, are also exempt from the visa requirement.

Steps required to apply for temporary residence for purpose of higher education and scientific research

### CATEGORY 3

Temporary residence for the purpose of higher education and scientific research

1. Valid travel document with validity period of at least 3 months longer than the period of requested residence permit;
2. Evidence on enrollment in any of higher educational institutions in the Republic of Kosovo;
3. Sufficient means for living which are proven through bank statement, or other evidences that proves that the foreigner has adequate means of living;
4. Evidence for accommodation;
5. Evidence that the citizen is not convicted, and evidence that is not under investigation by state, whose citizen is a foreigner or from a former state of residence, translated into one of the official languages in the Republic of Kosovo;
6. Health insurance;
7. Should not have been subject to a refusal of entry into the Republic of Kosovo;
8. Evidences for cases when we are dealing with students exchange and youth movement or evidence for practice from the authorized organization, or on the basis of international agreements, as well as agreements among universities, as defined in the Article 57 sub-paragraph 1.2 and 1.3 of the Law on Foreigners;
9. Proof of vaccination in cases when a foreigner comes from a country which is declared of having epidemic status. For temporary residence permits for the purpose of scientific research all above mentioned conditions must be fulfilled, except conditions in section 2 and 8, but the foreigner should submit also the invitation from the licensed institution of the Republic of Kosovo.

All other relevant information can be extracted from the link below:

<http://www.mfa-ks.net/?page=2,159>