Issuance of short-term visa, type C

Description

Providing foreigners with visa for touristic purposes, type C.

Required documentation

1) Application form;
2) Passport-format photo, not older than 6 months;
3) Copy of a valid travel document (which shall be valid for a duration of at least three months more than the expiration date of the requested visa);
4) Health insurance, for the entire visa duration;
5) For children, a statement wherein his/her parent or legal custodian or the person assigned to the child, gives his/her consent for the child to travel;
6) Invitation signed by the inviter;
7) For type C visa, with tourism purpose, the following shall also be provided:
   - Documentation of reservation of a round-trip ticket;
   - Booking of the hotel or documents related to the accommodation during the stay;
   - Documents proving that he/she has sufficient financial assets to stay and return to his/her country of origin;
8) For a type C visa, for touristic purposes organized in tourist groups, the following shall also be provided:
   - Copy of the passport;
   - Notarized copy of the license of the Albanian travel agency, which invites the foreign tourist group;
9) For a type C visa, for scientific, cultural, sport, and humanitarian purposes, the following shall also be provided:
   - Invitation by the receiving entity/subject;
   - Reservation of the hotel or declaration of the receipt;
   - Sufficient financial means for covering the time of stay and returning to his/her country of origin;
10) For a type C visa, for official purposes, the following are also requested:
    - Invitation by the receiving institution;
    - Verbal note from the institution whereat the foreigner is employed;
11) For a type C visa, for medical purposes, the following shall also be provided:
    - Invitation by the receiving institution;
    - Case history (original or photocopy) issued by the receiving Country;
    - Declaration of the Hospitalizing institution in Albania on the details of the medical treatment and the subject which shall cover the costs;
    - Sufficient financial means to cover the expenses;
- Health insurance for the persons accompanying the ill person;
12) For a type C visa, for professional, trade and business purposes:
   - Invitation by the receiving entity;
   - Document testifying the professional trade activity whereto the visit motives are related;
   - Documents proving the legal status of the trade entity;
   - Copy of the registration certificate for business, for visits lasting from 60-90 days;

Procedural steps

1) Appearing in person (at least when the application is made for the first time);
2) Filling in the visa form;
3) The visa form for children shall be filled in by one or both of the parents, or the legal custodian, or the person assigned to them;
4) Appearing in person for obtaining the visa;

Service fee and deadline
1) By reciprocity, based on Decision no 513-13 of the Council of Ministers;
2) The following shall be treated free of charge:
   - Children up to 6 years of age;
   - Holders of diplomatic and service passports;
   - Members of non-profit organizations of less than 25 years of age;
   - Pupils, students, post-graduate students for study purposes or education training;
   - Researchers carrying out scientific researches;
   - Humanitarian cases;
3) Visas for children of 6-12 years of age shall cost half of the fee;
4) Deadline for issuing the visa shall last up to 15 days and in exceptional cases up to 30 days.

Office

All diplomatic and consular missions

Notes

Obtaining a visa shall not serve as a guarantee that the foreigner is allowed to enter the Republic of Albania. In cases when children have no passport, the visa shall be registered in the visa of his/her parent or legal custodian, in whose passport he/she is noted.

Upon the rejection of visa, the foreigner is entitled to re-apply only after the appealing procedure comes to an end or after the lapse of three months starting from the date when the decision on rejection was rendered.

1) The following categories shall be excluded from the obligation to file an application with the missions:
   - Holders of diplomatic passports;
- Humanitarian cases;
- High-level personalities, their accompanying spouses, and delegations accompanying them for official visits;
- A foreigner holding a royal title and other royal family members for official visits;
- Foreigners organized in tourist groups;
- Foreigners who have applied by themselves earlier for the duration of 59 months.

2) Foreigners coming from countries affected by epidemics or illnesses shall be asked at the border checkpoint to provide the original international certification of vaccination.

Visa application form